

Weddings & Honeymoons

Guide



WEDDINGS

If you're planning a celebration abroad, we'll help you make it one for the history books.

Here at Virgin Holidays, we've got serious form when it comes to best-ever moments. It's been this way for over 30 years. Naturally, our Sales team is guided by the same passion for helping customers craft extraordinary experiences. The result is a collection of wedding packages that deliver unforgettable

romance, relaxation and fun. We're confident that what you're holding now will inspire you to discover the perfect destination for your celebration. Planning your wedding? Picture it unfolding at a secluded Caribbean resort, at the top of the Rockefeller Center in New York, with Manhattan spread before you, or on a

sun-warmed balcony overlooking South African vineyards. Nothing would make us happier than to make these dreams a reality for you. What's more, choose to have your wedding and honeymoon at certain resorts and the wedding package will be free*.

* Terms and conditions apply.





HONEYMOONS

Shake the last fragments of confetti from your hair, and the adventure has only just begun.

If you decide to have your wedding ceremony at home rather than abroad, we can still help you find your perfect honeymoon.

As well as having a wide choice of romantic hotels available, we work with many resorts that want to share your celebration and will offer you a special honeymoon package when you arrive.

This could be a chilled bottle of bubbly waiting in your room, a complimentary special meal, or perhaps breakfast in bed one morning. Just visit our website for each hotel's full special-offer details.

Pro-tip: some hotels offer special extras you can add to your honeymoon package, for a truly next-level celebration.

CEREMONIES



Same-sex ceremonies

Love is love, and what we love is a good time, happy people and something to celebrate. We can give you all that and more in Florida, Las Vegas, New York City, Canada or South Africa. You can also hold a commitment ceremony in any of these destinations.

Renewals

Why let newlyweds have all the fun? A love like yours should be celebrated more than once. So, whether you want to renew your commitment with a select group of friends or as part of a grand family get-together, our Renewal of Vows packages will make it feel like the first time.

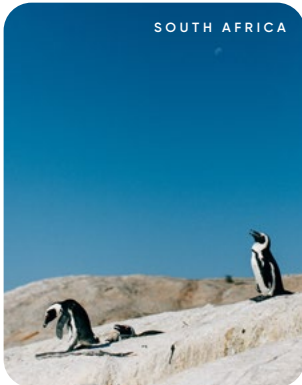
Anniversaries

When someone makes the world a better place every day, you don't need an excuse to let them know. Whether you're celebrating 40 years together or just 68 days, 12 hours and 13 minutes (hey, any excuse for a party) we can help you create an anniversary you'll talk about for years.

Destination inspiration



From stolen glances and walking-on-air, to meeting the parents and moving in, you've come a long way already. So, where will your wedding take you? New York City feels like a movie set, while Las Vegas and Miami bring an irresistible dusk-til-dawn energy. From its vineyards and wildlife reserves to Cape Town's sophistication and charm, South Africa is a world-class wedding destination. The Caribbean islands remix beach perfection and barefoot luxury with near-infinite variety. Cuba and Jamaica offer sublime surroundings and an infectious spirit to complement your big day perfectly.





V-ROOM GATWICK

v-rooms

Getting married or honeymooning with us? We'd like to give you a little something on the house — complimentary access for the happy couple to our exclusive airport departure lounge, the v-room. Our lounges at Manchester and Gatwick are an oasis of calm before your flight, and offer complimentary hot and cold breakfast, soft drinks, juices, tea and coffee. Only bar drinks cost extra. Just mention this offer when you call to book. If you're travelling with family or friends, they can join you in the v-room for a surcharge.



V-ROOM MANCHESTER

Gatwick prices from

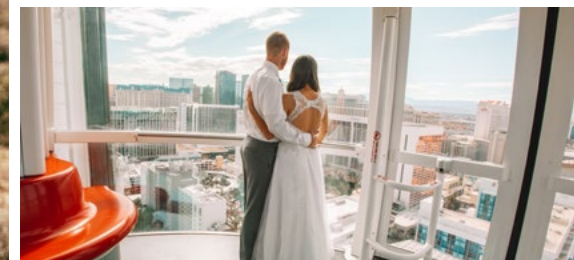
£22 per adult and £13 per child, plus from £4pp for Standard Plus entry (only applicable to adults).
Infants get to chill for free.

Manchester prices from

£25 per adult and £15 per child.

Flying from a different airport? You can still book executive lounges (charges will apply) and relax with a drink before you fly.

Maximum stay of 3 hours prior to flight departure. Exclusive to Virgin Holidays customers. v-room entry is applicable when booked with or added to an existing Virgin Holidays package. Subject to availability. * Available only on flights departing from Gatwick Airport North Terminal and Manchester Airport Terminal 2 in line with Virgin Atlantic's flying programme.



Love is in the air as you step into this, the newest freestanding chapel located right on the Las Vegas strip.

Bliss Wedding Chapel offers a simple, charming, and hassle-free ceremony surrounded by all the glitz and glamour that only Vegas can deliver. With over 100 years of combined wedding chapel experience, our staff are passionate about providing an experience that will exceed your expectations of what a Vegas wedding should be. Whether you're exchanging vows for the first time or celebrating an anniversary, the honour is ours as we help you celebrate this most special day of your life.

Ask now for more information and to book.

