



Caribbean Weddings Guide 2008

Imagine saying 'I do' beside a stunning azure sea and powder white sand beach. Or how about a pretty plantation house or even at the top of a dramatic mountain peak or on board a super yacht? The Caribbean offers many ways to tie the knot, all guaranteed to make this the best day of your lives.

Why the Caribbean?

Aside from being beautiful, exciting and ultra affordable, tying the knot in the Caribbean is the perfect way to remove all the stresses and strains that usually goes into planning a wedding. All the islands have superb wedding coordinators and are well versed in making your big day the most memorable of your lives whether you decide it's just the two of you or you opt to invite a host of family and friends. And remember, there are so many beautiful spots, you can marry on one island and honeymoon on another.

How to arrange your Caribbean wedding:

A number of tour operators and hotels offer special wedding packages. These usually include: services of a registrar or minister, wedding certificate, decorated location, bouquet for the bride and boutonhole for the groom, wedding cake and sparkling wine. Extras are usually booked and paid for locally (on meeting up with the wedding co-ordinator), such as music, extra flowers, horse drawn carriages, photography and sunset cruises. Many resorts pride themselves on personal service, and will go the extra mile to tailor make your day.

Tour Operators

Abercrombie & Kent

tel: 0845 0700 614
website: www.abercrombiekent.co.uk

Alpheus Leisure

tel: 0800 0598 898
website: www.alpheusleisure.com

Best At Travel

tel: 0870 709 3030
website: www.bestattravel.co.uk

British Airways Holidays

tel: 0870 2433 438
website: www.ba.com/caribbean

Caribbean Collection

tel: 00 353 21 463 5556
website: www.caribbeancollection.ie

Caribbean Expressions

tel: 020 7433 2610
website: www.expressionsholidays.co.uk

Caribtours

tel: 020 7751 0660
website: www.caribtours.co.uk

Club Caribbee

tel: 0208 682 7222
website: www.clubcaribbee.com

Culsen Travel

tel: 01582 729333
website: www.culsentravel.com

Elegant Resorts

tel: 01244 897 999
website: www.elegantresorts.co.uk

Funway Holidays

tel: 0844 557 0624
website: www.funwayholidays.co.uk

Golden Caribbean

tel: 0845 085 8080
website: www.goldencaribbean.co.uk

Harlequin Worldwide Travel Ltd

tel: 0845 450 6433
website: www.harlequinholidays.com

Havanatour UK Ltd

tel: 01707 646 463
website: www.havanatour.co.uk

Holiday Options

tel: 0844 477 9999
website: www.holidayoptions.co.uk

Individual Holidays

tel: 01753 892 111
website: www.individual-holidays.com

Interchange

tel: 020 8681 3612
website:

www.interchangeworldwide.com

International Travel Connections (ITC Classics)

tel: 01244 355 300
website: www.itcclassics.co.uk

Kenwood Travel

tel: 020 7749 9245
website: www.kenwoodtravel.com

Kuoni Travel

tel: 01306 742 222
website: www.kuoni.co.uk

Lastminute.com

tel: 0871 222 5970
website: www.lastminute.com

Onyx International Travel Services

tel: 0118 947 2830
website: www.onyxtravel.co.uk

Q Holidays (Sackville Travel)

tel: 0870 720 1127
website: www.qholidays.co.uk

Seasons in Style

tel: 01244 202 000
website: www.seasoninstyle.com

The Holiday Place

tel: 020 7644 1749
website: www.theholidayplace.co.uk

Thomas Cook Signature

tel: 08450 772 288
website: www.thomascook.com

Thomson Tailor-made

tel: 0870 160 7304
website: www.thomsonworldwide.co.uk

Trailfinders

tel: 0845 054 1111
website: www.trailfinders.com

Travel Focus Ltd

tel: 00 353 21 425 1025
website: www.travelfocus.ie

Trips Worldwide Ltd

tel: 0117 311 4400
website: www.tripsworldwide.co.uk

Tropic Breeze
tel: 01752 873 377
website: www.tropicbreeze.co.uk

Tropical Sky
tel: 01293 766 500
website: www.tropicalsky.co.uk

Virgin Holidays
tel: 0844 557 3859
website: www.virginholidays.com

XL Holidays
tel: 0845 1300 737
website: www.xlholidays.co.uk

If you plan to make independent arrangements, take note of the wedding regulations in each destination. The Caribbean Tourism Organisation (020 8948 0057, www.caribbean.co.uk) has prepared this summary.

Essential Documents

The following documents are required on all islands. Exceptions are listed under each island. All documents must be in English unless otherwise stated.

- Original or certified copies of birth certificates.
- Valid passports.
- If divorced, original or certified copies of Decree Absolute.
- If widowed, original or certified copy of deceased spouse's death certificate and marriage certificate.
- Written parental consent if under 18 years of age.
- Change of name must be by Deed Poll proven by an Affidavit.

