



# Seychelles Weddings

*Let the team at Holiday Factory together with our carefully selected resorts, plan your special day. Whatever romantic island wedding you have in mind, we'll make sure your marriage starts with a touch of magic .*

## Getting Married in Seychelles

There are two options in Seychelles – either a civil marriage or a religious one (Roman Catholic and Anglican only). The first thing to do is decide on your resort.

Once your travel arrangements are confirmed we will be able to set a date with the resort for the ceremony to take place. Most of the hotels in Seychelles offer wedding packages (with a supplementary charge applicable) which include the services of the resort wedding co-ordinator and the location and set up of the chosen venue. Other details can of course also be included : Hair and make- up Spa treatments Bridal bouquet and buttonhole Venue decorations Special dinner, champagne, wedding cake Musical entertainment.

We will assist with the legal formalities prior to your arrival in Seychelles. All you have to do is submit all your documents, via our office, to the Seychelles authorities at least 24 days in advance. Seychelles law stipulates that a couple must arrive in Seychelles at least 2 days prior to the wedding date. This date can be selected subject to the Registrar's availability. Weddings are normally held Mondays through Fridays (excluding public holidays) before 16h00. Should the couple wish to marry on a weekend or public holiday, and after 16h00, a supplementary charge will apply.

Seychelles marriages are legally accepted in South Africa but please make sure you arrange your prenuptial agreement before leaving home. Please be sure to register your marriage with the South African Authorities on your return.

## Requirements and Procedures for Seychelles Weddings

### Civil Marriage

The couple must be in Seychelles at least 2 days prior to wedding date.

The couple must produce the following documents:

- Birth certificate and valid passport;
- If either party is divorced, the decree of divorce;
- If either of the parties is a widow or widower, the death certificate;
- If either party has changed name, proof is required (we recommend a letter certified by a Notary Public);
- Document to show that there is no impediment or lawful hindrance to the intended marriage (If this cannot be obtained, an affidavit has to be signed in Seychelles after a solemn declaration has been made to that effect).



All the above documents must be originals or **copies duly certified** before departure from South Africa.

If any of the documents are not in English or French they will have to be translated into either language, translation to be certified by a Notary Public.

If either party is under the age of 18 years, a parent must accompany him or her.

Occupations, Religions and addresses are verbally certified during ceremony. Certain nationalities require extra formalities for the wedding to be considered legal in their country, details of any additional requirements will be provided upon request.

### Administrative costs for a civil marriage:

Approximately R2700 which includes the Registrar Fees and the Apostil.

Any additional legal costs to be paid by clients accordingly.

### Religious Marriage

The couple must be in Seychelles at least 2 days prior to wedding date.

The couple must produce the following documents:

- Birth certificate
- Baptism certificate
- Confirmation certificate
- Certificate of freedom to be married
- Civil marriage certificate
- If either of the parties is a widow or widower, death certificate
- A certificate to prove that the persons have followed the appropriate course of instruction for marriage
- In the case of a mixed marriage, a letter from the Parish Priest to certify that the person has received permission from the Bishop Permission from the Bishop to get married outside the home country

