

# Wedding Abroad Worksheet Pre Wedding Considerations

## COUPLES QUESTIONNAIRE

EXPLORE WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU

WHAT WILL MAKE YOUR DAY MEANINGFUL

BEING IN AGREEMENT ABOUT WHAT IT IS YOU WANT



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# Taking The First Step

*Welcome to the Beginning of an Incredible Journey*

*A simple shift from overwhelm to clarity and calm*

Before you start planning your wedding abroad, we recommend having an honest conversation about what really matters to you. The answers will prepare you for potential wedding planning challenges plus help you get clear on the look and feel you would like on your wedding day.

Our [Destination Wedding Planning Consultant](#) has put together the following pre marriage questionnaire.

The **WORKSHEET** covers the following topics:

- 1. Hopes and Vision**
- 2. External Pressures and Stresses**
- 3. Family & Friends As Your Support Community**
- 4. Your Couple Story - Remember When?**
- 5. The Relationship Stuff**
- 6. Questions To Help With Your Ceremony Style**
- 7. Important Considerations For Choosing Your Celebrant**



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# Pre-marriage Couple Questionnaire

*Questions to help you get in the right frame of mind for planning, to have good conversations about your relationship and what you want.*

Weddings are joyous occasions but they can become a playground of opinions and advice which may or may not be helpful to you.

These questions are opportunities to have an honest, beautiful and meaningful dialogue between yourselves about what really matters to you. Your answers can reveal those things that will **make your wedding and ceremony a representation of who you are**. Help you **stick to your values, vision, dreams and goals**. As well as how you will **support each other**.

Making the decision to get married is a significant relationship step no matter what phase of life you are at - whether you are a young couple newly engaged, on second marriage having experienced the loss of a previous partner or divorce.

The commitment you are planning to take is very personal. So, how do you want to remember your wedding day and are you in agreement about what it is you want?

We've put together some questions to help you dig deep and explore what is important to you and what will make this a long lasting memory.

**You can do this exercise as a couple or you can do this independently and come together to discuss your answers.**

**Your answers can be kept private between you as a couple just having the opportunity to discuss these questions or write down your thoughts will help you when it comes to making decisions about your wedding plans. Or you can share them with your wedding planner and/or celebrant.**

## Hopes & Vision

- a). *What does marriage mean to you both?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b). *Why is now the right time for you to get married?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c). *What is the experience you wish to have?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d). *How do you imagine the look, feel and tone of your wedding / wedding ceremony?*

## External Pressures & Stress

- a). *Are you experiencing any outside stress or resistance related to your planning?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b). *Who or what can help you move forward so that you can be fully focused on your wedding planning?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c). *Do you both have time to take on equal part of the planning responsibilities?*

## Family & Friends As Your Support Community

- a). *Who will be present at your wedding?*
- b). *What role(s) do they play in your everyday life?*
- c). *Do you want them to play an active role(s) in your ceremony? For example witnesses, readers, singers, story tellers.*
- d). *Are there any sensitivities, relationships or personalities that will need attention on the wedding day?*
- e). *If your wedding will be uniting already established families (younger children or adult children from a previous relationship) how do you wish to represent this in your ceremony?*
- f). *What to do when everyone has an opinion about getting married? Be selective about who you listen to and who you talk to for advice. Too much advice can cloud decisions you have already made.*

## Your Couple Story - Remember When?

**We don't think there will be any major surprises but it will help you connect to those early years together and provide useful information for your planner and/or celebrant.**

*a). How did you first meet? What was your first impression?*

*b). Who asked who out on a date?*

*c). What did you do?.*

*d). What was it that made you realise you were in a serious relationship? Who said "I love you" first and what prompted that declaration?*

*e). When and how did you propose?*

*f). What have been your most memorable moments as a couple?*

## The Relationship Stuff (Life will be sweet with the occasional bump in the road)!

- a). *What do you love about your relationship? Do you have a favourite weekend routine, a shared hobby/interest, independent interests, future planning?*
- b). *How do you show support for each other?*
- c). *What do you do to surprise each other?*
- d). *What are the circumstances or people that cause you to disagree? (Best not let the disagreements linger)*
- e). *What commitment can you agree on to tackle those niggly arguments head on rather than gloss over them?*
- f). *What can you do to avoid overwhelm and being influenced when there is too much advice on married life? (Discussing this and coming up with a united front will help you respond to these kinds of situations.)*
- g). *Are there areas in your relationship you struggle with? How can you help each other? Remember to be kind it is not what you say it is how you say it.*



## Choosing Your Celebrant - Considerations

In some cases you may not have a choice as to who will perform your ceremony. A religious ceremony may be conducted by the local priest with an interpreter or you will need to find an English speaking priest in the local area to perform the ceremony (with approval/agreement with the priest that is insitu).

A civil ceremony will be performed by the local mayor or a deputy. In most cases you will need to have an interpreter if you do not understand/speak the language in your chosen destination.

Alternatively the ceremony that will give you the greatest freedom is a symbolic ceremony. This ceremony removes the necessity for legal paperwork in the destination location and as many symbolic celebrants are multilingual you are likely to find it easier to organise a ceremony in your native language.

It is very important that the celebrant you choose can deliver your ceremony story in your words, in the right tone and clearly spoken.

### **TOP TIPS TO HELP YOU MAKE YOUR CHOICE:**

The person who will deliver your ceremony script will play a big part on your wedding day and beyond. You will remember the person who stands in front of you for years to come. They will be part of your memories in your photos and video!

*a). Are you are happy with their voice, dictation, tone and projection?*

*b). Do you wish to have a native English speaker?*

c). *Do you want to have male or female celebrant to lead your ceremony?*

d). *Are they in tune with your life values?*

e). *Are they amiable, flexible, creative, a talented writer?*

f). *When will you get to see the script?*

g). *What vibe do you get from them? Too flamboyant, too quiet, too dominant?*

h). *Will they help you with suggesting reading?*

i). *Will they help you with your vows?*