For more destination information call the Caribbean Tourism Organisation on 020 8948 0057 or visit www.caribbean.co.uk

Anguilla

Wedding Arrangements

No special licence required.

Residency requirement

Forty-eight hours

Documents required

Essential documents plus driving licences.

Fees

If residency less than 15 days, US\$284. If residency more than 15 days prior to wedding US\$40. Minister's fee US\$200

Witnesses

Two are required

Contact
www.anguilla-vacation.com
T: 020 8871 0012
Email info@anguilla-tourism.com

Antigua & Barbuda

Wedding Arrangements

Documentation needs to be approved by The Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs in St. John's and a marriage application completed. The wedding ceremony is usually performed by the Registrar or Deputy Registrar in the Registrar's Office, or by a Civil Marriage Officer at a pre-selected location. The wedding must take place between 6am and 8pm.

Residency requirement

None

Documents required

Essential documents – All you need is a passport, a decree absolute if divorced, a marriage certificate and death certificate if you have been widowed, or a signature declaration if single.

Fees

US\$150 for the license (approx £83), US\$40 for the registration fee (approx £22) plus a fee for the Marriage Officer which is dependent upon the chosen location.

Contact

www.antigua-barbuda.com
T: 020 7258 0070

Aruba

Wedding Arrangements

British couples must hold a legal ceremony at the Civil Town House. The couple may then hold another ceremony at the beach, on a boat or other venue.

Residency requirement

None specified.

Documents required

Marriage certificate for religious ceremony. Proof of divorce if relevant. Authorisation of eligibility to marry required from a notary or government official.

N.B. All documents must be in Dutch, English or Spanish

Fees

To be advised locally.

Witnesses

Two required. Witnesses can be provided locally at \$50 each by a wedding planner.

Contact

www.arubaweddingsforyou.com
T: 020 7928 1600

The Bahamas

Wedding Arrangements

A special licence, which takes 24 hours to process, is required for which both persons must apply. Available from Registrar General's Office, Nassau and Freeport or Commissioner's Office, Out Islands.

Residency Requirement

24 hours

Documents Required

Essential documents plus valid return tickets, and six month validity on passport. Notarised declaration if single. *N.B. All documents must be notarised by a solicitor.*

Fees

Special Licence B\$:40.

Marriage licence costs B\$100 and is valid for up to three months.

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.bahamas.org.uk
www.weddings.bahamas.co.uk
T: 020 7355 0800

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism has its own special weddings and honeymoons department to help you organise your own ceremony or act as a facilitator between you and independent wedding consultants. **For more information call 001 242 356 0435/7/8.**

The Bahamas Bridal Association at www.bahamas-bridal-association.com gives details of some of the islands independent wedding planners. Email info@bahamas-bridal-association or call 001 242 380 8161.

Barbados

Wedding Arrangements

A Marriage Licence must be obtained in person from the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Roman Catholic Church has additional requirements and fees to those listed. Contact the Bishop of Bridgetown for information.

Residency Requirement

None

Documents Required

Essential documents including passport or birth certificate plus valid return tickets.

Fees

Bds\$200 cash plus Bds\$25 stamp.

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.visitbarbados.org
T: 020 7636 9448

Belize

Wedding Arrangements

Application for special licences must be signed by both applicants, verified by an affidavit, and accompanied by the applicants' identification documents. Application can be submitted from applicants' place of residence through a wedding planner in Belize at any time in anticipation of their arrival into Belize.

Residency requirement

None

Documents required

Certified copies of applicants' birth certificate and passport. Divorced persons must present an original or certified copy of divorce decree. A certified copy of death certificate must be submitted if widowed or widower.

Fees

Special Licence US\$250 Administration fee US\$5

Witnesses

Two people are required, these can include hotel staff.

Contact

www.travelbelize.org

T: 0 501 227 2420

F: 0 501 227 2423

Or

General Registry

T: 0 501 227 7377

F: 0 501 227 0085

Bermuda

Wedding Arrangements

A 'Notice of Intended Marriage' must be published in the Bermuda newspapers. A period of 15 days must elapse from the date of receipt of the notice by the Registry before the Registrar General may issue the licence to marry.

Residency required

None

Documents required

Essential documents plus valid copies of final divorce proceedings must accompany the 'Notice of Intended Marriage'. Between the ages of 16 and 21 you must have the written consent of both parents, the surviving parent or legal guardian. A space is provided on the 'Notice of Intended Marriage' form where the person(s) giving consent are required to sign.

Fees

Marriage Registration BM\$243, ceremony and certificate BM\$24 and further copies BM\$24 each.

