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Eleuthera & The Exumas

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WELCOME MESSAGE

FROM THE MINISTER OF TOURISM & AVIATION Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar, MP

Each year, The Islands Of The Bahamas play a key role in the nuptials of thousands of couples from the world over, providing the dream setting for their most cherished moment in time.

Getting to The Bahamas is easy. Our nation of 700 islands encompassing sixteen unique island destinations lie just 50 miles southeast of Florida, and are connected by scheduled, non-stop air service from the major cities of the United States, Canada and Europe.

Couples seeking a location to say "I do" choose The Islands Of The Bahamas for many reasons. Chief

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among those reasons is our geography. Surrounded by seas, beaches and landscapes of breathtaking beauty, couples have the option of, not one or two islands, but a bevy of sixteen unique island destinations that each offer a distinctly different vacation experience. Couples may choose to marry on one island and spend their honeymoon on another or even share their time between two islands.

Now is an opportune time to introduce to you the famous sixteen island destinations that comprise The Bahamas. You're probably already acquainted with world renowned Nassau and

Paradise Island or maybe Freeport. The other island gems go by names like Exuma, Eleuthera, Harbour Island, Andros, Bimini, The Berry Islands, San Salvador, Cat Island, Long Island, Acklins & Crooked Island, Mayaguana, Inagua and Ragged Island.

Brides-to-be select The Islands Of The Bahamas as their wedding destination because of how easy it is to execute the nuptials of their dreams. The marriage formalities are minimal; the choice of wedding settings endless and the array of wedding services available, from a registry of certified wedding planners to photographers and florists facilitate seamless planning of the big day, whether it is an intimate affair or a grand ceremony.

To those couples with wedding plans on your mind, I invite you to consider saying your vows here in our islands, where the people are warm and friendly and everything is in place to make your wedding a dream come true.

Warm Regards

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Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar, MP Minister of Tourism & Aviation





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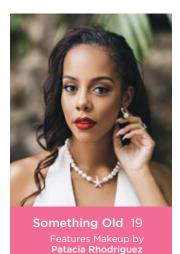
Hair Contributor & Beauty Consultant @ Metamorphosis Beauty Salon

A titan in the local hair industry, based in Nassau, New Providence.

Q. What's the best advice you have for brides looking for a local hairstylist?

A. When looking for local talent, do your research.
Ask your event planner for recommendations or Google hairstylist/ makeup artists in the area and reach out for photos of previous work they've done.

Definitely email photos of your desired hairstyle to the artist of your choice. I suggest booking at least 3 months before your wedding date to liaise back and forth with the artists via email/video calling so that everything goes smoothly.



PATACIA RHODRIGUEZ

Beauty Contributor & Makeup Artist
@ Rhode to Beauty
Professional makeup artist and beauty consultant, based in Nassau, New Providence.

Q. What's your number one tip for destination wedding brides?

A. Stay away from products described as "illuminating" or "dewy" as it will only accentuate shine throughout the day. Ask your makeup artist for a matte or semi-matte finish. A matte finish in a humid climate will give you the most radiant and glowy finish as the day progresses.

You'll find that you will require fewer touch-ups and you won't have to worry about your makeup melting away. To beat any unwanted shine, keep a powder puff with blotting powder nearby and finish the night flawlessly!



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Phylicia Ellis

PHYLICIA ELLIS

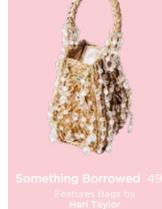
Owner & Fashion Designer

@ Phylicia Ellis Bridal

Custom wedding gown,
reception gown and
bridesmaid gown designer
based in Nassau, New
Providence.

Q. What's your best gown advice for destination wedding brides?

A. Make sure you're in love with your gown and not "settling" for a simple look just because it's a destination wedding. Make necessary arrangements at your destination to ensure that the vision of your day is fully executed and that your dress looks the same as you've always dreamed it would.



BEVERLY TAYLOR

Designer Contributor

@ Harl Taylor BAG

Q. What's your best gown advice for destination wedding brides?

A. Communication is key in any successful relationship. The ability to have a 'safe' space where both individuals can discuss all matters pertaining to a healthy relationship is very important - this can lead to a firm foundation for Trust which is critical to the union's longevity and also putting God in the center of all of your endeavours.

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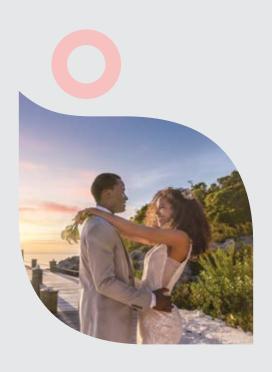
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The Islands of the BAHAMAS

Spanning over 100,000 square miles, the northernmost island is a mere 50 miles off Florida's coast. The Bahamas, which means "shallow water," decorates the Atlantic Ocean with bejeweled islands and cays.

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Barefoot wedding on the pink sands of Eleuthera, or a glamorous garden wedding on Paradise Island. Whatever your fancy, brides love The Bahamas for our array of venues. Not to mention, getting to each island is fairly easy with daily flights into Nassau from international hubs across the U.S, Canada, and the UK. Local airline, Bahamasair, offers daily schedules from Nassau to The Out Islands for smooth and easy connections.

Nassau, New Providence

For the couple looking for an island life with big city flair. Nassau has a breadth of luxury wedding locations, museums, underwater adventures, duty-free shopping, nightlife and the famous Junkanoo Experience.

Paradise Island

For the city chic bride and groom ready to wed and honeymoon in the lap of luxury — enjoy several luxury resorts and locations including the renowned Ocean Club. The Cloisters and Atlantis Resort.

The Abacos

Abaco, renowned for its superb sailing, fishing, quaint historic villages, breathtaking beaches, eco-adventures and championship golf, is undergoing rapid recovery from 2019 Hurricane Dorian. Stay tuned for the re-opening of The Abacos.

Acklins Island

For the couple ready to elope! This is the island for couples looking to ditch the large resorts for a secluded, intimate wedding experience.

Bimini

For the couples most at home boating around the islands and trying the freshest seafood throughout the islands. The Biminis are perfect for a nautical wedding.

Eleuthera

For the couple with dreams of a 110-mile long island of quaint villages and stunning natural locations guaranteed to make for jaw-dropping wedding photos.

Long Island

For couples who love diving, snorkeling, fishing and long scenic drives. Upgrade your beach wedding to the turquoise lagoon surrounding one of the world's deepest blue holes — Dean's Blue Hole

Mayaguana

For couples obsessed with the offbeaten path, Mayaguana is perfect for a rugged, outdoor wedding between the beaches and nature reserves.

Grand Bahama

For the relaxed couple, Grand Bahama offers a special blend of resorts with a touch of true island life. The island has made tremendous strides to normalcy with many beaches, attractions and restaurants now opened.

