

FAQ

IS THERE A DEDICATED WEDDING PLANNER ON SITE? CAN THEY BE REACHED BY EMAIL?

Dream weddings don't just happen, they're planned. Marriott Certified Wedding Planners are trained to help. After completing demanding coursework, each Marriott Certified Wedding Planner is qualified to coordinate weddings of all types, including ethnic and military weddings. Relying on experience, training, tradition and old-fashioned intuition, Marriott Certified Wedding Planners can help you determine an overall vision for your wedding and help you execute each detail. That includes setting an event budget; deciding on a menu; arranging table settings; and finding florists, photographers, a band and other entertainment for the big day

CasaMagna Marriott Puerto Vallarta Resort & SPA has a dedicated team of certified wedding coordinators on site to help you through the journey of this special day – your wedding! Please see the contact listed below: Ana.navarro@marriott-hotels.com and Patricia.haro@marriott-hotels.com

WHAT SERVICES DOES YOUR WEDDING PLANNER PROVIDE? IS THERE A FEE?

Dedicated resort wedding planners work hard to ensure your flowers are perfect, that the reception happens on time, that the music is perfect, and that dinner is served on time. They help with menus, flowers, cake, and ceremony locations before you arrive. Once you are there, you will tour the property with them to ensure every detail is covered

There is no fee for the use of our wedding coordinators. A specialist will be with you to assist prior to and on your special day and they are there throughout the entire experience to answer any question you may have regarding your big day!

HOW CAN WE CONFIRM OUR WEDDING DATE?

After being in contact with your wedding coordinator, decide the venue, definite date and agree with the proposal. The coordinator will be elaborating a contract based on those characteristics and a first deposit will be required with the sign contract in order to confirm your important event.

WHAT IF WE WANT TO RESERVE ON SHORT NOTICE?

That's not a problem, if the date is available you can reserve from one day to another; our recommendation is to consider timing to arrange the special details allowing you to treasure special memories of your event.

HOW MANY DAYS DO WE NEED TO ARRIVE PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY?

Mexico requires that you be in the country at least 4 business days prior, if you are interested on having a legal ceremony.

If you are looking on the option of a symbolic ceremony, the minister will be in touch with you before your arrival and together will elaborate your personalized ceremony based on your beliefs, experiences and religion.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEGAL (CIVIL), RELIGIOUS AND SYMBOLIC CEREMONIES?

Only a civil ceremony is legally recognized. A religious ceremony has no legal bearing and does not replace in any way the binding legal civil marriage. A renewal of vows or religious ceremony is a symbolic ceremony (please note that Catholic ceremonies cannot be performed outside the church).

Religious Ceremony, there is a catholic church within five minute distance other temples are also available close to hotel.

A symbolic ceremony is performed by a Non denominational minister. The bride and groom will receive a symbolic marriage not legally valid.

For the legal ceremony a sort of arrangements needs to be done, please analyze the following list:

NOTE: confirmation is requested a minimum of 6 months prior event:

BIRTH CERTIFICATES:

For both parties it is necessary to turn certified copies of your birth certificates actualized from maximum 1 year ago. These documents must be apostilled with a gold seal by a lawyer of the state in which you were born also actualized.

PASSPORT OR DRIVERS LICENSE:

Both parties need copies of either their passports or driver's license. Must bring original documents with you.

DIVORCE CERTIFICATE OR DEATH CERTIFICATE:

If you have been married before, your latest Divorce Certificate or Death Certificate (if widower) must be review and apostille by the notary or city hall of your state.

WITNESSES:

Civil marriages in Mexico require two witnesses. They may not be your immediate relatives, as your parents; brothers or friends are accepted as witnesses; photocopies of the witnesses' driver's license or passport are required for identification.

TOURIST CARD:

Upon arrival to Mexico you will fill out an immigration form to enter and leave Mexico. We need a photocopy of this document.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE AND BLOOD TEST:

This must be done here in Mexico. Appointment at the laboratory can be made in advance by the hotel (knowing your arrival date).

TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS:

Birth certificates, Divorce and death certificates must be translated by an officially appointed translator. This needs to be done here in Puerto Vallarta, and can be arrange by the hotel.

MARRIAGE COUNCELING: You will have to attend a meeting at the city hall office. With pleasure I can arrange it for you. English counseling are every Friday at 9 am.

IS THERE SOMEONE WHO CAN HANDLE THE LEGAL DETAILS FOR US AND WILL GUIDE US THROUGH THE PROCESS?

Yes, the wedding coordinator deals directly with the local officials to coordinate the legalized wedding process.

CAN I TRANSLATE MY DIVORCE DECREE AND APOSTILLE DOCUMENT PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL TO THE RESORT?

No, this must be done in Mexico upon arrival and should be handled by the wedding coordinator. An extra fee applies.

DO I NEED A BLOOD TEST AND IF SO, WHAT DISEASES DOES IT CHECK FOR?

Yes, to be considered valid the test must be taken in Mexico and should not be taken more than 14 days prior to the ceremony. The blood will be tested for HIV, RPR (sexually transmitted diseases) and blood type. The results will be ready in 24 hours together with a certificate of the blood test. Upon arrival, your wedding coordinator sets the appointment for the next morning at 8.00 am, you must have an empty stomach, and the doctor will take the blood test either in your room or in the coordinator's office.

