

Your Wedding @ Wild Island Resorts



Come have your wedding with us in the Bahamas! Whether you want a simple getaway ceremony for just the two of you or a destination wedding including your family and friends, Abaco has the perfect setting for your special day together.

On a deserted beach, one of our decks overlooking the water, a local historic church, at sunrise or sunset...you name the spot and we can make it happen here at Wild Island Resorts!

Just say I Do.....

First wedding, remarriage, renewing of vows, anniversaries.....we've done it all and each one is special in its own way. You plan what you want or let us guide you, that is what makes each ceremony unique. We hope you find the following information useful in planning your Bahamas wedding or Bahamas honeymoon. From our home page at *Wild Island Resorts*, you can choose between our two small cottage resorts to find that perfect spot for you.



Here are some links and contact info to get you started as well as some suggestions and helpful hints. Feel free to contact us directly for any assistance and/or further information regarding your special getaway here with us.....



Marriage Officials:

Our most popular marriage official is Mr. Vernon Malone of HopeTown: 242-366-0037 Not only does he perform a beautiful, yet simple, island ceremony, he also bakes the best key lime and coconut crème pies around!

Or the Commissioner: 242-367-2344

Either will require some advance notice.

Documents: You will need certain documentation in order to marry in the Bahamas:

Requirements for Obtaining a Marriage License in The Bahamas:

1. Both parties must be in The Commonwealth of the Bahamas at the time of the application.
2. Persons wishing to be married in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas may do so after one day. That is to say, if a person arrives in The Bahamas on Monday, they may come into the Registrar General's Office on Tuesday, obtain a Marriage License (while waiting), and be married on the same day.
3. If either part has been divorced, the original final decree or a certified copy must be produced. If either party is widowed, being certified of the deceased spouse must be produced. If either party is unmarried, being a citizen or resident of the U.S.A., a declaration certifying this fact must be sworn before a U.S. Consul at the American Embassy, Nassau, The Bahamas.
4. If either party is unmarried, being a citizen or resident of a country other than the U.S.A., a declaration certifying this fact must be sworn before a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths in that country and must accompany the application for the Marriage License.
5. The parties must produce some form of identification which has a photograph attached. The identification document must have been issued by a Government Office in the country where the parties reside.
6. The parties must produce evidence of the date of their arrival in The Bahamas.
7. Persons desirous of being married in a Family Island (any island outside of New Providence) can obtain a Marriage License at the Commissioner's Office on that island and need not come to Nassau.
8. No blood test is necessary.
9. The fee for the license is \$100.00.

Note: Marriage Licenses are issued at the office of the Registrar General in Nassau. This office is open to the public Mondays to Fridays between the hours of 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If you are marrying in the Family Islands (Abaco) this will be sent to you at your home address. Address: P. O. Box N- 532 Nassau, The Bahamas Tel: 242-322-3316 Fax: 242-322-5553

Flowers:



There are local florists, listed below, who can provide you with simple flowers for your ceremony, such as boutonnieres and bouquets, however, we usually have quite a selection of tropical flowers directly from our gardens, from frangipani and hibiscus, to Bougainvillea and swamp lilies and mangrove shoots, which can be replanted afterward for a most eco-friendly flower option!

Island Petals: 242-366-2260

Buds-n-Blooms: 242-367-2837

Pinewoods Nursery: 242-367-2674 www.pinewoodsnursery.com

Wedding Coordinators:

There are local wedding planners, as well, although we can also help with your planning, depending on the scale of your plans.

Bonnie Malone in HopeTown: Bonniehall418@yahoo.com www.hopetownweddings.com

Moments by Kristi Wong in Marsh Harbour: Kristi@momentsbahamas.com www.momentbahamas.com

Ph: 242-367-3132

Mobile: 242-475-2171

US: 561-214-4631



Local Bakeries:

Deanne Albury on Lubbers' Quarters: 242-366-3141 or wfishlips@abacoinet.com or sunshin Shack@hotmail.com

Vernon Malone in HopeTown: 242-366-0037

Teresa Albury: 242-365-6494

Music: Local bands or DJ's available, contact us well in advance for details.

Clint or Eston Sawyer: 242-367-2074 (leave message)

Photography: Abaco Photos by Beulah Wong www.abacophotos.com 242-367-0707



Champagne:

HopeTown Wines and Spirits: www.hopetownwinesandspirits.com

Lighthouse Liquors: 242-366-0567

A&K Liquors in Marsh Harbour: 242-367-2179

Restaurants for Reception:

Cracker P's from January-August: 242-366-3139 www.crackerps.com

Boat House Restaurant at Sea Spray Resort and Marina: 242-366-0359

HopeTown Harbour Lodge: 242-366-0095

Abaco Inn at White Sound: 242-366-0133

Sample charges for services:

Marriage License fee: \$100.00

Minister only: Weekdays from \$150; Weekends from \$175;

Rehearsals from \$50 per hour.

Photographer only: From \$350 per hour (colour or black & white, 36 exposures, negatives & album).
Additional time extra.

Videographer only: From \$450 per hour with editing

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I need a license to get married in The Islands Of The Bahamas? Yes, a Bahamian marriage license is required.

Is there a fee for the marriage license? Yes, there is a fee of \$100.00 payable to the Registrar General's Department.

Is a blood test required? No, a blood test is not required.

Would I be able to use my marriage license from my country? No, only the Bahamian marriage license is legal in The Islands Of The Bahamas.

Can my Pastor perform the wedding ceremony? No, however your Pastor may assist the local Pastor with the wedding ceremony.

Can I get married the same day as my arrival in The Islands Of The Bahamas? No, both parties must have resided in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas for not less than one day prior to the date of the application.

Can I apply for a marriage license by mail? No, both parties must be in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas at the time of the application.

I would like to get married in the Family Islands; do I need to come to Nassau for a marriage license? No, you can obtain a marriage license at the Commissioner's office on that island (in Marsh Harbour).

Can I get married on the weekend? Yes, you can get married on Saturday or Sunday, provided you make application during the working days of Thursday or Friday.

Would my marriage license be legal in my country? Yes, the Bahamas marriage license is a legal document issued by the Bahamas government.

(Not sure if these are available in Abaco but should you need further assistance beyond what we can offer, you might try these sources, below)

The Weddings and Honeymoon Unit of the Ministry of Tourism offers services to assist you in organizing your own ceremony or, by acting as a facilitator between you and on-island wedding consultants, help you to plan any type of wedding.

For further information, call 1-888-NUPTIAL (1-888-687-8425) or the Weddings and Honeymoon Unit directly at 1-242-356-0435/7/8. You can also e-mail an officer at romance@bahamas.com. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For consultation, you may also contact the Bahamas Bridal Association at 1-242-380-8161, or email at info@bahamas-bridal-association.com.