Pop Us A Question...

That's why we've put this step-by-step guide together. It'll take you through It really is a piece of cake.



WHERE TO?

Got your heart set on a destination? Once you know where you want to say 'I do' you've got loads of hotels to choose from.

You can go for one of the hotels in this brochure, or team up your wedding venue with a hotel from any of our other brochures. Whether you're ready to go or need some help deciding, give our Weddings Team a call on 0871 664 0131* or pop in to your First Choice Travel Shop.

HOW DO WE SET THE DATE?

Once you're all booked, we'll send you a weddings booking form. You'll need to read it, fill it out, sign it and send it back to us. This is also where you'll tell us your preferred wedding date. Once we get your form back, we'll hook up with our team overseas and get your date confirmed. Depending on where you're tying the knot, this can take up to eight weeks. When it's all set, we'll send you a destination pack confirming your 'big day' date, along with useful info like extras you can book. We'll also make sure you've got your wedding coordinator's email address. From this point on, your Wedding Coordinator in resort is on hand to help with everything from decorations to your reception.

What legal documents will we need?

You'll get a handy checklist with your destination pack. It tells you what documents you'll need. Just so you know, our Weddings Team usually needs photocopies at least 12 weeks before you fly out and you'll need to take the originals with you. It's really important you have the right ones if you're missing any it can lead to your wedding being cancelled.

Can we travel under our married names?

You need to travel under the name on your passport, which matches your plane tickets. If you're changing your name when you get married, you can have your passport amended once you're back home.

Will our wedding be legally recognised in the UK?

All First Choice weddings are carried out by official marriage officers in line with British law and are registered in the country where it took place. And, just like UK weddings, your wedding certificate is proof you're legally

bound. If you want to have your marriage recorded in the UK, you can lodge your original marriage certificate with the General Register Office in Southport. Their number is 0151 471 4803. It's worth noting this isn't available to couples living in Scotland and for weddings in selected countries. From some countries it can also take up to 12 months for wedding certificates to be produced and posted to the UK. Just bear in mind that ceremonies in Ibiza aren't legally-binding - they're classed as symbolic blessings. And in the Maldives, we only offer renewal of vows ceremonies.

marry us?

a civil service led by a local it'll be an Anglican

Can I get my hair and make-up done?

Many of our hotels have on-site hairdressers and beauticians. Your wedding coordinator can help arrange appointments

What about the bridge bouquet and buttonholes?

Do you have specialist

Yes, it's available as an extension

to our travel insurance. For full

details of what's covered, call our

What happens when

we arrive in resort?

Once you've touched down and settled

in to your hotel, you'll meet up with your

to make sure your wedding day - and

the run up to it - goes like clockwork.

wedding coordinator. They'll be on hand

Together, you'll check all your documents,

run through the ceremony and sort out any

wedding insurance?

Weddings Team.

You'll pick your flowers with your wedding coordinator when you arrive. Options depend on the season and the climate. But a great tip is to take along pictures of your dream bouquet, or silk flowers in your favourite colour.

Can we get photos or a video of our wedding?

Of course. Talk to your wedding coordinator when you arrive. They'll show you some examples and book the package that's right for you.



Before you go home

You'll normally get your marriage certificate while you're away. Make sure you check all the details are right there and then. Sometimes, it'll be sent to you once you're back in the UK. In some destinations, processing the certificate can take up to 12 months, but your wedding coordinator will let you know if this is the case. Just so you know, all marriage certificates

are in the local language, although some countries give you an English translation. Oh, and if you need extra copies of your marriage certificate, let your wedding coordinator know.



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day passes. We can book

Important Stuff

The requirements for legal documents are subject to change. This can sometimes happen at short notice and there can be fees involved.

Make sure you check all your documents for mistakes - like misspelt names - as this can lead to the cancellation of vour wedding. First Choice can't be held responsible for such cancellations.

If anything has changed from what's in the brochure when you book, we'll let you know. But, just so you know, the prices in this brochure are for the wedding package only. So, you'll need to add on the cost of your First Choice holiday.

We'll do our best to make sure you get married on your preferred date, but it's important to remember, the date and time depends on availability. And, don't forget, some destinations run on laid-back 'holiday time'.

ANYTHING FLSE?

If we haven't ticked off everything you need to know, just give our Weddings Team a call on 0871 664 0131* or pop in to your First Choice travel shop.

*Calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras. The cost of calls was correct at the time of publication in May 2011