Witnesses

Two witnesses are required

Contact

www.bermudatourism.com

T: 0800 883 0857

Bonaire

Wedding Arrangements

A special licence must be obtained from the Registrar's Office in Bonaire four weeks prior to wedding date. A written request for temporary residency and permission to marry is required.

Residency requirement

Ten days for either bride or groom

Documents required

Essential documents plus a model "I" form in triplicate must be completed and returned to Bonaire; a confirmation of temporary residency permit, which must be given to the Immigration Department by the Governor and a declaration certifying both parties are unmarried. Valid passports and three passport photos per person are required. Written parental consent if under 21 years of age

N.B. Make copies of all documents before sending them and take the copies with you to Bonaire. All documents must be in Dutch.

Fees

Special Licence US\$150

Witnesses

Two people are required. If foreign, they also must apply for temporary residency.

Contact

www.tourismbonaire.com

Europe@tourismbonaire.com

Tourism Corporation Bonaire European Office

T: 00 31 23 543 0704

British Virgin Islands

Wedding Arrangements

An application for a special licence for a civil marriage takes three working days and can be applied for on day of arrival from the Registry-General's Office. For a church wedding, banns must be called in church on three consecutive Saturdays or Sundays.

Resident Requirement

Three days.

Documents Required

Essential documents plus valid return tickets. Written parental consent if aged 16-18.

Fees

Special Licence in BVI postage stamps or US\$50 if resident for 15 days or more, US\$110 if three days.

Registrar-General's Officer fee US\$35 if the wedding is to be performed in a church and US\$100 if performed somewhere else. If the wedding is not on Tortola, you must cover the transportation fee for the registrar (from US\$ 20 to US\$40)

Witnesses

Two people are required.

Contact

www.bviturism.com

T: 020 7355 9585

The Cayman Islands

Wedding Arrangements

You must have a non-residents marriage licence and a letter from the authorized Marriage Officer who is to officiate. Applications for non-resident marriage licences (US\$200) and a list of licensed Marriage Officers can be obtained from the Deputy Chief Secretary's Office (001 345 949 7900). On Cayman Brac this is provided by either the Deputy Chief Secretary or the District Commissioner's Office.

Resident Requirement

Couples, including those arriving by cruise ship, can marry the same day they arrive in the Cayman Islands.

Documents Required

A non-residents marriage licence, a letter from the authorized Marriage Officer who is to officiate, proof of citizenship and age (passport or an original/certified copy of a birth certificate with photo identification). 18 is the minimum legal age without parental consent. Proof of marital status (legal divorce decree or death certificate, if applicable), Cayman Islands Immigration Department card, or Cayman Islands international embarkation/disembarkation card for cruise ship passengers.

Fees

Non-resident marriage licences (US\$200). Fees for services of authorized Marriage Officer.

Witnesses

Two people are required.

Contact

www.caymanislands.co.uk

T: 020 7491 7771

Cuba

Wedding Arrangements

Prior to the wedding, all notary certificates and legalised documents should be sent to the Cuban Consulate.

The ceremony will be conducted by a Registrar.

Resident Requirement

Three working days

Documents Required

Essential documents.

N.B. All documents must be originals legalized by the British Foreign Office and Commonwealth Office. Legalization Office, Consular Division (Old Admiralty Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2LG. T: 020 7008 111) and then validated by the Cuban Consulate in London (167 High Holborn, London WC1V 6PA. T: 020 7240 2488/0870 2403675).

Fees

Procurement of licence and Minister fees to be advised locally. Marriage ceremony charges should be paid in Cuba to Consultoria Juridica International in US dollars.

Witnesses

Four people are required

Contact

www.cubatransavel.cu

T: 020 7240 6655

Curaçao

Wedding Arrangements

Residency must be outside of the Netherlands Antilles. At least two months before the wedding date, application must be submitted to the Civil Registry Office. This may be done by mail. The couple must indicate on what date and time they wish the ceremony to take place and they must provide an alternative second date. The letter must be accompanied by the documents listed below.

Residency Requirement

Three days prior to the ceremony

Documents Required

Essential documents plus proof that both parties are eligible for marriage and are of single status. Within two weeks of receipt of all the documents, the couple will be notified if all documents are in order. If that is the case the couple will receive confirmation of the wedding date and time.

Fees

Civil Ceremony and Marriage Book: US\$47-103 approx

Witnesses

One person

Contact

www.curaçao.com

T: 0031 10 4142639

Dominica

Wedding Arrangements

A special licence, which takes two days to process, can be obtained from the Ministry of Community Development.

T: 00 1 767 448 2401

F: 00 1 767 4498 220

An appointment must be made with the Registrar for marriage, once a completed application form has been signed by both parties and witnessed by a Magistrate or Commissioner of Oath.

Residency Requirement

Two days prior to licence application.

