

Weddings Are A Piece Of Cake In Jamaica

Couples on the hunt for a tropical destination to exchange vows and celebrate the joys of wedded bliss, will find their dreams come true on the enchanted isle of Jamaica.

The destination makes it easy for couples to get married just 24 hours after their arrival; and to alleviate the couple's stress, many of the island's hotels and resorts will make all the wedding arrangements to suit the desires of the bridal couple.

"It's a piece of cake to tie the knot in Jamaica, with just 24 hours needed for couples to receive a marriage license," said John Lynch, Jamaica's Director of Tourism. "The ease and convenience in which people can get married, coupled with the island's vibrant culture and unparalleled beauty, have made Jamaica a preferred choice for destination weddings.

With little advance planning necessary, a couple's wedding day will be an effortless occasion. Specially designed packages from hotels will suit any couple's budget, and many include the cost for the minister, airport transfers, wedding cake and other special requests.

Marriage License

Couples can be married just 24 hours after arriving in Jamaica, providing prior application has been made for a marriage license. In order to apply for a marriage license, couples should contact Jamaica's Ministry of Justice at (876) 906-4923.

Necessary Documents

Unlike many countries, Jamaica does not require couples to take blood tests in order to get married. However, the following documentation is required:

Proof of citizenship - certified copy of birth certificate, which includes father's name. Parent's written consent if under 18 years of age. Proof of divorce if applicable (original certificate of divorce). Certified copy of death certificate for widow or widower.