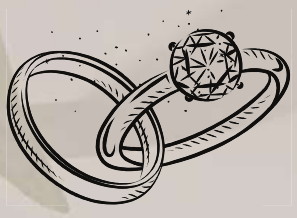
Top 10 Mistakes Brides Make When Planning a Destination Wedding



Avoid the stress, save the money, and plan your dream wedding like a pro.



Before You Say "I Do"... Let's Make Sure You Don't Say "Oh No."

Planning a destination wedding sounds dreamy and it is.. I promise you that.. but it also comes with unique details that can make or break your big day.

As a destination wedding planner and travel advisor, I've seen it all: the couples who saved thousands because they booked smart, and the ones who learned the hard way what not to do.

That's why I put together this quick guide of the Top 10 Mistakes Brides Make When Planning a Destination Wedding.

These are the avoidable slip ups that can cost time, money, and peace of mind.

Read through this before you book anything and you'll already be ahead of 90% of couples planning their wedding abroad.

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1. Booking Before Talking to a Pro

It's tempting to grab the first beautiful resort you find online, but that can mean missing out on perks, free events, and group bonuses. Always consult a certified destination wedding travel advisor (hi, that's me!) before signing anything.

2. Not Setting a Guest Estimate

Your guest count impacts everything. pricing, perks, venue space, and even free rooms. Without a rough headcount, you risk picking a resort that doesn't fit your group's vibe or budget.





3. Not locking in a group Contract

Individual bookings seem easier, but you'll lose out on all of the perks. Resorts only reward official group contracts. It's one of the biggest missed opportunities I see every year.

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4. Waiting too Long to Choose

Resorts and venues book fast.. And I'm talking a year or 2 out. Waiting too long can mean losing your preferred date, room category, or even the entire venue. Start planning 12–18 months in advance for the best options.

5. Back to the Room Block

A room block protects your guests' rates and guarantees rooms for your group. Without it, prices skyrocket and guests may get stuck in random rooms or no room at all. Always block first!





6. Ignoring Legal Ceremony Rules

Each destination has its own marriage requirements, and missing one detail can derail your wedding plans. Always confirm with your planner before choosing "symbolic" or "legal."

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7. Not Budgeting for Travel

It's easy to focus on wedding day pricing and forget flights, transfers, and travel insurance. Factor those in from the start to avoid last-minute surprises for you and your guests. Your Travel Advisor will provide all info to you and your guests.

8. Assuming Resort Planners Handle All

On-site planners are amazing, but their focus is on executing the resort package, not full coordination. Having a specialized Travel Advisor ensures every guest, vendor, and flight is handled with care.





9. Not Communicating Clearly

Guests need more than an invite. They need info on flights, transfers, payment deadlines, and travel docs. Create a wedding website with this info or hiring a TA that comes with a website for your group will ensure nobody is out of the loop.

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10. Trying to DIY your own wedding

Pinterest boards and spreadsheets only go so far. When you plan everything yourself, you risk burnout before the big day or choosing a resort you thought was picture perfect by the website pictures. Trust experts who do this every day so you can actually enjoy your engagement.



Ready to start planning your dream destination wedding?

Let's take the stress off your plate and make this fun again. Whether you're just starting on the planning or already have a destination in mind, I'll help you secure the best perks, group rates, and resort partners that fit your vision perfectly.

💖 Contact me today to start planning your destination wedding.
👉 Schedule a Consultation

Mention this guide during your consultation and you'll receive a discounted planning fee as my gift to help you begin your journey stress-free.

Dream weddings don't plan themselves — but with the right expert, they can feel effortless.

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