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# 9-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Think about the type of wedding you want.
  - Do you want a formal or informal affair? Big or small and intimate? Also think about the time of year you want it to take place.
- Create a budget.

  Think about how much money you have now, what you will save in the next few months and anything your parents are contributing.
- Choose a destination.

  Don't forget to research its marriage requirements.
- Go for a site visit.

  If time and budget allows it, this would be a great time to go for a site visit. You can scout venues/resorts in person before making a decision, meet with vendors, do food tastings and hair/makeup trials.

- Choose a wedding date.
  Avoid holidays, which can make airfare and hotels more expensive.
  Also keep in mind your destination's rainy and/or hurricane season.
- Book a block of hotel rooms and flights for your guests (this will be done through Out'n About Travel). Launch a wedding website. Out'n About Travel can provide a wedding website where you can include photos of the destination and resort, links to make reservations, a list of wedding events, and travel requirements. Use this website to keep your guests updated and collect RSVP's. This is also a great way to get your guests excited about the trip, so have fun with it!
- Send out save the dates. Include your website address
- Settle on a venue, reserve your wedding date and put down a deposit.









## 6 - 9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose an officiate.
  Discuss options with your local wedding planner.
- Book a photographer.

  The good ones are booked quickly so do this sooner rather than later (this can be done with your wedding coordinator).
- Compile a guest list. The rule of thumb is that about 20% of invited guests will not attend a traditional wedding, but this number goes up slightly for a destination wedding.
- Collect guest's email and mailing addresses.
- Mail out invitations.
  Give your guests plenty of time to put in vacation time at work, arrange babysitting and save money for the trip.
- Start a binder to house all your paperwork, ideas and inspiration in one place. For example, contracts, and magazine pages or print outs of photos that inspire you (flowers, attire, favours, decorations).
- Select the members of your wedding party.

- Shop for your wedding attire.
  Keep in mind the destination's climate when choosing the style and fabric.
- Hire a florist (if not provided by your venue).
- Choose your menu and cake.
- Book the DJ or band.
  If you can't meet them in person, ask them to email you a demo of their music.
- Buy your shoes and wedding accessories.
- Select your wedding party's attire. (Bridesmaids and Groomsmen).
- Create a gift registry.
  Consider a honeymoon registry with Out'n
  About Travel where guests can give you
  parts of your weddingmoon experience
  such as spa treatments, excursions or
  romantic dinners.

## 4 - 6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Obtain your passports.
- If required by your destination, get blood tests or vaccines.
- Purchase your wedding rings.
- Buy any goods or accessories you need such as décor, guest book, cake topper, etc..

## 2-3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order favours and welcome bag items.
- Confirm details with all your vendors, including floral arrangements, photography package, DJ song list, and menus. Be sure to get everything in writing!

### 1 MONTH BEFORE

- Assemble welcome bags.
- Prepare welcome letter.
- Arrange how your welcome bag items, favours and decorations will be delivered to your hotel.
- Have your final fittings.

  Make sure to bring your shoes and accessories.
- Book a hairstylist and make-up artist. Your local wedding planner or resort can offer suggestions.



# 2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Confirm your flight and hotel bookings.
- Review and re-confirm all details with all vendors to make sure you are on the same page and nothing falls through the cracks.
- Create a seating chart and place cards.
- Book wedding day transportation (if needed).Could include limos and bus to transport guests to venue.
- Arrange transportation/transfer from airport to hotel for you and your guests (this will likely all be included in the tour package).
- Make arrangements for pre-wedding events/activities.
- Consider group excursions, welcome reception and rehearsal dinner.
- Make sure your bridal party order has their attire.

- Start a list of must play (and must NOT play) songs for the DJ.
- Continue to update it throughout the next few months.
- Buy a wedding gift for your fiancé/fiancée.
- Purchase gifts for your wedding party.
- Consider a spa treatment or excursion at your wedding destination.
- Make arrangements to pick up your wedding attire or have it delivered.
- Write your vows and choose the readings for your ceremony.
- Ensure hotel reservations for your guests have been completed.
- Make or order wedding programs.
- Enter RSVP's into a guest list spreadsheet along with their arrival date, hotel, phone, etc...



### 1 WEEK BEFORE

Start packing and make arrangements to have family members take some of the items such as favours/welcome bag in their luggage. This may seem early, but with so many important items to take you don't want to leave it for the last minute.

### AT DESTINATION

- Do a walk through/rehearsal at the ceremony site.
- Inspect ceremony and reception sites.
- Confirm details with your ceremony officiate and planner.
- Apply for a marriage license.
- If your destination requires on-site blood test, make arrangements to have them done.
- Assemble your welcome bags and make arrangements to have them delivered to guests rooms or handed to guests by the front desk at check in.
- Have a hair and make-up trial prior to the wedding to make sure it's exactly what you'll want on your big day.
- If you didn't do a site visit, this is a good time to do food tastings and change any menu item you don't like.
- Book a manicure/pedicure for the day before the wedding.

## WEDDING DAY

- Arrange a time to have your bouquet and boutonniere's delivered to you on the wedding day.
- Have your wedding attire pressed/ steamed to smooth out any wrinkles it encountered while traveling.
- Make sure you have your rings before heading to the ceremony.
- Have one of your wedding party members deliver your wedding day gift to your fiancé/fiancée.
- Give yourself a pat on the back for checking off all the items on this











# ABOUT US - OUT'N ABOUT TRAVEL INC

At Out'n About Travel we understand how busy you are planning your special day. You've hired a professional photographer, found the best caterer, and consulted with a florist. You want everything to be perfect, including your honeymoon or destination wedding, let us be your travel professional.

We are a boutique travel agency that has been planning destination weddings and honeymoons since 1994. We specialize in traditional and LGBT weddings, honeymoons, bachelor and bachelorette parties.

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