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The Pros & Cons Of Beach Weddings

By Cindy English

Beach weddings are popular but they do present "special issues".

Failing to consider these ahead of time could leave you unpleasantly surprised on your wedding day!

There is certainly nothing that should dissuade you from your vision of a beautiful seaside ceremony. As a matter of fact, there are many benefits.

Just know the issues and plan for them. Your wedding day will be a wonderful and joyous event!

The "Pros"

* A beach wedding can be much cheaper than a traditional wedding. Who in this day and age can't afford to save money? It is said that the average budget for a wedding these days is between \$20,000 to \$30,000! That is an enormous and unnecessary financial burden to be faced with!

Don't start off married life enslaved by your wedding day debts. If you have that kind of money to spend, fine, but if not, don't go there! Be practical and remember, the day is what you, your loved ones and your friends make of it...not how much you spent on it!

* A beach wedding can be a casual affair. It allows everyone to relax. Your guests can dress comfortably and affordably. Often brides-to-be are unaware of the financial strain they place on their wedding attendants and guests. Not everyone can afford to buy that wedding outfit.

* The wedding ceremony and reception can all be held right there on the beach. No need to travel to different locations. This is very convenient for everyone. Hey, even the kids can have fun at a beach wedding!

* A beach wedding allows you to involve everyone in the activities. Guests are not restricted to sitting quietly in their seats. They can actually be a part of the celebration!

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* Beach weddings don't always require a permit. If you are having a small ceremony and do not require a section of the beach to be blocked off...just do it! Simple yet lovely!

* A beach wedding is a modern and refreshing change from the "stodgy" traditional wedding. It allows your creativity and personality to shine through.

* There is no "right" or "wrong way" to plan a beach front wedding. It can be large, small, romantic, whimsical or even downright goofy! You can pay big bucks and hire everything out, or, you can be cheap and make everything yourself. The choice is completely yours!

The "Cons"

* The most important thing to remember when planning a beach wedding is that "Mother Nature" rules!

Depending on her mood, she can brighten your day or rain on your parade! When planning your celebration, be sure to plan an "alternate location" should the old girl be cranky that day!

* The beach is usually a bit breezy so take that into consideration when picking your location. Try to choose a "cove" on the beach that is protected from direct winds.

* Be sure to check with local authorities regarding any permits needed to use the beach. This should only be necessary if you are having a large gathering and you want to block off a portion of the beach exclusively for you and your guests. Ask to be sure though.

* Check on the "Beach Rules". Ask questions. Can you have candles on the beach? Can you play music into the night? How late can you stay? Is there an area nearby for open fires should you choose to barbeque?

* Speaking of food...don't forget about the seagulls! They are notorious beggars and thieves. You can expect them to attend your beach wedding, uninvited! As long as you keep food covered and don't feed them, they will stay on the sidelines.

* Remember the tides. You definitely do not want to be surprised by the quick and unanticipated arrival of high tide!

* On the beach, there will be bugs and sunshine! Make sure you consider the comfort of your guests. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent for those who did not remember to bring their own.

* Chairs may sink in the sand if you do not rent flooring to place under them. However, if you are planning a "beach blanket" reception, you will not need chairs. Remember your elderly guests though. Plan for their safety and comfort. You will need to provide them with chairs and beach umbrellas to protect them from the elements.

Beach weddings are absolutely beautiful but nature does provide an element of uncertainty. Careful planning on your part will eliminate most of them.

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Just remember...

If every hair is not in place due to the ocean breezes or a seagull drops off his "wedding gift" a little to close to the punch bowl...

These are not flaws or imperfections in your day. They are "memories"! Cherish them and have fun!

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Beautiful Weddings On The Florida Beach

By Samuel Murray

In the Southeastern United States we find the gorgeous peninsula state of Florida. Florida is known for its beautiful beaches, abundant citrus orchards, the thrilling Everglades, as well as its reputation as a favorite place for retirees to enjoy the rest of their days relaxing in the sun. Florida is also home to fabulous and exciting attractions like Disneyworld, Universal Studios, the Epcot Center, and the world famous speedway at Daytona Beach, home of the Daytona 500 auto race. The beaches of Florida are also an exciting and romantic location for young couples to hold their wedding ceremonies. Florida beach weddings are particularly popular in the area of St. Petersburg and Clearwater. Together these cities host about 8,500 weddings annually.

Part of the reason for the popularity of this area for weddings is the number of options available for couples that are seeking romantic places for their weddings. In addition to weddings held along their glorious Florida beaches, weddings are held in botanical gardens, at the base of a lighthouse overlooking Tampa Bay, and numerous other exotic locations. Since so many choices are available, it's no surprise that this part of Florida have become so popular for beach weddings.

Florida beach weddings are an ideal choice for those planning a romantic destination wedding. Most of the weddings offered at the Florida beaches and other locations are designed with romance and privacy in mind. Most are geared toward small ceremonies. "Perfect for 2 to 52," boasts one company's advertisements. Package prices range from the truly affordable to the incredibly extravagant, but there's definitely something for every conceivable budget.

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Attending a wedding on the Florida beach is truly an experience. The combination of sun, sand, and beautiful ocean waves fill the air with a spark of romance. As you watch your friends recite their vows amongst the natural splendor of the Florida beach, you can't help but feel the passion between them and be moved.

The couple holding a Florida beach wedding is truly providing a treat for themselves and their guests alike. The memories created here will last a lifetime for everyone involved.

When planning a destination wedding, Florida is a choice you may not have considered. Do yourself a favor and look into it. The many chapels and wedding service companies offer attractive packages for their Florida beach weddings, including everything from photographers to marriage licensing appointments, with no detail left unaccounted for. Contacting your travel agent can help you determine whether a Florida beach wedding is within your budget, but in most cases a wedding like this will cost far less than a traditional wedding at home. The romantic difference and the savings certainly make the Florida beach wedding a viable romantic alternative. You'll remember your beautiful wedding for a lifetime, no matter where the ceremony actually takes place. By marrying in a romantic location like the breathtaking beaches of Florida you will make your entire wedding experience just that much more special and memorable, treating yourself, your spouse, and your guests to the wedding of a lifetime.

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