Bliss
WEDDING CHAPEL

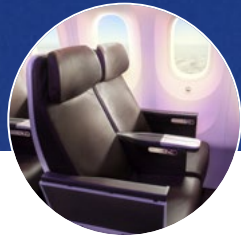
Virgin Atlantic

Step onboard and experience unique spirit, intuitive service and customer-focused innovation.



Upper Class

With dedicated check in and fast track airport experience, in minutes you can be unwinding with a cocktail in our incredible Clubhouse. On board, relax as we serve you imaginatively designed dishes and fine wines. Then settle into your super comfortable Upper Class Suite, enjoying your fully flat bed.



Premium

Start the smoothest of journeys with priority check in and boarding. Sip a welcome drink in our dedicated cabin. Stretch out in your wide leather seat with 38in (over 96cm) seat pitch, while the inset power keeps your gadgets going. Then enjoy your choice of dishes from our premium menu, finished perfectly with a liqueur.



Economy Delight

Enjoy Premium Check In and priority boarding. On board, relax into your extra legroom seat with 34in seat pitch. Enjoy a three course meal, drinks and snacks and fantastic inflight entertainment. Make the most of inset power to keep gadgets going and WiFi^[1].



Economy Classic

Check in online, choosing your seat in advance for free. Drop off your 23kg checked bag before relaxing into your seat on board with 31in seat pitch. Enjoy a three course meal, drinks and snacks and fantastic inflight entertainment. Make the most of inset power to keep gadgets going and WiFi^[1].



Life's better with a little Retail Therapy

DUTY FREE DELIVERED TO YOUR SEAT

Pre-order your duty free and get a 10% discount. Don't miss out — simply visit the range of amazing goodies at [retailtherapysopping.com](https://www.retailtherapysopping.com) and add code **WPAXVHOLS** at check-out. Your shopping will then be delivered to your seat on your next Virgin Atlantic flight.

CELEBRATE THAT SPECIAL OCCASION

If you know someone who's travelling and has reason to celebrate, why not spoil them? Make it an extra special flight, call our team today on **0344 579 0055**.

Please note when you pre-order your duty free, we require 3 working days' notice for flights from Gatwick and Heathrow, and 5 working days' notice for flight from Manchester, Glasgow and Belfast.



Supplements apply for Upper Class, Premium and Economy Delight. Please ask at time of booking. [1] From £4.99



Regional departures

Virgin Atlantic work in partnership with Air France, KLM and Flybe to offer an extensive choice of UK departure options.

Flybe offer convenient connections on to Virgin Atlantic services from London Heathrow and Manchester.

Air France and KLM provide seamless connections via their Paris and Amsterdam hubs, on to destinations across North America.