Andros

For the couple who feels most at home exploring nature in its truest form: spend your honeymoon fishing, bird watching, snorkeling and kayaking through Andros' abundant natural resources.

Berry Islands

For the cay-hopping couple who loves to sport fish and dive, The Berry Islands offer up the best fishing among all the islands. Plan an 'adventure-moon" unlike any other.

Cat Island

For outdoor-enthusiastic couples, Cat Island is a dream to explore with unique, historic wedding spots. Sites sit mostly intact including a monastery built in 1939 on Mount Alvernia, the highest point in The Bahamas.

Crooked Island

For couples who love stumbling upon a beach with powdery white sand and turquoise waters lapping at the shore, and being the only ones there!

The Exumas

For couples with a love for sailing, snorkeling and diving, and with a desire for peace and relaxation. Exuma boasts numerous emerald-casted cays stunning beaches and quiet communities.

Harbour Island

Harbour Island, a small island off the north coast of the main island of Eleuthera, boasts a breathtaking 3-mile stretch of pink sand beach.

San Salvador

Couples looking for historic destination wedding sites and pristine beaches will find their fill in San Salvador.



















Mix matched bridesmaids is a wedding trend that will never go extinct!

Dress (Left) from Cole's
of Nassau by Innika Cho
(colesofnassau.com)
Jewelry (Left) by
Chevette Williamson
Makeup (Left) by
Patacia Rhodriquez
Hair (Left) by Tara Miller
Metamorphosis Salon
(metamorphosis
beautysalon.net)

Top & Shorts (Right) from
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com)Jewelry (Right) by
Coin of The Realm
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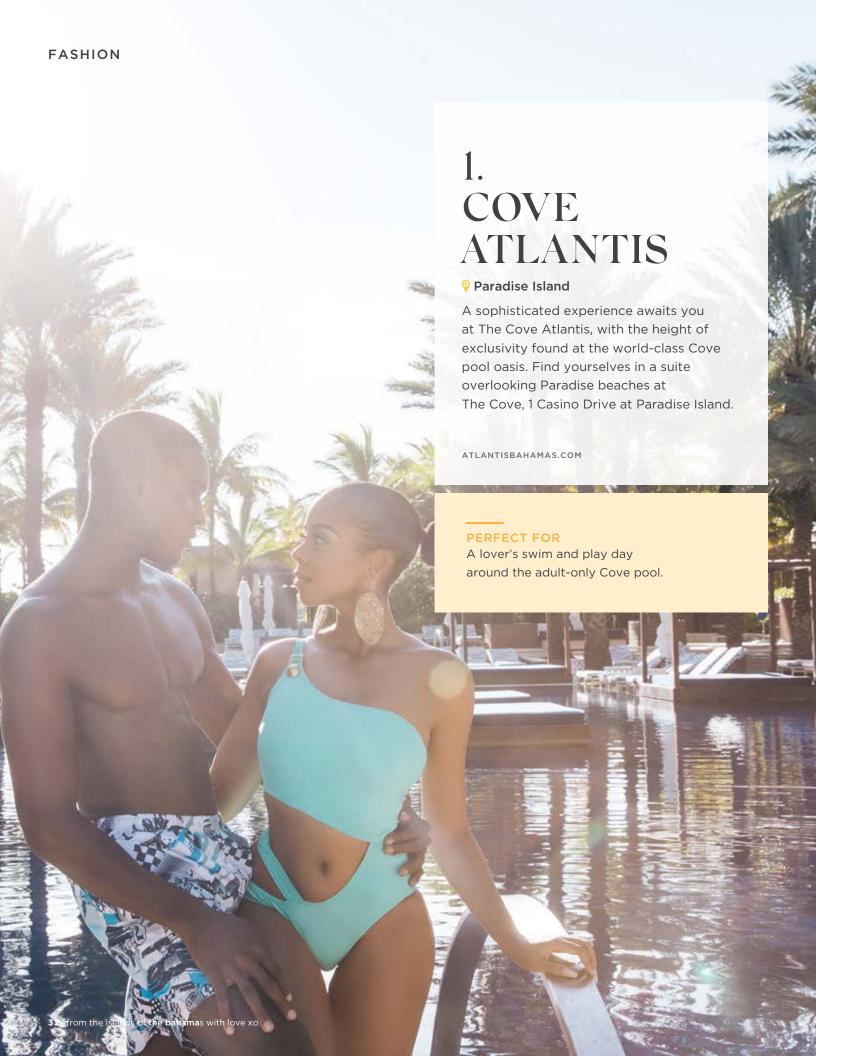




A certified **Bahamian Wedding Planner** is your best source of information on destination weddings in The Bahamas. With 700 islands and cays dancing in the clear, aquamarine waters of the tropics, your wedding options are endless. No one knows the islands and your options for Bahamas weddings quite like the members of **The Bahamas Bridal Association**:

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Welcome to island life!
A relaxed look is definitely
the way to go. An off-theshoulder, ruffled crop top
completes this summer bride
look.

Dress by Brynda Knowles
Designs || Earrings by Craft
Cottage Bahamas || Makeup
by Yeisha Forbes Beauty

2. DOLPHIN CAY

Paradise Island

For the bride and groom looking for rich, eco-friendly experiences on your honeymoon, Dolphin Cay is the natural marine sanctuary for you. Find this 14-acre dolphin and sealife habitat at the established Atlantis Resort, Paradise Island.

PERFECT FOR

Couples looking for the picture-perfect honeymoon photo.

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Pack your sunscreen, swimsuit and straw hats for all the outdoor activities for two that Dolphin Cay has to offer.

Hat by The Plait Lady (Marina Village) Earrings by Craft Cottage Bahamas || Makeup by Yeisha Forbes Beauty

