

CARIBBEAN DESTINATION WEDDING MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

Say "I Do" in Paradise

FIRST DECISION

Legal wedding or symbolic ceremony?

Legal wedding

A legal wedding must follow the laws of the place where it is performed.

Symbolic ceremony

A symbolic ceremony celebrates your commitment but does not itself create a legal marriage.

Some couples marry legally at home and celebrate abroad.

ISLAND BY ISLAND

Popular destinations at a glance

DESTINATION	PLANNING CONSIDERATION
Antigua & Barbuda	Special licenses may allow weddings without a lengthy stay.
The Bahamas	Generally at least 24 hours in the country before applying.
Barbados	Generally no minimum visitor residency; a license is required.
Jamaica	Generally at least 24 hours on island before the wedding.
Saint Lucia	Expedited licensing may be available; verify processing deadlines.
U.S. Virgin Islands	No minimum residency; advance court license procedures apply.
Cayman Islands	Visitors may apply for a special marriage license.
Dominican Republic	Civil weddings often require advance document review and translations.
Aruba / Curaçao	Advance civil registration and authenticated documents matter.
Turks & Caicos	Allow time for arrival and license processing requirements.
Puerto Rico	License and medical certification procedures may apply.
French Caribbean	Residence/domicile rules can restrict legal tourist weddings.

BEFORE YOU BOOK

Documents and details to check

- Passports
- Legal name changes
- Witness rules
- Birth certificates
- Certified translations
- Authorized officiants
- Divorce or death records
- Apostilles
- When official certificates are issued

Marriage eligibility, including same-sex marriage, varies by jurisdiction.

Important Notice

Marriage laws, documentation requirements, residency periods, fees, and processing times vary by destination and are subject to change. Before making travel arrangements or finalizing wedding plans, couples should verify all current legal requirements directly with the appropriate island government authorities and their destination wedding coordinator.





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