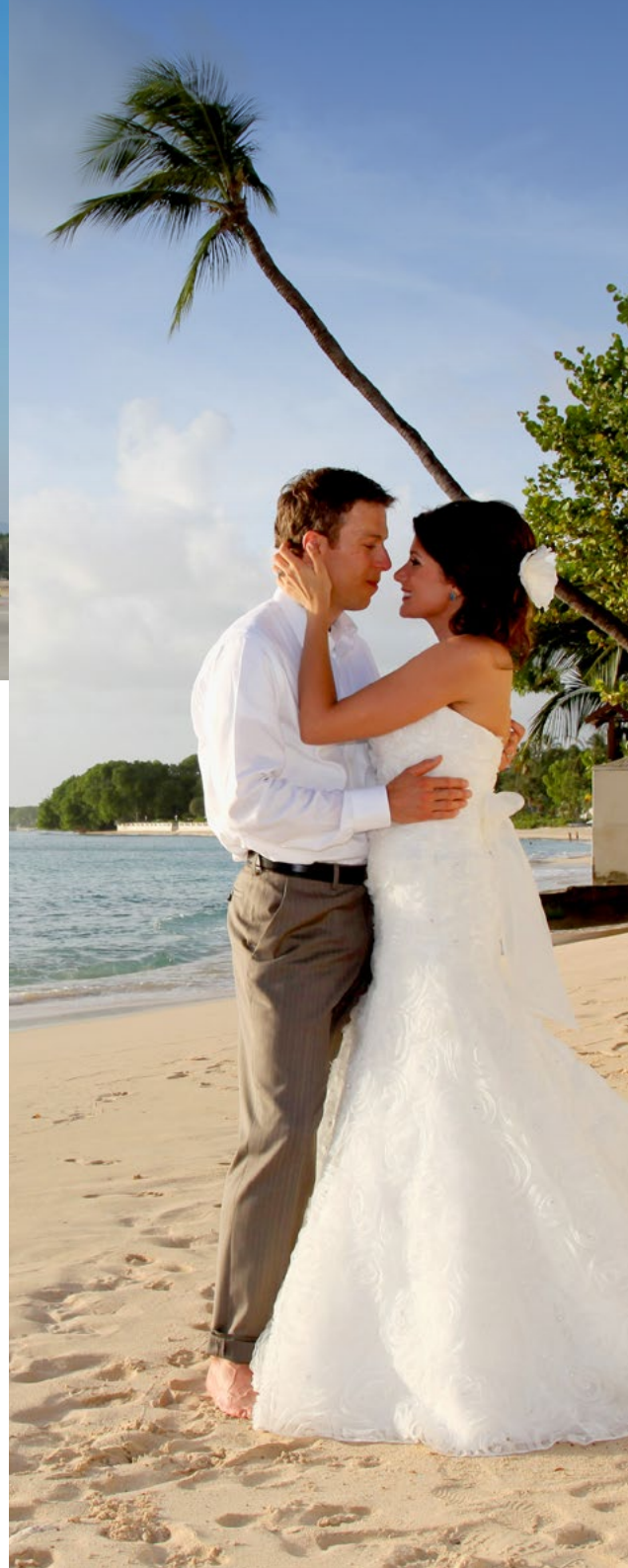
AIRFRANCE

KLM

flybe.
Close to you

REGIONAL DEPARTURES ARE AVAILABLE FROM

- Aberdeen • Belfast • Birmingham • Bristol • Cardiff • Edinburgh • Exeter • Glasgow
- Humberside • Inverness • Leeds Bradford • London City • Durham Tees Valley • Newcastle
- Newquay • Norwich • Southampton



ELEGANT HOTELS
CARIBBEAN

Luxury, style and personal service are the hallmarks of your Elegant Hotels wedding.

Seven beachfront hotels in Barbados and one in St Lucia offer the perfect locations to say 'I do', whether you choose the sand between your toes and the waves at your feet or our beautiful tropical garden ceremony.

Select our complimentary ceremony or the celebrated Emma Corrie décor packages, and our experienced wedding planners will ensure your wedding day vision is brought to life.

Ask now for more information and to book.



Virgin Atlantic Clubhouse

Experience the Clubhouse

Get your journey off to a stylish start in the Virgin Atlantic Clubhouse at Gatwick. This fabulously designed lounge is the ultimate place to relax, dine, enjoy a drink and freshen up before you fly.

- Indulge in something delicious from our complimentary à la carte menu featuring tasty brunch treats including, of course, the Great British Breakfast
- Toast your journey with some award winning cocktails, created by East London cocktail bar White Lyan – compliments of the house

- For a truly transformative start to your trip, check in to our renowned Wellness Spa for a complimentary treatment
- Naturally, leave your hand luggage with us. We'll keep it safe until it's time to board, so you can concentrate on enjoying the Clubhouse

Pre-book the Clubhouse

Not travelling in Upper Class? For £65 per person* at Gatwick you can experience the wonders of the Clubhouse for yourself. It's the perfect place to relax before your flight.

* Minimum age is 10 years and Clubhouse entry must be pre-booked.

JAMAICA
SAINT LUCIA
ANTIGUA
BAHAMAS
GRENADA
BARBADOS

Sandals
LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED



VOTED THE WORLD'S LEADING ALL-INCLUSIVE FAMILY RESORTS FOR **24** YEARS IN A ROW

The most romantic suites IN THE CARIBBEAN

Our 5-star accommodation, called Love Nest Butler Suites®, are ranked among the finest and most romantic in the world. Absolute privacy and pure luxury are guaranteed when staying in these suites, from Over-the-Water Villas to Millionaire Suites, enjoy soaking tubs on the balcony, private plunge pools and even your own personal Butler Service, to cater to your every need.



SAY "I DO" IN PARADISE



FREE WEDDING

They say the best things in life are free. And we happen to agree. That's why, when you book 3 nights or more, we'll gift you a wedding for free*. This includes a stunning ceremony location, a bouquet, boutonniere, and even a cake to cut when it's all said and done! Plus if you want to customise your dream wedding the options are endless, with our wedding inspirations. So feel free to add some flare. Get downright creative. Most importantly, dream differently.



WEDDING INSPIRATIONS

Sandals' stunning Wedding Inspirations are designed to inspire your imagination and help plan the wedding of your dreams. You can mix and match our tasteful décor options to reflect your personal style. Our inspirations are styled ideas, colours, flowers, and finishing touches that will guide you through the planning journey and bring your vision to life. Plus our personal wedding planners will assist you every step of the way.



HONEYMOON AT THE RESORTS MADE FOR LOVE

Once you've said 'I Do' the honeymoon of your dreams can begin. And as newlyweds you can enjoy exclusive honeymoon inclusions**.

A BUBBLY WELCOME

A bottle of chilled sparkling wine to toast to eternal love.

ROMANTIC TURNDOWN

A little something special on the first evening of your honeymoon.

WAKE-UP TO WEDDED BLISS

Breakfast-in-bed on a morning of your choice.

ASK NOW FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK

*Free wedding applicable to all bookings at Sandals Resorts with a minimum stay of three (3) paid nights or more. All weddings are subject to mandatory marriage officiant and government documentation fees. **Register online for Honeymoon inclusions at sandals.co.uk

Stylish additions

Private transfers



In the spirit of protecting your Zen calm between airport and resort, may we recommend a private transfer? Leave suitcase wrangling and stressful transfers behind, and arrive at your hotel in air-conditioned comfort. It's a small extra that can transform how you start your trip.

Advance check-in



We want that holiday feeling to start for you as soon as possible. Check in for your flight online before you arrive at the airport, then all you need to do is drop off your luggage. This gives you more time for the important stuff (like getting really, really excited about your trip).

Room upgrades



So you've found a room you like. Why not ask us about upgrades that could transform it into a room you absolutely, pinch-me-is-this-real *love*? We offer all sorts of good stuff, from resort-best views and beach-front rooms to spacious suites you'll never want to leave.