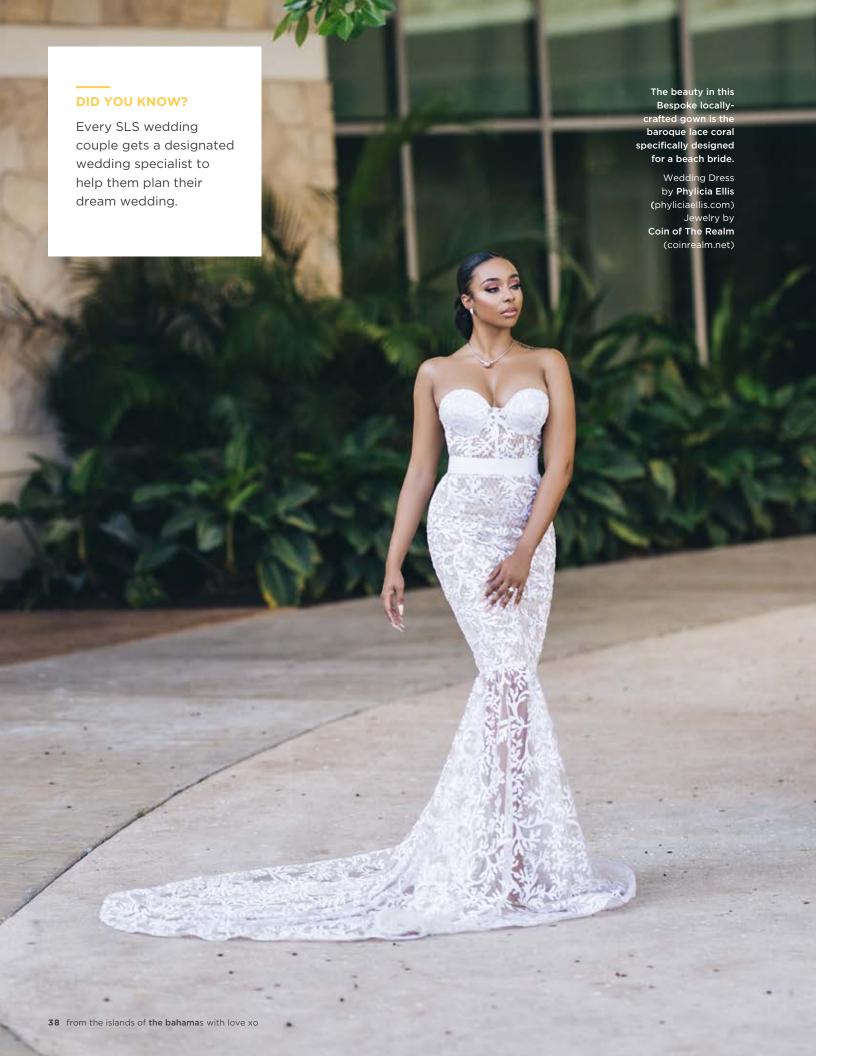
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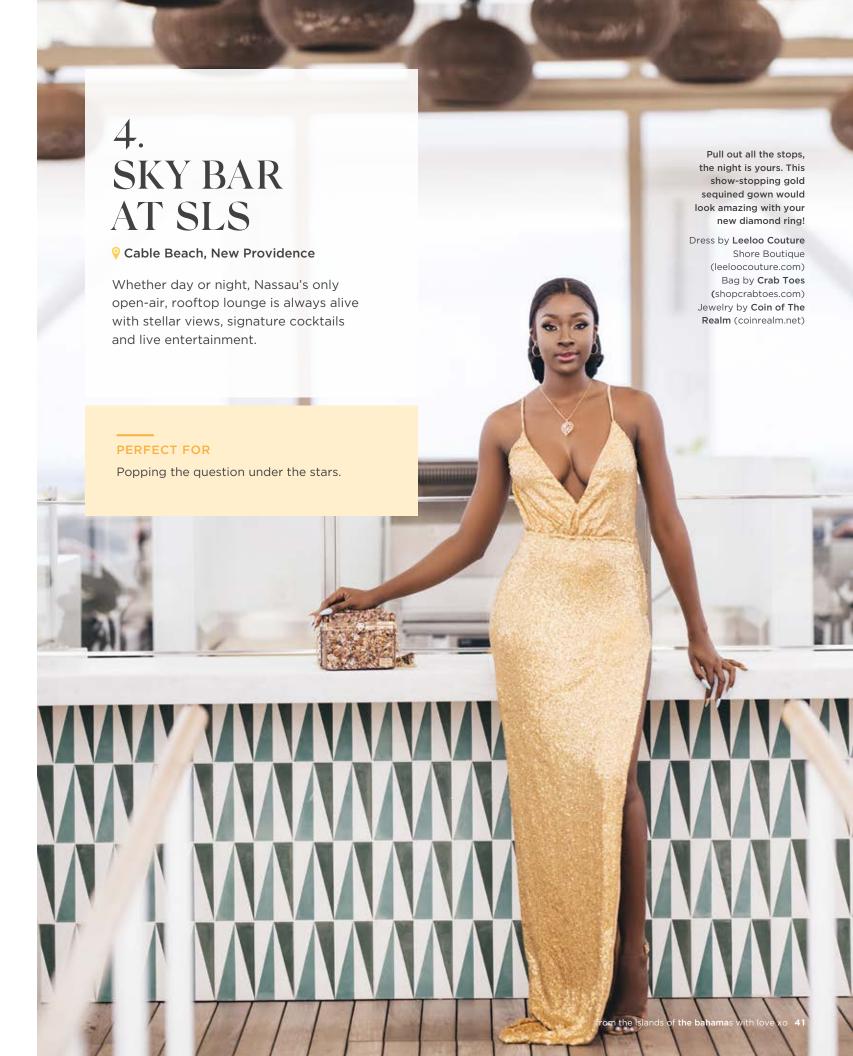
Meeting with wedding planner to finalize details.

Welcome Cocktail!

Beach Wedding and Reception under the stars.

Honeymoon Spa Day!













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here's nothing more uniquely Bahamian than Junkanoo.

What originated as a small celebration of African descendants has evolved into a grand holiday tradition celebrated every Christmas and Boxing Day. The sound of the goatskin drums warmed by a fire, the expert craft and artistry of every hand made, ornate costume, the music felt deep down in the soul - Junkanoo is the lifeblood of The Bahamas. Add local flair to your wedding day and treat your guests to a true cultural experience with an authentic Junkanoo rush-out at your reception. Ask your local wedding planner about adding a small Junkanoo group performance to your wedding day!

CULINARY ARTISTRY

Food is the official love language of The Bahamas. Fresh seafood, native fruits turned into sweet desserts, and vegetables in savory stews rich in flavor- there is no shortage of delicious local dishes here! Eat your way through a culinary adventure and borrow a few locally-crafted, indigenous items for your gift registry.



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Swimming with the Pigs BIG MAJOR CAY, THE EXUMAS

Forget a blanket, these pigs are more at home in the brilliant blue waters of Exuma! This is the excursion at the top of everyone's bucket list, visiting the famous #SwimmingPigs.

Don't forget your underwater camera!



Bonefishing

You know the saying, "The couple that fishes together, knows Andros is The Bonefishing Capital of The World!". Enjoy a memorable experience fishing the island's many mangroves and flats with a local angler as your guide.

Private Charter THE EXUMAS

365 cays stretched across miles of waters so crystal clear, they can be seen from space. What better way to traverse The Exuma cays than aboard a boat navigated by an expert of Exuma's waters. Stand barefoot in the middle of the sea with the love of your life on a sand bar exposed only by the receding tide. Visit one of the many uninhabited cays and lounge on beaches untouched. Stop for lunch at the world-famous Chat N' Chill before hitting the open seas again. You're the captain of your own adventure with a private charter!





Have you ever dreamed of running away?
Leaving the hustle of your everyday life and running away with the love of your life to exotic locales and worlds unknown? Nothing will get you closer to that experience than sailing around The Berry Islands. Stable weather and easy-to-navigate waters are what

make the islands a mariner's paradise.

