

Destination Wedding



By Destify — Experts in All-Inclusive Destination Weddings



Planning Guide

The Ultimate Month-by-Month
Destination Wedding Planning Guide



Planning Essentials

- Set your wedding budget + estimate guest count
- Decide on vibe: tropical, cultural, adult-only, family-friendly
- Book your intro call with a Destify specialist
- Choose your wedding party

Guest Communication

- Start building an email list of potential guests. The sooner you do, the sooner they can book rooms at the best prices!
- We start setting up your wedding website

Other Tasks

- Think about bachelor/bachelorette trip timing and budget
- Make sure you and your guests have valid passports (do not expire 6 months after the date of travel)
- If interested in a legal ceremony abroad, start researching requirements (many opt for symbolic to simplify)



11-10 Months



Planning Essentials

- Finalize destination, date, and resort with Destify
- Research welcome events or excursions

Guest Communication

- Send out Save the Dates (email or printed)
- Let close friends/family know about your destination plans
- Include info about passports and estimated costs

Beauty + Prep

- Book wedding dress shopping appointments
- Schedule hair consultations if changing color/style
- Look for potential makeup artists (or ask if the resort includes one)

Other Tasks

- Start thinking about bachelor/bachelorette location and invite list
- Research the marriage license process in your chosen destination (optional – many couples do the legal ceremony at home!)





Planning Essentials

- Use your Destify wedding website and dashboard to manage your guestlist, make sure guests who RSVP but have not booked go ahead and book
- Finalize and order your wedding outfit (give time for tailoring)
- Coordinate groomsmen attire (buy or rent — give them a deadline)



Guest Communication

- Email all guests your Destify booking page
- Share FAQs: travel tips, what to pack, dress code, etc.
- Encourage guests to book early for better rates



Beauty + Prep

- Order your wedding dress and/or tux (this allows for delays + alterations)
- Schedule hair and makeup trials, book any haircuts
- Research nails, brows, and skincare providers



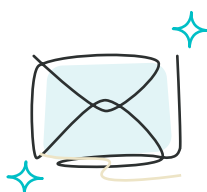
Other Tasks

- Begin planning a bachelor's/bachelorette's party with help
- Review symbolic vs. legal ceremony options one more time and begin the paperwork if necessary. Most Destify couples choose to have a symbolic ceremony.



Planning Essentials

- Make sure your airfare is booked
- Start working with your resort planner
- Begin working on your wedding theme, colors, and style
- Choose entertainment, food, flowers, and décor
- Begin planning any group events or excursions



Guest Communication

- Email update: travel tips, group excursions, send RSVP reminders
- Share the wedding website link again



Beauty + Prep

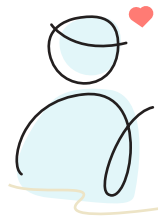
- First dress fitting
- Confirm the final makeup artist and nail looks
- Schedule monthly facials or skincare
- Touch up hair color as needed



Other Tasks

- Decide who will be giving speeches
- Start thinking about the shot list for your photographer





Planning Essentials

- Finalize group activities, welcome bags, and signage if you want.
- Confirm ceremony/reception layout + extras
- Book a honeymoon or an extended stay (optional)

Guest Communication

- RSVP deadline approaching – send reminders!
- Share the resort map and schedule for guest activities
- Confirm airport transfers if arranged

Beauty + Prep

- Second dress fitting
- Trial nail shape/color
- Schedule hair color and trim
- Try lash extensions if desired

Other Tasks

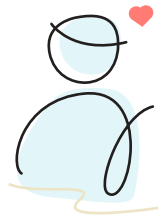
- Share your must-have shot list with your photographer
- Choose music (ceremony, reception, first dance, etc.)
- Finalize bachelor/bachelorette trip details
- Write vows (if applicable)
- Choose a wedding gift for your partner
- Finalize any speeches or toasts



Planning Essentials

- Confirm guest list and room bookings
- Begin to finalize the timeline for the ceremony, reception, and events
- Finalize your wedding theme, colors, and style
- Confirm menu and décor with planner

Beauty + Prep



- Final dress/tux fitting
- Final hair color appointment
- Confirm grooming plans and appointments, including barber appointments, skincare, and beard trimming.
- Organize travel documents, flight confirmations, and tip envelopes

Other Tasks

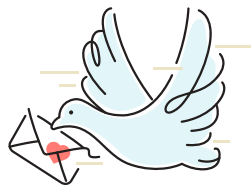


- Print welcome signs, menus, table numbers, and ceremony programs
- Organize dress/suit accessories
- Order thank-you gifts for the wedding party



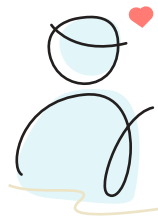
Planning Essentials

- Confirm all vendors + send final headcounts
- Create a day-of emergency kit
- Make a copy of the marriage license documents and any other paperwork your resort may request



Guest Communication

- Final guest reminder: what to pack, local customs, itinerary
- Answer last-minute booking or travel questions



Beauty + Prep

- Brow shaping
- Book all pre-wedding beauty appointments (nails, wax, tan)
- Avoid introducing new skincare



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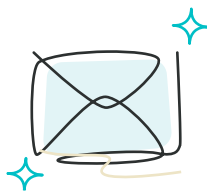
- Write vows
- Prepare tips/envelopes for vendors
- Create music playlists for pre-wedding events





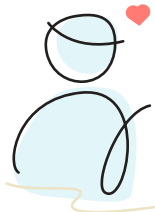
Planning Essentials

- Final call with resort planner
- Double-check all travel documents + copies
- Assemble welcome bags



Guest Communication

- Share the packing list + weather forecast
- Email final schedule + contact info
- Confirm arrival times with the wedding party



Beauty + Prep

- Final haircut + hair color
- Final tan/lash/brow test
- Book nails 2-3 days before departure
- Wax, facial, massage (not too close to the wedding day)



Other Tasks

- Pack wedding attire + accessories in a carry-on
- Practice your vows and first dance
- Confirm the photographer has the shot list and timeline



Wedding Week



Planning Essentials

- Arrive early + meet with planner
- Walk through the ceremony and reception spaces
- Welcome dinner or party
- Rehearsal if needed

Guest Communication

- Check in with guests as they arrive
- Hand out welcome bags
- Enjoy the moment – you're in paradise!

Beauty + Prep

- Nails (2-3 days before)
- Hair + makeup day-of
- Hydrate + relax
- Teeth whitening (about a month out)
- Skincare touchups (no new products right before)

Post-Wedding Checklist



- ☐ Thank guests and the wedding party
- ☐ Leave Destify a review on The Knot and WeddingWire
- ☐ Change your name (if desired)
- ☐ Preserve your wedding dress
- ☐ Share your story + photos with Destify
- ☐ Post sneak peeks and tag vendors
- ☐ Back up photos + videos from guests