Concierge service



Nothing beats having insider knowledge on tap – the best-kept-secret bars, the bucket-list views, where the locals love to eat... When you book to stay at certain resorts with us, you'll have the opportunity to quiz one of our experienced Resort Experts for info before and during your stay.



All you need to create incredible memories is the love of your life and the desire to take a giant bite out of the Big Apple. Savour the moment with an intimate ceremony in Central Park or wed sixty-seven storeys above Fifth Avenue at the top of the world-famous Rockefeller Centre (with the Empire State Building as your backdrop).



[Ask now for more information and to book.](#)

Hints tips

You can probably live without our thoughts on wedding train styles*, speech etiquette, and whether or not to pick *Thinking Out Loud* for your first dance. However, we do know how to throw a heck of a party, and we've rounded up some top destination-wedding wisdom for you here.

Don't stress!

Our Sales team takes personal pride in answering your questions, helping you find your perfect wedding destination, and guiding you through the paperwork involved.

Want extras?

Local wedding co-ordinators are there for you. If you arrive and then decide you want to add extras to your package, just ask. They'll do everything they can to sort it.

Want to get hitched in a hurry?

No problem. New York, Las Vegas, Florida, Barbados and Antigua are your best bets for a speedy ceremony.

Going off the beaten track?

Mauritius or South Africa could be perfect, but be prepared to stay that little bit longer. Some countries have minimum residency periods.

Get the legal stuff sorted

If you're not sure what you need to get married at a specific destination, check out our table on page 32. And keep in mind that some countries require a visa to enter.

Show your paperwork

Take your wedding certificate with you as proof, as this may be required to receive any special perks the hotel offers newlyweds.

Consider the climate

Pack and use sunscreen — nobody wants tan lines on their wedding day. And gentlemen? Consider dark colours for your wedding attire. Light colours can really highlight perspiration.

Get your beauty sleep

Be sure to get a good night's sleep the night before your wedding, and have a healthy breakfast that morning to ensure you're energised and looking your best for the big day!

The language of love

Got your heart set on Mexico or Cuba? These countries require wedding documents to be translated, so that's another cost to consider.

* For what it's worth, we're all about the Sweep Train. Minimal, but elegant.

Wedding inspiration



Beach

Whether you plan to say ‘I do’ soundtracked by the gentle wash of the ocean, or dream of celebrating your union with barefoot luxury under swaying palms, the Caribbean specialises in beach resorts that love to exceed expectations. Antigua’s **Blue Waters** resort offers laid-back elegance located on not one but two gorgeous white-sand beaches. The adults-only **Sandals Barbados**, meanwhile, nestles between vivid green gardens and a flawless stretch of soft sandy beach on the south coast. And, of course, we’ve barely dipped a toe into the region’s full range of sublime beach resorts.

Adventure

If your wedding is just the latest in a string of adventures, we’ll take you where the action is. The **Fairmont Chateau Whistler** sits at the base of Canada’s Blackcomb Mountain, offering skiing and snowboarding in the winter, and hiking and mountain biking in the summer. Go on safari and explore the South African bushveld at **Ulusaba Private Game Reserve**, or hit the Strip in Vegas after a helicopter ride to get married in the awe-inspiring **Valley of Fire**.



City

Does your sophisticated side yearn for a big-city backdrop to the big day? Then celebrate your union in **Central Park** with movie-set New York all around you. Tie the knot in the world-famous **Chapel of the Flowers**, just off Las Vegas’ magnificent neon playground — the Strip.



Same-sex

Some destinations just know how to do things right. **Miami** has beaches for days, world-class clubs and the hippest Art Deco hotels. In NYC there are few wedding venues with better views and better vibes than the state-of-the-art **Top of the Rock** observation decks at Rockefeller Center. And for a South Beach feel in the good-times capital of the world (plus a very romantic four-acre garden), the **Tropicana** in Las Vegas is the place to go. And speaking of Las Vegas, if you're looking for an elegant wedding then head to the **Wynn**.



Family

Getting married with the tribe in tow? We can make it an experience for all ages (and *the* ages). **Cypress Grove Lakeside Plantation** offers romantic seclusion for the ceremony, combined with a family-friendly location in the heart of Orlando. **Beaches Negril** in Jamaica has an amazing kids' club and waterpark. In Mexico, check out **Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort** for outstanding facilities and daily activities for youngsters.

Why have your big day with us?

1

Free weddings

Two words: free wedding*. While we're tempted to drop the mic and just let that magical phrase hang in the air, we'd hate for you to think it's too good to be true. So here's how it works: we've put our heads together with key hoteliers in the Caribbean and beyond, creating complimentary wedding packages that let you have your big day at their resort at no extra cost, and then flow effortlessly into your honeymoon.

* Terms and conditions apply.

2

Group discounts

There's a good chance that, having decided to exchange vows on a palm-fringed sweep of sugar sand, you'd like to have more than just sea turtles waiting to catch the bouquet. Because we want you to be able to share your big day with friends and family, we offer discounts for group bookings of 10 or more adults.

3

Virgin Holidays Gift List

Memories, not toasters, are the currency of a life well spent. It's why we created the Gift List — a free service that makes it easy for family and friends to contribute to the holiday of your lifetime. Your personalised Gift List page is easy to set up and customise online, complete with your own introduction and imagery. We'll even provide Gift List cards to pop into your wedding invitations.

Simply visit giftlist.virginholidays.co.uk

* If you take additional internal flights, please check that the box complies with the airline's baggage restrictions.