BERRY ISLANDS

BYOB, rent or trust your journey to one of the many notable charters and captains who maneuver the islands daily. There is no journey too big or small with 700 islands and cays at your ship's wheel. Start at the northernmost island, Little Stirrup Cay, and take part in the offerings of every cay, all the way down to Chubb Cay. Charter a boat from the main Great Harbour Cay and visit another cay with a private picnic for two for the day. Dock off a sandbar and spend quality time alone in the middle of crystal blues. The waters are open and the possibilities are endless.



Surfer's Beach GREGORY TOWN, ELEUTHERA

A little known secret about the island of Eleuthera is that there is a beach two miles south of Gregory Town where the surf is always up. Any adventurous couple willing to wander the path will find surfing done Bahamian style. Winds from the southwest blow breaks from the Atlantic Ocean that surfers have compared to the waves in Hawaii. Walk the walk with local surf legends like Surfer Pete, owner of the island's only surf shop, who are as generous with their knowledge of the large waves as they are with their surfboards.

Tandem Wreck Diving

Open yourselves up to a whole new world of blues with a wreck dive for two. New Providence is surrounded by many wrecks for divers of all experience levels. Try a sunlit shallow wreck, a moderate depth dive of a wreck seen in several famous Hollywood movies or a more challenging deepwater dive bejeweled with sea life.

Snorkel

THE BAHAMAS

When it comes to snorkeling, the waters of The Bahamas are incomparable. What would you like to see first? Colorful coral growing off a wreck in New Providence? Glittering fish scurrying around the world's 3rd largest reef — Andros Barrier Reef? Are you bold enough to snorkel the deep blue of Dean's Blue Hole? Two pairs of snorkelers, two pairs of fins and one joint sense of adventure are all you need.

Seaplane Adventure

Charter a flight to see The Bahamas unplanned — no itineraries, no schedules — just a flight path to the destinations you want to see. Of course, there is also the beauty of seeing the blues of The Bahamas from the sky — a truly breathtaking experience.





Swim with Dolphins FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA

Forget aquariums, enjoy our intelligent neighbors in their native habitat with a UNEXSO open-water swim or wild spotted dolphin encounter.

OURWEDDING STARTS HERE DRAFY

From the moment you Say "Yes" to "We Still Do!" and every occasion in between, let us inspire every step of your wedding experience.

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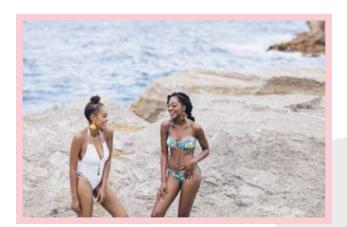
Is this a party or what?

Celebrate your engagement (and soonto-be destination wedding venue) with a soiree inspired by a truly Bahamian backyard party.



ENGAGEMENT DINNER 48

New Providence



Two

#BRIDESQUAD

Grab your besties

for a bachelorette weekend of island-hopping, blue beaches and showering the bride-to-be with love.

Three

TIE THE KNOT

Barefoot nuptials in Exuma?

Traditional Vows in Nassau? Here you'll find real island wedding inspiration, no matter your destination wedding style.



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Eleuthera, Great Exuma + Grand Bahama



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Four

#MOONSDREAM

The big day is done — time to escape to paradise unparalleled for your dream honeymoon come true..

Five

FOREVER & EVER

Whether 5, 10 or 15+ years later, like your vows, The Bahamas will be even better the second time around.



VOW RENEWAL 88
New Providence





Colorful pin cushions and banana palms bring a tropical flair to the wedding cake.

The Boutique Cake (theboutiquecake.com)

KEEPING IT LOCAL: It's easy to highlight the flavor and culture of the islands in every aspect of your party.

KALIK COCKTAIL: Kalik Radler is an artisan blend of local Bahamian beer and different juices. Imagine all the cocktail possibilities with that smooth mix!

DESSERT CART: Ditch overused tiki for a more rustic wood grain cart for a classier, island-style display.











THE FANCY DANCER: Named after the all-female dance troupes in local Junkanoo Bands, the fancy dancer is a sweet, fizzy mix of Junkanoo Punch, white rum and down-home limeade in an ice-filled glass.

FLORA AND FAUNA: Local florals not only lend gorgeous authenticity, but they also stand up better to a warm island evening.



Chef Tip: Substitute conch for shrimp when in The Bahamas for guaranteed fresh, locally sourced seafood options.





Between these monumental boulders, when the howling wind is just right, a sound like roaring bulls can be heard.

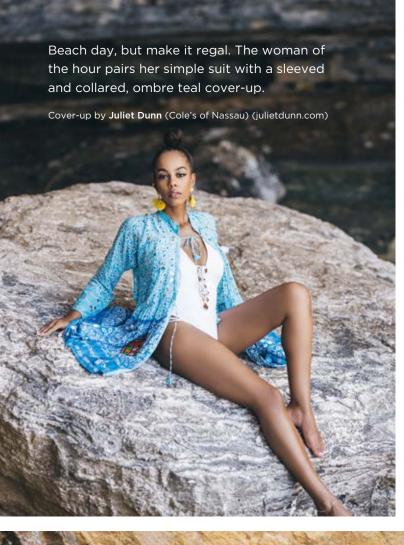
Bridal weekend challenge: Can you capture this phenomenon on camera?

Everything's coming up roses! Bright florals never go out of style for a quick island getaway

