

# SUNSHINE

Choose a locale with warm rays, clear skies and gentle breezes for your destination wedding. Palm trees are merely a plus.

Go balmy. Unabashedly balmy. Marry where the temps remain on the high side. No shivers, ice patches or bulky jackets will dampen your big day. Hold your ceremony on the beach, then dance under the stars ... or choose from beautiful indoor venues. You'll still be steps from the nurturing sun.



## LUXURY, TAILOR-MADE

Discerning couples want a say in their wedding's style, so **Paradisus Resorts** offers themes from sophisticated to playful. Whether you marry in Mexico, the Dominican Republic or Costa Rica (2015), you'll choose from six all-out decor options. Go bohemian with Chill Out Chic, organic with Allure or elegant with Fantasy, for example. Most packages include not only the ceremony but a cocktail party and dinner reception that reflect the couple's theme, plus extras like bridal hairstyling and a decorated guestroom with sparkling wine, petite fours, petals on the bed and scented bubble bath. Not sure what you'll like best? Visit via the Love at First Site package. Book a wedding afterward and your three-night vacation with fruit basket and champagne basket will be credited toward your event. 888-741-5600, [paradisus.com](http://paradisus.com)



## WEDDINGS PLUS

Your wedding will be spectacular at any of the **Palladium Hotels & Resorts** in Mexico, Jamaica, Dominican Republic or Brazil, whether your warm-weather ceremony is under a beach gazebo, in a church or within a pergola. Thanks to Karen Bussen's Simple Stunning wedding packages, your entire event will reflect your style in a unified manner.

But why stop the fun after dinner? Each resort has an array of add-on options that are too tempting to pass up. With the Island Pearl package, the ladies can gather at a Bridesmaids Tea Party. Hot beverages in flowered teapots wouldn't do by the Caribbean Sea, so instead you'll bond over sparkling wine, lemonade, ice tea and sweet treats. The guys, meanwhile, can have their own special time in a Groom's Lounge, complete with tapas, cigars and spirited beverages. It's an option with the Simple Stunning Signature Wedding.

All wedding packages invite couples to book an after-party called the Private Beach Bash. You'll wrap up the evening by lounging on beach sofas, dancing under the stars and snacking amid glowing paper lanterns. 800-961-7661, [palladiumweddings.com](http://palladiumweddings.com)



## TRULY ONE-OF-A-KIND

You want your wedding to reflect who you are as a couple, yet you want a stress-free destination ceremony and reception. Enter **Sandals Resorts**. Always ahead of the trend, the all-inclusive couples-only resorts offer Your Wedding, Your Style. Using the Sandals Destination Wedding Designer, an interactive online planning tool, you'll playfully select every item of your big day.

It's fun, and you'll have a personalized affair. Choose a destination and a resort. Then, opt for any of 10 color schemes and add on what you like from more than 1,000 items from flowers to decor enhancements, wedding cakes to entertainment. Best of all, your personal wedding planner will help you with every detail from planning all the design elements pre-travel and final preparations of choosing a location and cake once you arrive, to the execution of the main event.

To keep your honeymoon just as personalized, sign up for the free registry. Loved ones might gift you off-property excursions, candlelit beach dinners and spa treatments. 877-SANDALS, [sandals.com](http://sandals.com)

## HAWAIIAN HAVEN

Luau are festive buffet events in Hawaii, so make Kauai's best one — run by four generations of the Smith family — your wedding, pre-wedding or post-wedding celebration. *Au deux* or with your loved ones of all ages, gather at lush **Smith's Tropical Paradise**. You'll dine on whole pig and other local specialties while watching as hula, Tahitian drum and Samoan knife dancers entertain. You might precede the dinner with your wedding ceremony, perhaps by the majestic Fern Grotto waterfall, reached by private wedding boat and quiet jungle stroll. Another delightful option is the 30-acre botanical and cultural garden, where peacocks wander. The Japanese-themed garden island is a popular spot. Packages include native elements such as flower leis and music by a live Hawaiian singer. 808-821-6895, [smithskauai.com](http://smithskauai.com)

## DOUBLE THE FUN

Embark on your new life together with two adventures in one. **Aston Hotels & Resorts** invites you to marry at any of its Hawaiian resorts then honeymoon in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe or Orlando, or the reverse. Sign on for Take Your Honeymoon On Us! and simply choose your venues.

In Hawaii, say your vows at the Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel and celebrate indoors or at the Coconut Club, with beach views. The all-suite Aston Kaanapali Shores has a garden gazebo for ceremonies, plus free use of lawns and picnic areas for low-key parties. Condo-resort Aston Kona by the Sea invites lawn ceremonies and celebration in an oceanfront event room. And secluded Aston Maui Kaanapali Villas features a garden courtyard that's ideal for weddings. 800-336-5599, [astonhotels.com](http://astonhotels.com)