4

Inspiring choices

Even if you have an idea of where in the world you'd like to celebrate, we hope to inspire you to explore other possibilities. After all, between the brochure you're holding, online and in-store, we have hundreds of destinations to tempt you. Have you considered going multi-destination? Take your time, ask us anything. We're confident we have the package that's perfect for you.

5

Here to help

Our Sales team is here to help your destination wedding go smoothly. We can provide invaluable local knowledge and advice so you feel completely confident about your choice of destination. We'll check the documentation you need to get married there, too. Meanwhile, in-resort co-ordinators are on hand to answer *your Help, we're leaving in 24 hours!* queries and put your minds at rest. Doesn't that feel better already?

6

Destination extras

Many of our partners share our belief in the power of little details to delight. A bottle of chilled Champagne. A basket of fresh fruit. Tropical blooms whose scent and colour fill your senses when you enter your room. Whether complimentary or specially requested, these touches can transform a holiday.

7

Ceremony Attire Carriage Box

To ensure your wedding outfits aren't crumpled and creased, we exclusively offer a Ceremony Attire Carriage Box service for safe, easy transport of your all-important garments. Crucially, it's compact enough to fit into the overhead locker*. After all, you're not letting *the dress* out of your sight, right? What's more, thanks to an acid-free tissue insert, the box will provide attractive and enduring storage for years to come. The Ceremony Attire Carriage Box is available from our Sales team.

Your questions answered

What's included in a Virgin Holidays wedding?

At most resorts and venues we offer a choice of several wedding packages. The package is for the bride and groom, unless otherwise stated. After choosing the package that appeals to you, simply book it in conjunction with your Virgin holiday.

Can we invite guests to our wedding?

Definitely! This is a very popular way to get married overseas. Just let us know how many guests will be attending and our reservations team will assist in booking their holiday. If you are planning to invite guests to your wedding and they are staying in a

separate resort, please check with the Sales team to see if it's possible for them to enter your hotel and use its facilities, as this is not always the case. Some resorts allow visitors to come into the resort on day passes for an additional charge; however, it's worth noting that resorts can, and do, limit visits from outside guests and sometimes hotels do not allow children at all. **Please note that we are unable to arrange wedding receptions. They are not included in your all-inclusive board basis and would be at an extra cost (payable locally).**

Will our overseas marriage be legal in the UK?

Virgin Holidays' overseas weddings are registered in the country where they take

place, but are also legally recognised in the UK. If you don't live permanently in the UK, please check with your own embassy and the embassy of the country you're getting married in as requirements can be different depending on nationalities. Our wedding packages can only be booked as part of a complete Virgin Holidays package. For legal requirements for all the featured wedding destinations, please read pages 32–36 in this guide.

Where will the wedding be registered?

When a marriage takes place abroad under foreign local law it cannot be registered in the UK. However, a record of the marriage can be lodged with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office via the General Register Office (telephone 0300 123 1837) by depositing an original marriage certificate. This only applies to certain countries, and where it is possible a fee will be required. This means that in future a marriage certificate could be issued by the General Register Office here, should the need arise.

How do we book optional extras?

When you have booked your holiday we will send you details of your local wedding co-ordinator in your chosen resort, who will be happy to liaise with you regarding any additional wedding ceremony options available for your location. These can be requested before you travel directly with the hotel or venue. Payment for any extras that are not included in the cost of your wedding should be made locally, or prepaid before you travel (prices are subject to change locally without notice).

Where will our wedding ceremony take place?

After consulting with the wedding co-ordinator, you can choose the location of your ceremony – usually in the hotel grounds or a gazebo. A beach ceremony is not always possible, but you can, if you like, head down to the sea afterwards for a celebratory glass or two of Champagne.



Talk to our Sales team on **0344 739 7470**

Find your nearest Virgin Holidays store [virginholidays.co.uk/stores](https://www.virginholidays.co.uk/stores)

Who will conduct our ceremony?

The majority of our weddings are conducted by a marriage officer, although their title may vary depending on the resort – e.g. Celebrant, Minister or Registrar. Where it is possible to be married by a Minister the ceremony will be non-denominational unless otherwise stated.

When will we get our marriage certificate?

It could take up to twelve months to be processed and mailed to you, so if you are planning a marriage blessing when you get back to the UK, please bear this in mind. If you want more than one certificate, request this in-resort.

What are the legal requirements?

The exact legal documentation required for each destination is subject to change and is set

by the respective country (see details on page 32). Virgin Holidays' Sales team will endeavour to advise you of any changes to these requirements as soon as possible. Virgin Holidays cannot be held accountable for any changes in legislation or for any resulting fees payable by the wedding couple in order to comply with these legalities.

Is it possible to organise a private reception with our guests after the ceremony?

To celebrate the end of your special day, your resort wedding co-ordinator can organise a reception meal for you and your guests so you can keep the celebration going. **Please bear in mind receptions are NOT included in your holiday and will come at an extra cost, which is paid directly to the resort.** You may wish to check this in advance if booking for a large wedding party, so you're aware of these additional costs prior to booking your wedding package with us.

Barbados snapshot

Choose to get married on the island of Barbados and you'll discover an incredible honeymoon adventure right on your doorstep.