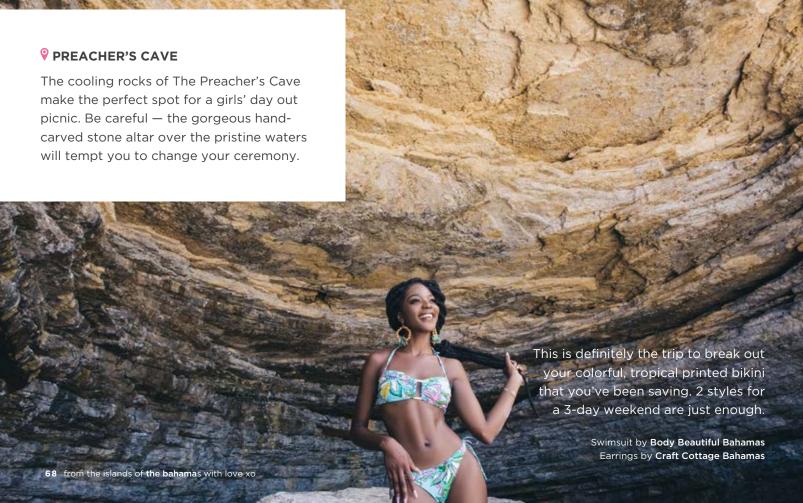
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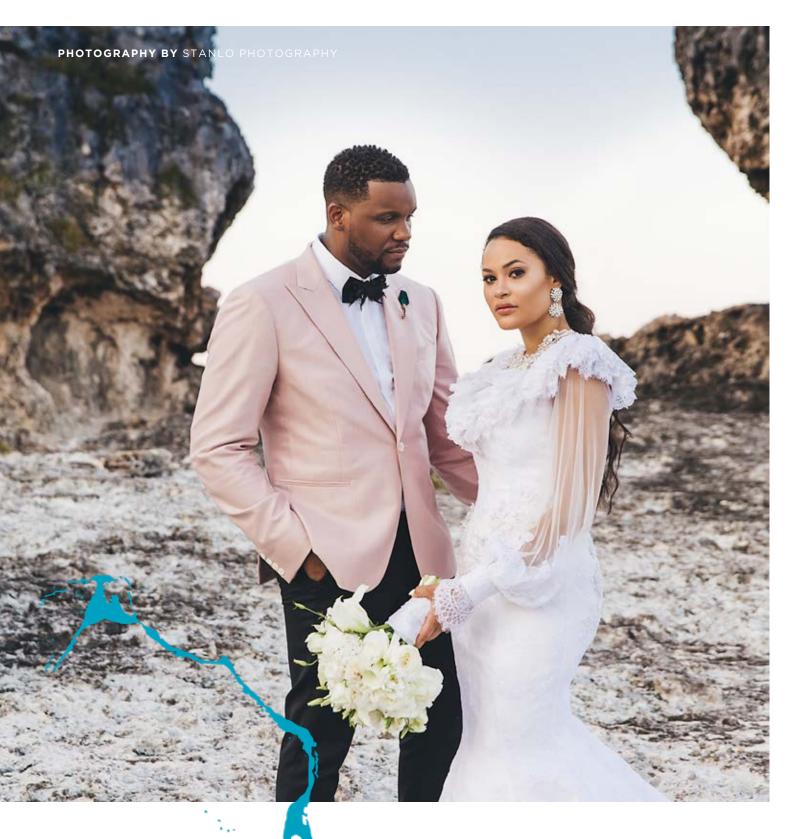












NATURE CHIC

Gregory Town, Eleuthera

Zemi and lan's spiritual connection to the natural beauty of Eleuthera led them to do an increasingly popular after-wedding photo shoot on the island. The couple chose The Queen's Bath Pools, natural tidal pools just south of The Glass Window Bridge, as the flawless backdrop to complement their deep love for each other.

ELEUTHERA TRAVEL TIP

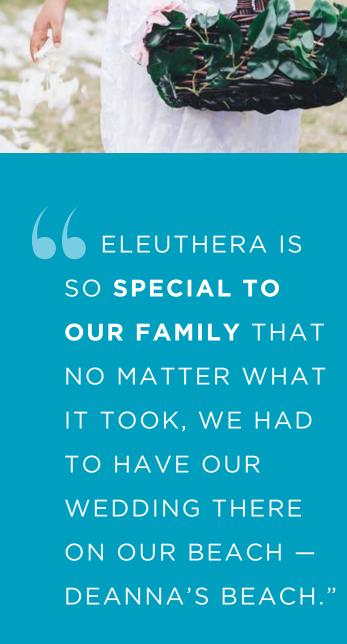
Save yourself the stress and source decor from local resources. Eleuthera is a stunning island with naturally beautiful backdrops — no need to bring heavy suitcases of decor items.

HEAVEN ON EARTH

Zemi and Ian share a spiritual love for each other

and with the beautiful island of Eleuthera. From the moment they got engaged, they knew they wanted an outdoor wedding surrounded by Eleuthera's natural beauty. Married on a private estate shrouded by palm trees with their family and friends, their semi-angelic themed wedding was a nature lover's dream. Once their guests watched the sunset on the edge of the beach named for Zemi's beloved mom, Deanna, they were treated to succulent surf + turf fare and dancing late into the night. After the big day, Zemi and lan's spiritual connection to Eleuthera led them to do an increasingly popular afterwedding photoshoot around the island and the stunning photos speak volumes!







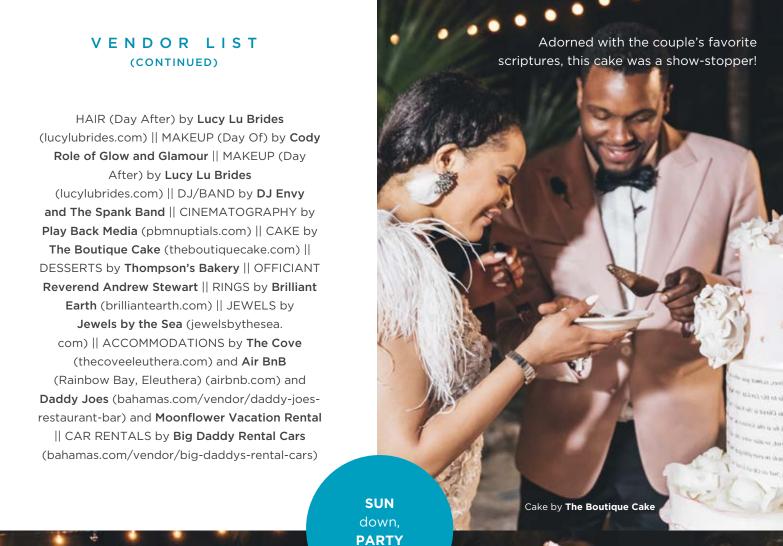
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SEE A RAINBOW
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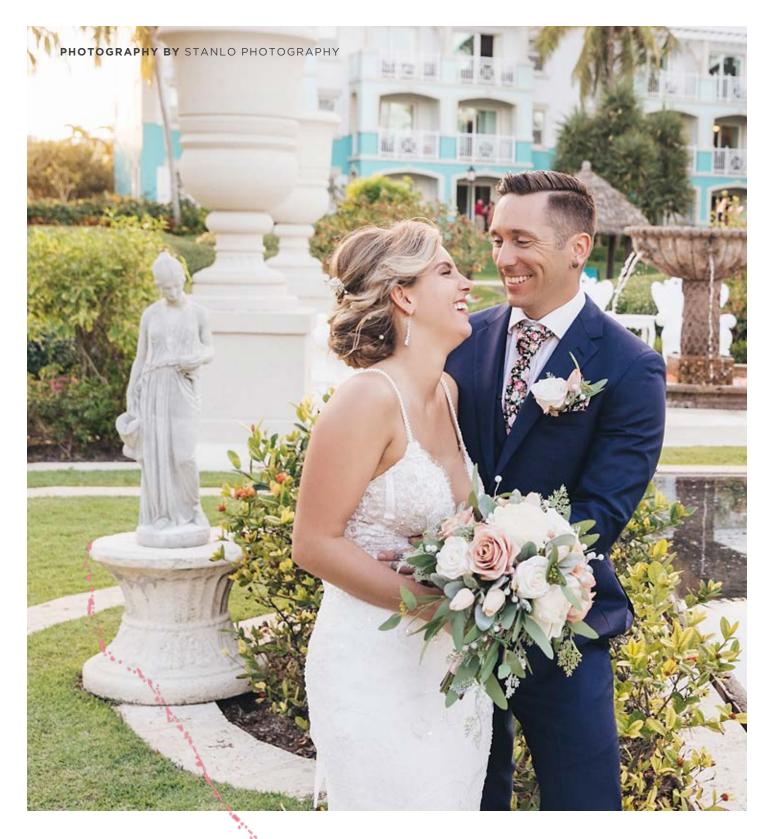
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Party Starter! Guests were treated to a special performance by Bahamian

