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Traditional weddings in the big chapel, surrounded by your family, are a dream for thousands of people for generations. So many others dream of a wedding abroad, toes in the sand, and heart in the clouds. Planning your wedding with a destination wedding specialist may be the best investment in the next chapter of your family adventure.

VIP Weddings and Travel specializes in destination wedding planning. Whether you have your heart set on exchanging vows on white sand, with the clear blue water lapping at your ankles, or you want to hike into your ceremony and experience the canopy of the rainforest as the roof of your chapel, we can help make dreams come true.

Destination Weddings Are Good for Your Marriage | 5 Reasons

There are many ways to experience love, and traveling with a loved one is one of the longest-lasting experience memories known to humanity. Not only do we connect more when we're abroad, but we set ourselves up with beautiful memories to return to in the future.

1 – Travel Strengthens Romance



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When surveyed by the [US Travel Association](#), the couple who travel together for romance, family, or business trips reports having a more robust relationship on several levels than couples who do not travel. When asked why couples thought this might be the case, they had a few different theories.

Across all conversations, open communication and time spent together were significant factors in the success of their relationships, and travel made that possible. Travel makes us better, more understanding, and compassionate people in general, and sharing that experience with our partner only makes that learning opportunity more lasting.

2 – Destination Weddings are Easier on the Wallet



Looking at the average cost of a wedding in America in 2019, it's easy to see that a destination wedding is a better financial choice for many couples. The average wedding in the US is around \$34-36k, which can more than double in some locations. Meanwhile, a [destination wedding costs](#) an average of \$8-10k. Why is this?

Putting on a wedding on home soil requires decor, catering, a larger venue space, expensive flowers, an expensive dress, expensive tuxedo rentals, and more. When you plan a destination wedding, the dress and the flowers are no longer required to be fancy. When you're in a beautiful destination, even the most simple dress looks elegant and ethereal.

Further, a destination wedding tends to be more intimate, which means fewer people to consider for catering, accommodations, and flights. While your guestlist will be significantly smaller, that doesn't mean you can't share the joy with others still at home.

3 – Combine the Wedding, the Honeymoon, and the Family Vacation



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When you travel to a beautiful and romantic place with your closest friends and family to tie the knot, your **wedding, honeymoon, and family vacation** are all simultaneous. You get to share one of the happiest moments in your life with the people you love and cherish, and you only need to travel once.

You can book hotels or resort spaces in bulk to receive discounts on accommodations for your party, as well as book a package to include catering or activities for your wedding party and guests. Depending on where you choose to commit to each other, the memories and adventures can vary greatly.

4 – The Celebration Lasts Longer and is More Intimate



As mentioned above, the intimacy of a destination wedding allows you to stretch the budget a lot farther. You will be able to prolong your celebration while not restricting yourself to a specific day because of people's work schedules. You're all on vacation.

The average destination wedding guest will stay for four nights before heading home and letting the happy couple enjoy their honeymoon for an additional night or three. When you

can book a block of rooms for the period of your guest's stay, you can save quite a lot. Many resorts also include catering for small groups as part of their standard wedding package, so food is taken care of for the duration of your stay.

5 – No Need for Fancy Decor When Your Setting is Breathtaking



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We touched on this above, but when the magic of a beautiful setting surrounds you, you already look amazing. You could celebrate your wedding ceremony in a tunic and a pool float, and you'd still be stunning. The same can be said for your decor. With a smaller gathering, you'll need fewer supplies, seats, tables, etc.

Destination resorts are used to providing the decor and setup for weddings regularly, and they will have access to locally sourced, relatively inexpensive decoration resources to share with

you. Your wedding planner can set these things up in advance to take the pressure off your shoulders.

Bonus: Making Memories



When we build our relationships on truth, clear communication, and positive memories, we can work through anything in sickness and health. Making memories in foreign lands gives us an anchor to return to for milestone anniversaries and stories to tell future generations.

Our guests will never forget the beauty of your love and will always appreciate the opportunity to travel with you to share in something so special. Destination weddings are often a favorite for blended families, and it allows the two families to happen in a fun and neutral location, filled with adventure and positivity. Additionally, the photos you take and look back on in the future will always carry a wow factor, and you'll have fond memories to reflect on during difficult times.

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Dianne Meyers-Davis is a [destination wedding specialist](#). She has dedicated her life work to helping couples plan their dream weddings abroad. She has experience designing international events and working the logistics to coordinate them without a hitch.

Take a look at the places we've worked in the past for beautiful weddings and honeymoon travel. Remember that your travel agent and a wedding planner can help you navigate the legalities of marriage licensing and other details before you ever step foot in the airport.

Are you looking for an even simpler option? Consider a destination elopement; discuss this possibility with Dianne and the VIP Wedding and Travel team today. Tying the knot doesn't always have to be the center focus of your adventure, so why not budget your vacation time and funds into embarking on the biggest adventure of your life with someone you shall love and cherish forever.