Breathless 'I dos' exchanged, and after a couple of blissful days venturing no further from your suite than the pool, you're ready to explore Barbados. But where to first? If it's a Friday or Saturday night, we highly recommend taking a healthy appetite for fun and fantastic seafood to **Oistins Fish Fry**. Every weekend, this open-air cookout is alive with epic sound systems, the staccato slap of dominos, and the aromas of freshly landed seafood being grilled or fried to perfection. See dolphin on the menu? Don't worry — it's just the local name for mahi-mahi. Come before 6pm to catch the tail end (pun 100% intended) of the fish market that precedes it. Ask the vendors for scraps and you can feed the turtles as the sun sets. A lovely bonus.

Fancy a bit of history? Let's ease in gently with a visit to the 315+ year-old **Mount Gay Rum Distillery**. There are several tours to choose from, but the Lunch Experience, with Signature Tasting, Bajan Buffet lunch and Bottomless Rum Punch Station is so... enjoyable, you'd be wise to book a taxi there and back.

The **Historic Barbados Garrison** is an education in more ways than one. There's loads to do at this UNESCO World Heritage Site: you can watch the Changing of the Sentry, cling



to one another during macabre night-time tours, explore 10,000+ feet of subterranean tunnels and, season depending, watch horse racing at the Barbados Turf Club.

Long for a bit of blissful cool and an unforgettable experience in one? Taking the hour-long tram tour of **Harrison's Cave** is a fantastically entertaining way to see this extensive network of stalactite and stalagmite-encrusted caverns.

Of course, you can't visit Barbados without spending time among its teeming coral reefs, and an **Atlantis Submarines tour** is a unique way to take the plunge. Day and nighttime tours depart from Bridgetown Harbour, dive to a depth of around 150 feet, and offer everyone spectacular views of the deep (and its colourful residents).

And we haven't even got to 'liming' yet — **Liming** is a national obsession — the art of drinking, eating and relaxing with friends, new and old. But, it's not as easy as it looks. Thankfully, there's no end of ramshackle beachside bars and encouraging locals to get you started. In liming as in life, practice really does make perfect.

The world's first Departure Beach

Check in, chill out and wring every last memory from your Barbados holiday, with our fabulous Departure Beach.

Until now, hanging around at the airport on departure day has felt like the inevitable price you pay for going on an exotic holiday. But no longer. You see, we've only gone and come up with a fantastic new way to make sure that the last day of your holiday is as good as all the others.

Announcing — ta-dah! — the Departure Beach. It's essentially a super-cool Virgin Holidays lounge, but on a beach. Genius.

Soon, instead of kicking your heels at the airport, you could be taking a swim, giving your tan a final nudge to impress your workmates, and sipping rum punch with a happy grin on your face.

And as you indulge yourself with the inclusive food and soft drinks, sitting on a beach chair under the Bajan sun, you can congratulate yourself on choosing to travel with an operator that, like you, believes that holidays should be a pleasure from start to finish.

Prices from £25 per adult.

To book your spot on the beach, call 0333 305 1769 or visit your local Virgin Holidays store.

Please note that some areas of Departure Beach are not accessible to wheelchair users — please contact our Special Assistance team on 0333 305 1671 for more information.

Legal requirements

	ANTIGUA	BAHAMAS	BARBADOS	CANADA	CUBA	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	GRENADA	JAMAICA	MAURITIUS	MEXICO	SOUTH AFRICA	TOBAGO	TURKS & CAICOS	USA & HAWAII
Minimum residency period recommended (in working days)	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	3	2	2**
Passports required	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Birth certificates required	● ⁺⁺⁺	●	●	● ⁺⁺⁺	●	●	●	●	● ^{**}	●	●	●	●	●
Re-issued birth certificates								●	● ^{**}	● ^{**}				
Re-issued adoption certificates									●					
If never previously married														
Affidavit to declare single status (only valid for a three month period) so please apply for under 90 days prior to your wedding						●	●				●	●	●	
If divorced														
Decree absolute	●	●	●	●	● ^{**}	●	●	●	● ^{**}	●	●	●	●	●
If divorced less than 300 days – mandatory pregnancy test in resort									●	●				
If widowed														
Spouse's death certificate and previous marriage certificate	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ^{**}	●	●	●	●	●
If adopted														
Proof required	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ^{**}	●	●	●	●	●
If name changed by deed poll														
Proof required	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Parental consent required in the form of an affidavit stamped by a notary if under 18 years (unless otherwise stated)	●	●	●	● [†]	●	●	●	● [†]	●	●	● [†]	●	●	●
Legalisation/translation of documents by Foreign and Commonwealth Office/Consulate, for every certificate and document required					● ^{**}	●			● ^{**}	● ^{**}	●			
Certified documents required						●		● ^{**}		●	● ^{**}		●	
Important legal formalities upon arrival to obtain marriage licence. Please see relevant information on page 34.				● ^{**}	●		●	●	● ^{**}	● ^{**}	●			
Statement of personal details (e.g. names, addresses and occupations)	●		●		●		●	●	●	●		●		
Documentation required (weeks)	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Passport photos											●			
Blood tests locally										●				

Please call our Sales team on 0344 739 7470 for the legal requirements for St Vincent. † If under 21 years of age. †† Please see notes on pages 34–36. ††† Birth certificates are only required if the bride or groom are divorced.

** USA — the residency stated is a Virgin Holidays' prerequisite and not a legal requirement. In some circumstances, we may be able to request a wedding with only one or two working days' residency. Please contact the Sales team to see if this is possible before requesting.