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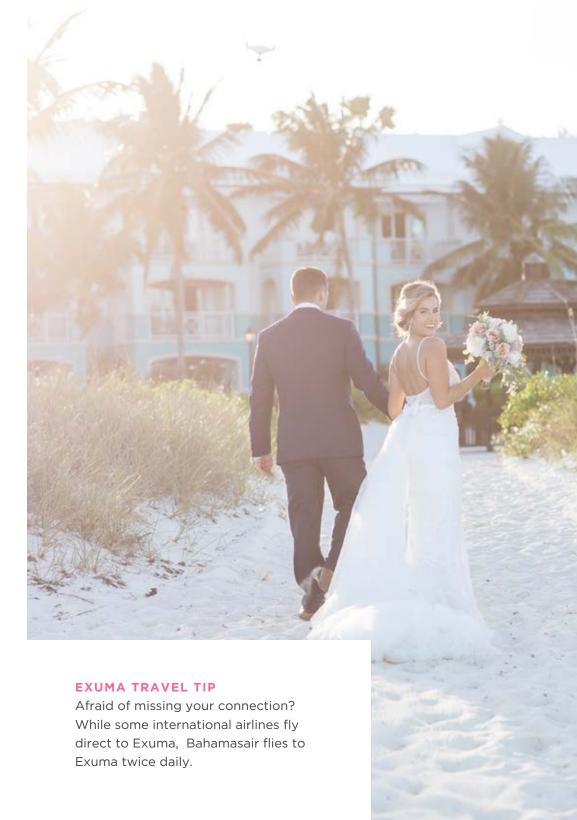


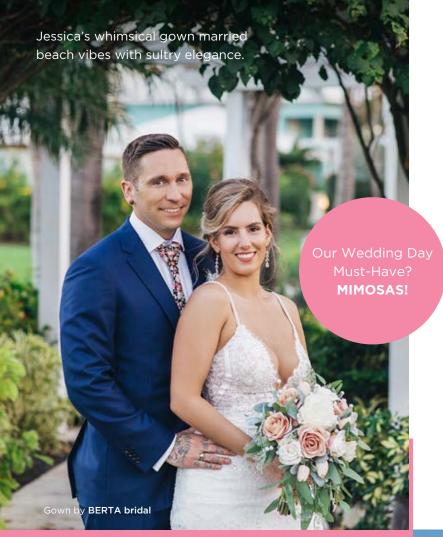
JESSICA & WAYNE

SUN-KISSED

Sandals Emerald Bay, Exuma

Along a mile-long, powdery-sand beach in Farmer's Hill, Exuma sits Sandals Emerald Bay Luxury Resort & Spa. Described as a "grand estate", the resort features presidential beachfront villas and charming bay house rooms. Brides will love the Reflecting Pool Garden wedding location. Grooms will love the picturesque, 18-hole golf course overlooking Exuma's emerald shores.





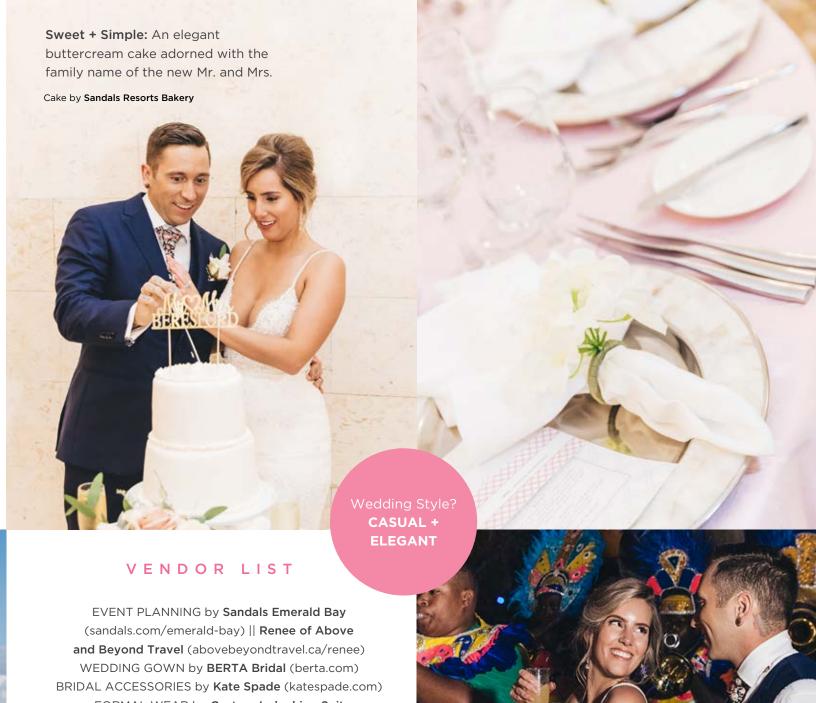
ELOPEMENT NOTES

From their first date at Starbucks to exchanging vows at Emerald Bay

Jessica and Wayne were meant to be. After getting engaged, the couple knew that they wanted a destination wedding in The Bahamas before they even visited. One trip to Exuma was enough to seal the deal for the travel lovers. Inspired by the beauty of a conch shell, Jessica settled on hues of blush, pastel pinks and nudes for their casually-elegant, tropical wedding. On a breezy February afternoon, down a sandy aisle lined with conch shells, Jessica walked towards her Wayne. The two shared their vows and their first kiss as man and wife under an arch draped in billowing blush, surrounded by lanterns overstuffed with soft pink dendrobium orchids. As nighttime fell, the newlyweds were surprised with a Junkanoo rush out — a true island send-off for the new Mr. and Mrs!

