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A destination wedding is a more intimate gathering, allowing the bride and groom to spend more time with their invited friends and family. (Photo: Uniglobe Carefree Travel)



Wedding bells and sea shells

by Ryan Hall

Weddings are a time of celebration, where you gather with friends and family to make a public declaration of your love. For many couples, planning the perfect day can be difficult, especially during times of the year when the weather is unfriendly. One way to overcome that challenge is to plan a destination wedding and escape the Saskatchewan winter.

One advantage of a destination wedding is the reduced stress of dealing with a single coordinator versus a large number of vendors. While couples who choose to get married locally may not be able to afford a wedding planner, nearly every resort has someone whose job is to make sure everything is perfect. "Having a wedding coordinator at the location who takes care of all the arrangements allows a couple to worry less and spend more time celebrating," says Correna Tymchen, CTM, destination wedding specialist at Uniglobe Carefree Travel in Saskatoon.

This also gives couples more time to spend with friends and family. There are more opportunities to socialize, sightsee, and create memories with loved ones, adding to the specialness of the event. Destination weddings also tend to have fewer attendees, making it easier to spend personal time with everyone.

While there are benefits to destination weddings, there are also challenges that couples should keep in mind. This includes getting an early start on bookings in order to make sure they can get the venue, and date, they want. Even if they don't know all the details, beginning the process well in advance is a critical part of ensuring couples get the best

experience possible. "Generally, we advise people to start booking 18 months in advance," says Tymchen, "while also suggesting they remain flexible on packages until they know all their exact needs."

One area that often gives couples trouble is finding out how many attendees to plan for. A good rule of thumb to keep in mind is that only about half of the people on a guest list will be able to make the trip to the wedding destination. This gives a general idea of what size of package they will need, but once again it's important to remain flexible. The best way to do that is by making sure to hire an experienced wedding agent who has seen it all and can help with any bumps that happen along the way.

Tymchen also recommends buying travel insurance. Doing so will protect a couple from natural disasters, illnesses, and other unforeseen circumstances that can't be planned for, including happy events such as a pregnancy. "Travel insurance gives peace of mind, no matter what happens," says Tymchen.

What are this year's destination wedding hot spots? Tymchen says the Caribbean is always popular, with Jamaica as the happening spot in 2019. Not only is the scenery beautiful, but the safety and affordability of the island are making it the go-to place for couples. Additionally, since English is the primary language of Jamaica, it's easier to coordinate with local agents and complete the necessary legal documents.

For more information on destination weddings, or to start planning your own special day, contact Correna at corenna@uniglobevacation.com or by calling 306-955-1449.