

7 Things to Know about Wedding Group Travel

Travelling as a group can mean inside jokes, great stories, plenty of laughs and lifelong memories, but there are a few things to keep in mind to make the experience a little easier on yourself.



Book Early!

Not only is it better booking early to ensure all your guests have a room at the hotel, and a seat on the flight, but we find pricing for groups is often best when booked 12-18 months in advance.

Don't Fall for the Lure of Online Deals!

Many airlines now use "tiered" pricing for groups, meaning rates are quoted based on the approximate group size. This means your group rate may not always be lower than the "best deal" you find online, as those online rates may only be available for 2-6 seats. The benefit with the group rate, even if \$20, \$30 or \$50 more, is that you will earn free seat credits that you can share with your group, or put towards your own travel or wedding costs. Wedding couples and guests also earn extra perks, and you'll know that everyone paid the same rate, if booking at the same time.

Guest counts

Know that not everyone will love the idea you are doing a destination wedding. In fact, you'll probably find some very strong opinions on the subject. Be prepared to be "ok" that not everyone you invite will attend, in fact, we find most commonly, 40-50% of invitees confirm.

Be Flexible

In a perfect world, of course we'd love to get you to that 5* resort in St Lucia in February for \$1500 each, but it's just not going to happen. If you have a firm budget in mind for your guests, please know that you might need to be flexible on either the resort location, or the time of year for travel in order to keep the costs reasonable.

Be Patient

Island time really is a thing. We're just as excited as you are for your wedding in two years, however the onsite vendors tend to work 2-3 months prior to your arrival. As wedding planners, we always start much earlier than this, but we do still have to respect the response time. Not to worry! They are on it and know what they are doing, sometimes a reply just might take a couple of weeks.

Attitude is Key

Even though everything will be arranged to the letter before you arrive in destination, know that things can still go awry as with weddings here at home. Weather issues like rain, your pink flowers look more peach, the minister is 15min late, all can be frustrating but remember what matters most is you're marrying your significant other. (Besides, nobody other than you will notice the small details, they're just excited to be celebrating with you!)

Consider Insurance

REALLY consider travel insurance with a good cancellation, or cancel for any reason plan. These CFAR plans are designed to cover for any unexpected event that prevents travel, and if there was ever a better example needed, 2020 would be it!