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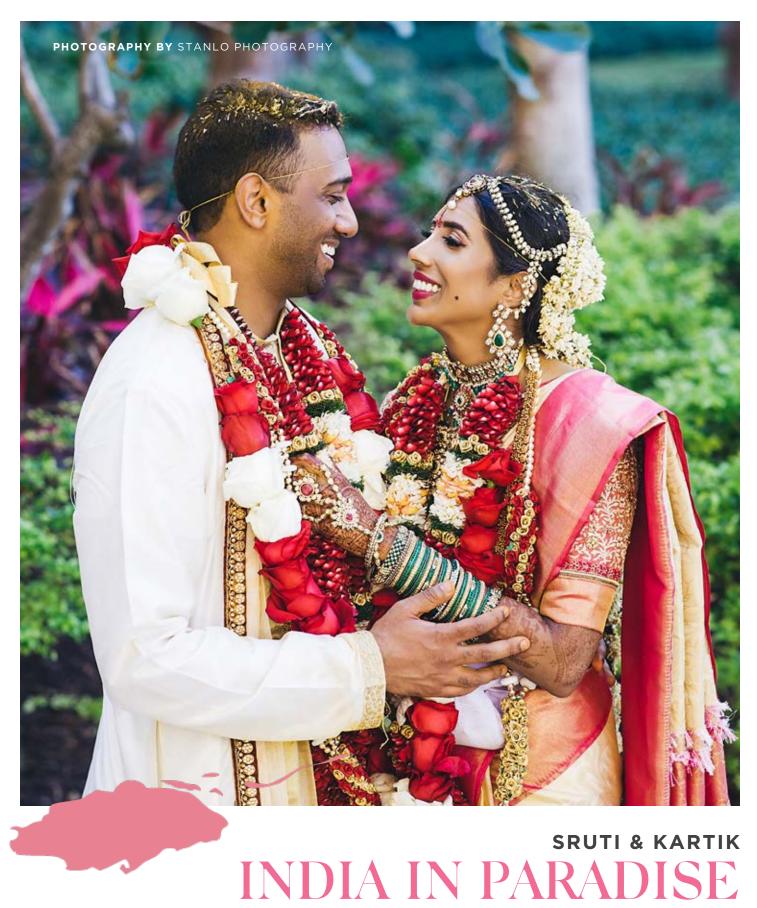




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Paradise Island, New Providence

to source everything needed.

Known also as "Mehndi", Henna is one of the most easily recognized Indian-wedding traditions. Although Henna is a centuries-old practice, the many different intricate designs and placements represent a range of sentiments from devotion and vitality to beauty and love.







Tendrils of Love

for Indian weddings.

The color red can represent

love, prosperity and passion

TIPS TO PLANNING A CULTURAL **DESTINATION WEDDING IN THE BAHAMAS**

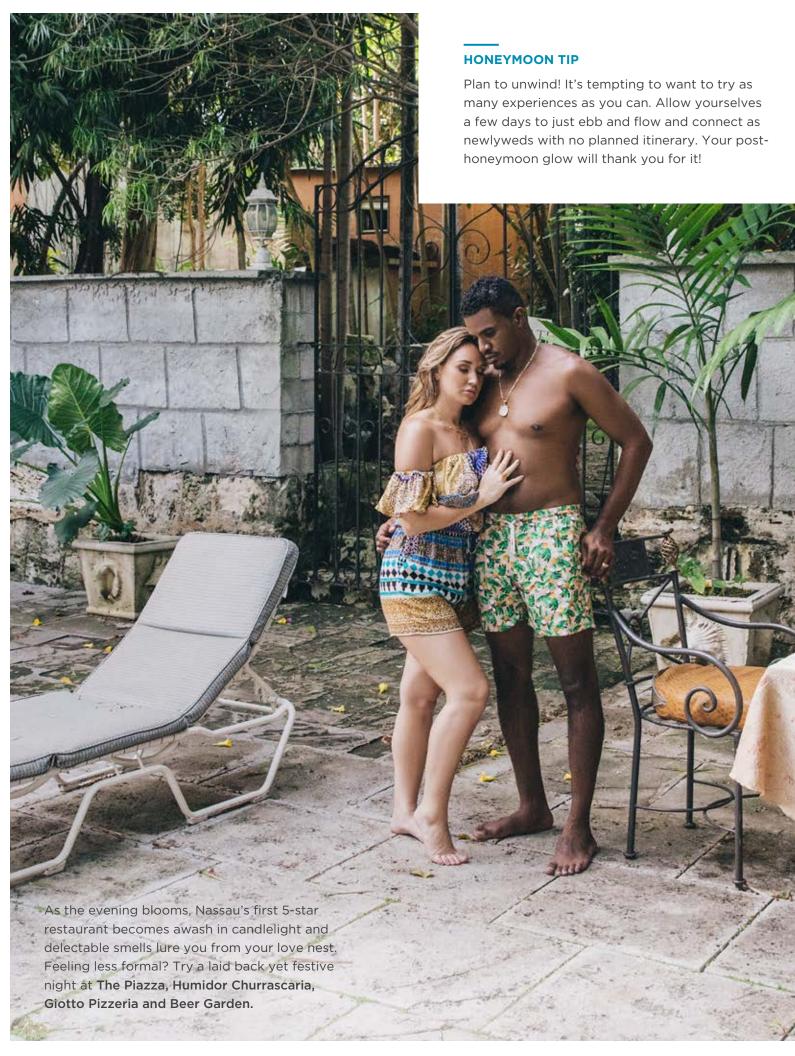
- Connect with a local wedding planner at least 10 months ahead of your wedding date.
- Keep a list of all the important cultural events/ moments that should happen during your ceremony and what elements would be needed for each. This gives your planner time to source everything you need.
- Set your RSVP date for at least 3-4 months ahead of your travel date to ensure you and your planner have a proper head count on confirmed traveling guests.
- Leave sourcing any special elements for your planner to find locally. Travel restrictions can make flying with special items very difficult.
- Don't be afraid to step a little outside of your cultural wedding traditions. The Bahamas has a ton of local celebratory traditions that would be a wonderful and authentic addition to any cultural wedding. Just imagine a colorful Junkanoo procession introducing the bride and groom at an Indian wedding!













Set your sails for the second time around. Re-pledge your love with your best co-captain on the open Bahamian Seas.

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BAR & GRILL: Is there a more perfect spot for a seafaring wedding cocktail than at an overwater bar and grill with 360 views of The Atlantic? We can't think of one!

CHAMPAGNE: Some things should never change — bubbly to celebrate the renewlyweds. Cheers to many more years!

THE CAKE: A 2-tier navy blue and white cake accented with gold fondant ropes, a gold anchor topper, buttercream and flecks of 24K gold leaf. Exquisite!

Ditch the gown, keep the glam. This regal draped yet light kimono dress has no shortage of elegance.

Dress from Cole's of Nassau (By Camilla) (colesofnassau.com) || Bouquet by Wildflowers (wildflowersbahamas.com)





Go for light-colored suits with a simple blue shirt as a nod to your surroundings. Linen is very appropriate.











WOULD MY MARRIAGE

COUNTRY?

CERTIFICATE BE LEGAL IN MY

Yes, The Bahamas marriage

issued by The Bahamas

Government and is legally

recognized and a legally-

LICENSE BY MAIL?

certificate is a legal document

binding document worldwide.