Legal requirements and Essential info

Legal requirements

Canada

Additional licence is required if divorced. For Banff and Lake Louise weddings, a licence and registration form must be completed, which will be sent out by our Sales team.

Cuba

If either or both of the wedding party has been divorced or widowed, or changed their name by deed poll, the decree absolute(s) or death certificate(s) must be legalised by the Foreign Office prior to departure. These documents must also be translated and legalised by the Cuban Embassy. Please contact the relevant embassy for rates prior to booking as these rates can be expensive.

Dominican Republic

You will need to supply one photocopy of passport, picture/information page (Bride and Groom). In addition, passport photocopies of the witnesses (which can't be family members – if you do not have witnesses, the hotel will provide them). There is a mandatory 10 months waiting period after a divorce. The documents must be legalised by the Dominican Consulate no more than 3 months prior to the wedding

date. Please contact relevant embassy for costs prior to booking as these can be expensive. Couples must supply copies of their documents with their initial documentation and take all translated and legalised originals with them when they travel.

Grenada

Residency requirement of 72 hours, including weekends and holidays, in addition to 1-3 days for licensing. Example: Friday arrivals can be married on the following Thursday. Monday arrivals can be married on Friday. Or 48-hour express wedding can be purchased for approximately \$190 fee, which must include one business day (this includes day of arrival). For example; Friday arrival, married on Monday.

Jamaica

All photocopies are required to be certified by a solicitor and then written in ink. The solicitor must confirm that they are true and accurate copies of the original, and sign and date each copy. Your solicitor may not stamp your birth certificate, so a re-issued certificate may be needed. The solicitor's stamp must state that they are, in fact, a solicitor. All documents must be translated into English and must be in resort 6 weeks prior to wedding.

Mauritius

A re-issued birth certificate needs to be applied for via the governments records office no more than 3 months before the wedding. Also an 'Application to Marry' form will be sent to the couple by the Sales team and must be completed and signed by both bride and groom. All original documents and re-issued birth certificates must be taken to Mauritius for formalities in Port Louis.

The Mauritian Civil Status Office require your reissued birth certificate, reissued adoption certificate, previous marriage certificate, divorce decree and death certificate to have the official seal of the General Register Office showing or official seal of the issuing authority. The seal can either be printed or embossed. If any of these documents do not have an official seal you will be required to obtain an Apostille Document from The Legislation Office based in your country of birth.

Please note, the only documents that require a reissued copy 3 months prior to your wedding date are birth certificates and adoption certificates.

Mexico

Bride, if divorced under one year, will need to take a pregnancy test locally. If the result is positive, the wedding cannot go ahead. Blood tests are required locally to test for blood type, HIV and STDs. If positive, the wedding cannot be performed.

Mexico blood test, marriage validation and judges fees are required to be taken and paid for locally by the couple and can amount to, in some circumstances to \$2,000. If the couple have been married previously or would like their parents names on their wedding certificate, all the documents must be endorsed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office prior to departure and translated into Spanish, either in the UK or at the resort (not available at all resorts, fee payable locally where available). Please contact the relevant embassy for rates prior to booking as these rates can be expensive. All translated and certified documents (with the exception of passports) become the property of the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico.



Sandals and Beaches Properties

Failure to provide the correct documentation 60 days before travel will result in a charge of \$150 being imposed by Sandals/Beaches for documentation administration. This must be paid before departure. If these documents are not received before travel, Sandals/Beaches reserves the right to cancel the wedding. Sandals properties are for adults only and children may not be allowed into the hotels for the ceremony. Couples need to also complete a Marriage Licence Processing form which will be sent to the couple by the Sales team. For residency and documentation requirements please check page 32–33 for the country your Sandals/Beaches hotel is based. At Sandals and Beaches Resorts, in Jamaica only, a typed birth certificate is required if the names are unreadable. Sandals will confirm if they deem them unreadable.

South Africa

All couples must complete the BI 31 form before departure. These forms will be sent to the couple by the Sales team. Documents may need to be certified, dependant on region/area, and you must produce an affidavit declaring your marital status. Any Decree Absolute must be sent to Foreign & Commonwealth Office prior to departure to be certified. When you arrive in South Africa three passport photos will be also be required for your Marriage Licence.

Please note: a change of name deed may be required for some resorts, even if the bride and groom has been previously married and reverted back to their maiden name. The Sales team will be able to advise on this. Visas are required by British citizens for a number of our destinations, and a charge may be applicable — for up-to-date information please check with the relevant embassy. The information on these pages is for guidance purposes only. Please contact the relevant embassy for up-to-date legal requirements. Documentation requirements and charges can change and we will send a complete list of all documents required with the wedding confirmation. Any further changes will be notified immediately. If you are not a British citizen, please contact the relevant embassy who will advise on the correct documentation. Please remember to hand carry original documentation to resort. Failure to do so may result in the wedding being cancelled. Virgin Holidays can take no responsibility for failure to produce the correct documentation in resort.

Essential info

All weddings are subject to availability. This brochure contains details of weddings only. In order to book a wedding package, the wedding couple must also have a holiday confirmed with Virgin Holidays. We do not sell weddings without a package.

Unless otherwise stated, wedding packages are for the bride and groom only. All weddings are on a request-only basis and subject to availability. Wedding packages do not include any accommodation.