IF MY NAME IS DIFFERENT FROM THE PASSPORT AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE WILL THIS PRESENT PROBLEM?

Yes, in order for the documents to be finalized and legal in Mexico, there must be proof for different names in order to get married (ie divorce, birth certificates, etc).

ARE THE CEREMONIES PERFORMED IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH?

Most civil ceremonies are performed in Spanish however, if you are lucky, the official may speak English. The symbolic ceremonies are performed in your preference language.

HOW LONG IS THE CEREMONY?

The ceremony itself only lasts about 20 minutes, however the cocktail and reception shortly follow.

WHAT PRIVATE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AREAS OF THE RESORT ARE AVAILABLE FOR A WEDDING?

Magnificent Puerto Vallarta locations for the perfect Wedding

- Main Garden: Up to 25,800 sq ft that combines the beautiful view to Banderas Bay and the biggest outdoor space for a big luxurious reception
- Patio: In the heart of Marriott Puerto Vallarta, with up to 7,800 Sq Ft for your Wedding
- Las Casitas Garden: The romantic location for small receptions with a beautiful view, and close to the Jetty
- Beach Patio: Have the perfect tropical reception close to the sea

- Jetty: The Dream Wedding Ceremony bathed by the warm water of the Pacific Ocean and enlighten with the halo of the sun
 - Beachside: Say "I do" with your toes in the sand, with the breeze of the Pacific Ocean on your back and a typical Puerto Vallarta romantic sunset at the sky
 - Vallarta Ballroom: Luxurious, Spacious and Magnificent, this state of the art facility in CasaMagna Marriott Puerto Vallarta has everything for your dream wedding
- The following link will take you to a 360° view tour through each one of the wedding locations.
<http://www.casamagnamarriottpuertovallartaresort.com/>

WHAT TIME OF DAY DO MOST DESTINATION WEDDINGS OCCUR? WHY?

Most guests chose to marry at sunset. Simply because it is the most romantic time! The sunset time depends on the season; it can vary from 6:00 to 8:30 pm

DO WE HAVE A LIMITED SCHEDULE FOR EXTERIOR AREAS?

Yes, exterior areas events needs to end at 11 pm.

PREFERENTIAL RATE AVAILABLE FOR THE WEDDING GUESTS?

The minimum number of rooms in order to have a room blocks with special concessions and preference rate is 10 rooms for 3 nights. Bride and Groom's wedding night is upgraded or offered complimentary depending on availability and the number of rooms contracted.

WHAT ABOUT GUESTS NOT STAYING AT THE RESORT?

Guests who chose to come only for the event are welcome. It's not necessary to be staying at property in order to attend to your event.

DO YOU HAVE AN ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY OR CAN YOU EMAIL ME PICTURES OF OTHER DESTINATION WEDDINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT YOUR PROPERTY?

We have a few images on our website, but please feel free to contact our wedding coordinator.

DO YOU ORGANIZE LGBT CEREMONIES?

Yes, we organize symbolic LGBT ceremonies.

WILL THERE BE OTHER WEDDINGS TAKING PLACE DURING THE SAME TIME AS OURS?

The most that we can accept its two different weddings at the same time, these will be located opposite areas of the property to keep each event's privacy.

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER FROM SUNDAY TO WEDNESDAY OTHER THAN WEEKENDS?

Weekends are most requested, if you are looking for a budget conscious event we offer attractive catering minimums and site fees as you consider other days of the week. Besides, every day feels like Saturday when your guests are enjoying your destination wedding!

WHAT DO BRIDES AND GROOMS TYPICALLY WEAR AT YOUR RESORT FOR DESTINATION WEDDINGS?

Brides usually wear a beautiful white gown, while grooms usually prefer kakis and a white dress shirt. Most couples also prefer bare feet on the beach, of course.

WILL SOMEONE BE AVAILABLE TO IRON MY WEDDING DRESS?

Of course, our resort has press, laundry and dry cleaning services. We actually offer for your special event a 20% off discount.

We recommend asking for the service at least 1 day before the wedding.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF I SCHEDULE AN OUTSIDE CEREMONY AND RECEPTION -- AND IT RAINS?

During raining season which is from June to October, we always consider a backup plan for every exterior event. The indoor area assigned depends on the number of guests attending to your wedding.

WHAT TYPES OF FLOWERS ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY? IS THERE A FLORIST ONSITE?

Almost all kinds of flowers can be provided; prices might vary according to the flower selection. We work with local florists to make sure the most options are available.

IS LIVE MUSIC AVAILABLE?

Yes, live music is available. Please consider that as per union they play 45 minutes of music and 15 minutes of break of every hour contracted.

CAN YOU EMAIL ME SUGGESTED MENUS FOR THE RECEPTION?

Yes, our wedding coordinator can give you many different menu options to choose from.

CAN WE ORGANIZE A FOOD TASTING OF OUR MENU SELECTION?

complimentary menu tasting for two people is provided with a signed contract. A menu tasting may be scheduled at least 2 days in advance for the couple.

WHAT CAN YOU ASSISTS WITH WEDDING CAKE?

We have numerous wedding cake options available, actually if you have a favorite design please send us the picture and our pastry chef can work on the elaboration. Pictures of different cakes can be emailed to you or once you arrive at the resort you can meet with the wedding coordinator to choose your cake.