CAN I APPLY FOR A MARRIAGE

No, both parties must be in The

CAN I GET MARRIED THE SAME DAY AS MY ARRIVAL IN THE **ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS?**

No, both parties must reside in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas for no less than one day prior to the date of the application.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET A MARRIAGE LICENSE?

It takes two business days, excluding Bahamian holidays.



CAN I GET A LICENSE THE SAME DAY IF I ARRIVE BY CRUISE SHIP?

Yes. Exceptions are made for individuals arriving by cruise ship who have met the twenty-four-hour residency requirement and have a letter from the Purser's Office/ Guest Services, signed by the ship's captain, confirming the same.



WOULD I BE ABLE TO USE MY MARRIAGE LICENSE FROM MY **COUNTRY?**

No, only a Bahamian-issued marriage license can be used to get married in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

CAN MY PASTOR/RABBI PERFORM THE WEDDING CEREMONY?

Your Pastor/Rabbi may be able to assist a local Pastor with the wedding ceremony, however, the pronunciation as man and wife and the signing of the legal marriage certificate MUST be done by a local Pastor.

CAN I HAVE A NON-DENOMINATIONAL OR NON-RELIGIOUS CEREMONY?

Yes. Your consultant or marriage officer can show you a variety of options for a traditionally religious, non-denominational or nonreligious ceremony.

I WOULD LIKE TO GET MARRIED IN THE FAMILY ISLANDS. DO I NEED TO COME TO NASSAU FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE?

No, a marriage license can be obtained from the local Administrator's Office on that



WHEN CAN I GET MARRIED?

Weddings in The Bahamas must be performed between sunrise and sunset to be considered legally binding.

CAN I GET MARRIED ON THE WEEKEND?

Yes, you can get married on Saturday or Sunday, provided you make an application at least two (2) working days before.

WHY DO I NEED A CERTIFIED **COPY OF THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE?**

A marriage certificate is required by many lending institutions and insurance companies as proof of marriage. Also, if either party wishes to have their passports updated with their married surnames, a marriage certificate will be required.

DO I NEED A LICENSE FOR A **VOW RENEWAL?**

No, you do not need a license for a vow renewal.



CAN I RENT WEDDING ATTIRE IN THE BAHAMAS?

There are several stores offering complete rental attire. We suggest allowing sufficient time before your wedding date to make those arrangements.

WHAT IS AN APOSTILLE AND WHY DO I NEED ONE?

An apostille is a special seal applied by an authority to certify that a document is a true copy of an original.



HOW MUCH ALCOHOL CAN I CARRY OUT OF THE COUNTRY?

67.6oz of liquor per person 21 or older. Provided one litre is manufactured in The Bahamas.

IS THERE PUBLIC **TRANSPORTATION**

Yes, there is public transportation.

WHERE ARE THE HOSPITALS?

The Princess Margaret Hospital is a nonprofit public facility, located on East Shirley Street in Nassau, New Providence. Doctors Hospital, one of Nassau's leading medical facilities, provides quality private health care and is located on Collins Avenue and Shirley Street in Nassau.



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Stanley Babb, Owner of Stanlo Photography

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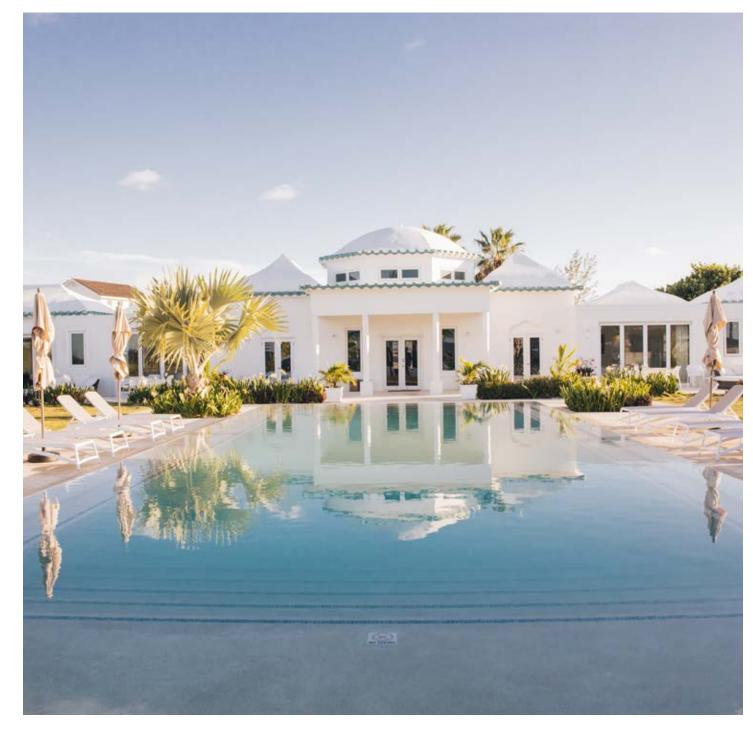
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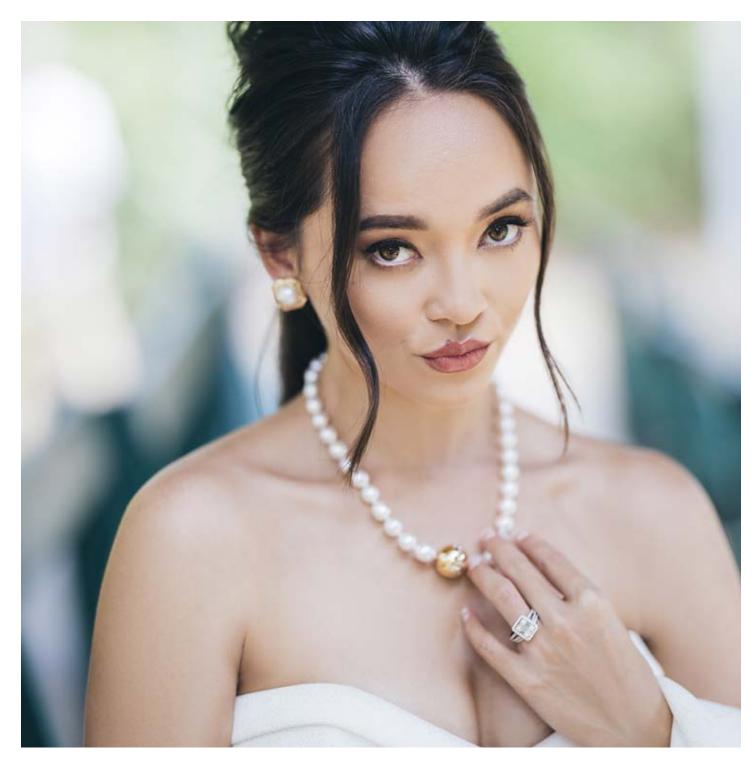


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