All Virgin Holidays wedding packages are subject to payment of an additional deposit at the time of booking, which is non-refundable and is in addition to your holiday deposit. Please note, your wedding will not be confirmed, and no contract is in place, until you have received written confirmation from Virgin Holidays. Although Virgin Holidays will advise the venue/resort of the requested time of the wedding ceremony, the actual time will only be confirmed in resort upon arrival. Virgin Holidays accepts no responsibility for the actual time the ceremony takes place.

Any requested wedding extras are payable by you in resort and are subject to change without prior notification. Free weddings are not combinable with any other special offers, which may from time to time be available.

Original documents are required for all wedding packages. Virgin Holidays will tell you what is required to obtain a licence for your chosen destination and will advise you if we receive notification of any changes from the resort or the venue. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have your original documentation with you at all times. If additional documentation is required to

obtain a marriage licence — e.g. affidavits — or your documentation needs to be legalised, translated or certified, then the cost of this is not included in your wedding package. In some destinations this may prove expensive. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct documentation with you.

This Essential Information must be read in conjunction with the terms and conditions and useful information, as stated in our brochures and at www.virginholidays.co.uk/important/terms-and-conditions. These conditions govern your relationship with Virgin Holidays and set out our obligations to you, and certain exclusions of Virgin Holidays responsibility. The terms include limitations on the liability of Virgin Holidays.

Here is a brief summary of our liability clause; the full clause appears in our full set of booking conditions. Before making your booking, you must have read and accepted the full version of all the booking conditions that appear in the brochure and/or on the website from which your holiday is booked.

Our liability to you

Our liability is limited in accordance with our full booking conditions which you must read in full before booking your wedding and holiday package. Except as specifically set out in our booking conditions, we will not accept any further or different liability than the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 impose. It is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used if you wish to make a claim against us.

We promise to use reasonable skill and care in the performance of our contractual obligations, subject to and in accordance with our full booking conditions. We will



not be liable where any failure to perform or improper performance of the services is due to: you or another member of your party; or a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel services in the package and is unforeseeable or unavoidable; or where there are unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, which means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken.

You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included with your Wedding and Holiday package. If any of the travel services included in your wedding or holiday package are not performed in accordance with the contract, or are improperly performed, by us or the travel service suppliers, and this has affected the enjoyment of your travel arrangements, you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both.

Our liability is also limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to the contractual terms of the companies that provide the travel services that make up

your package. These terms are incorporated into your booking together with any relevant international convention relating to your wedding and holiday package.

We will not accept responsibility for services or facilities which do not form part of our agreement or where they are not advertised in our brochure or on our website. For example any excursion you book whilst away, or any service or facility which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you. Please note that this position also includes all hazardous activities.

Every occurrence of unavoidable or extraordinary circumstances will lead to the suspension of our obligations as set out in our booking conditions, please refer to these for details of the limitation of our obligations in these circumstances.

As Virgin Holidays has no jurisdiction over hotels/resorts/venues and their charges, we cannot be responsible for any increase or change to your wedding arrangements. We will, however, endeavour to advise you of changes as soon as these are made known to us.

While it is unlikely that we will have to make any changes to your arrangements, occasionally we may have to make changes and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes will be minor and we will advise you of them at the earliest possible opportunity. We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. However, we will not cancel your arrangements less than 12 weeks before your departure date, except for reasons of unavoidable or extraordinary circumstances or failure by you to pay the final balance.

You may cancel your wedding and holiday arrangements at any time, however, you may not cancel your holiday arrangements without also cancelling your wedding. Written notification of the cancellation must be received at our offices. Since we incur costs in cancelling your wedding and holiday arrangements, you will have to pay both the cancellation charge applicable to your holiday as detailed in the grid shown here and the cancellation charges imposed by the local wedding operator. These may be to the full value of the cost of the wedding and are in addition to any cancellation charges on the holiday cost. Full details will be provided by our Sales team.

Certain arrangements may not be cancelled after they have been confirmed and any cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements. Any changes by you to the date of the wedding ceremony will be subject to an amendment fee of £25 per person.

No special arrangements exist for transportation of a wedding dress (unless passengers are travelling with Virgin Atlantic in Upper Class).

This brochure is valid from 1 January 2020 until publication of any revised edition or until we advise you further.

Our dedicated Sales team will be able to answer all your questions, so please do not hesitate to contact them on **0344 739 7470**.

Holiday cancellation charges

Period before departure within which notice of cancellation is received by us in writing	% of total booking price*
More than 84 days	Loss of deposit
57-84 days	30%
37-56 days	50%
22-36 days	70%
7-21 days	90%
Less than 7 days	100%

* In some cases the deposit may be a higher amount to secure your arrangements, this will be non-refundable and the charges will be added to the cancellation charges above.



Whatever your big day looks like in your dreams, we'll help you make it come true.

At Virgin Holidays, we LOVE a party. So, whomever you love and wherever you are in your journey together, we'll move heaven and earth to help you plan your big day to perfection. From weddings in NYC, and renewal ceremonies in Jamaica, to honeymoons in Cuba and beyond, we're buzzing with ideas. Let's talk...

VISIT

Find your nearest Virgin Holidays store
virginholidays.co.uk/stores

CALL

Talk to our Sales team
0344 739 7470

Mon-Fri 9am-9pm
Saturday 9am-7pm
Sunday 10am-6pm