Documents Required

Essential documents plus one photo ID per person.

Fees

Special Licence EC\$300 excluding EC\$5 postage stamp for each party. For marriages within the Registrar's office. EC\$30. For marriages outside the Registrars office EC\$100

Witnesses

Two people are required

www.discoverdominica.com

T: 0800 012 1467

Dominican Republic

Wedding Arrangements

A notarised statement of statutory declaration must be sworn before a Public Notary or a solicitor, to be legalised by the Dominican Consulate. On arrival in the Dominican Republic, the date needs to be arranged through the local Registrar before the marriage can take place before an official of the civil Registry.

Residency Requirement

None

Documents required

Essential documents plus valid passports plus copies for both the couple and any foreign witnesses. Written parental consent if aged 16-18. A letter from the embassy of their country of birth attesting to the fact that they are not married. Tourist card, residence card or personal ID card.

N.B. All documents must be translated into Spanish

Fees

To be advised locally

Witnesses

Two people are required, not related to either of the contracting parties

Contact

www.dominicanembassy.org.uk/Marriage

www.godominicanrepublic.com

T: 020 7242 7778

Grenada

Wedding Arrangements

Licence takes two days to process.

Residency Required

Three working days

Documents Required

Essential documents plus valid passports for both the couple and any foreign witnesses. Proof of status with an Affidavit from clergyman, lawyer or registry official on official letterhead. Written parental consent if under 21 in form of an Affidavit. Change of name by deed poll proven by an Affidavit.

Fees

Special licence EC\$25 (includes stamps) Marriage Officer fee EC\$200– 300. Marriage licence EC\$35

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.grenadagrenadines.com

T: 020 8877 4516

The Islands of Guadeloupe

Wedding Arrangements

Special licence which takes three weeks to process is obtainable from the Town Hall in the city in which the marriage will take place.

Residency Requirement

One of the couple must have resided on the island for at least three months.

Documents Required

Original or certified copies of birth certificates. If divorced, original or certified copies of Decree Absolute. If widowed, original or certified copies of deceased spouse's death certificate and marriage certificate. Certificate of Law to be obtained from French Consular Division. Residence certificates and residency card. Written parental consent if under 18 years of age to be witnessed by French Consular Officer if not resident in France.

N.B. All documents must be translated into French. A "Bulletin de Mariage" and "Livret de Famille" are delivered at the ceremony.

Fees

None

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.lesilesdeguadeloupe.com

T: 00 33 1 40 62 99 07

Jamaica

If you apply in advance for a marriage licence, you can get married 24 hours after arrival. Arrangements are made through your hotel or travel agent or directly through the Ministry of National Security and Justice.

Residency Requirement

Twenty-four hours which must include a working day.

Documents Required

Essential documents plus original or certified copies of birth certificates, which include father's name. Proof of citizenship. Written parental consent if under 18. Change of name by deed poll proven by an Affidavit. Proof of divorce if applicable. Certified death certificate for widow(er). See website for full details.

Fees

The cost of a license is JM\$4000 (approximately US\$60-US\$65)

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.visitjamaica.com

T: 020 7225 9090

Martinique

Wedding Arrangements

Special licence, which takes three weeks to process, to be obtained from the Town Hall in the city which the marriage will take place.

Residency Requirement

One of the couple must have resided on the island for at least one month.

Documents required

Essential documents plus Certificate of Law to be obtained from French Consular Division. Original or certified copies of birth and residence certificate. Residency card. Blood test/Medical Certificate issued within months prior to marriage. Written parental consent if under 18 years of age to be witnessed by French Consular Officer if not resident in France.

Fees

None

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.martinique.org

T: 00 33 1 44 77 86 00

Montserrat

Wedding Arrangements

The application form, that takes three working days to process, is obtainable in Montserrat from the Department of

Administration. The completed form must be certified before submission. Applicants must state when they wish to be married and the type of venue if other than the Registrar's Office (i.e on a yacht).

Residency Requirement

Three working days.

Documents required

Essential documents. Marriage Application Form (issued by the Dept of Administration), passports, original absolute Divorce Decree (if divorced), original death certificates of deceased spouses (if widowed), non-marriage certificate (if applicable), EC\$200 in Montserrat stamps.

Fees

Registrar fee available on request from the Registry. Dependent on location and time of the wedding.

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.visitmontserrat.com

T: 020 7928 1600

Nevis

Wedding Arrangements

Marriage Licence Application forms should be obtained from the Legal Department, Administration Building. The application form must be completed in the federation and signed in the presence of a Justice of the Peace.

Residency Requirement

Two working days for one person.

Documents Required

Essential documents. If a Roman Catholic priest is officiating, a letter from the home priest stating that the couple are unmarried is required. If an Anglican, or other, priest is officiating, then a letter stating that the couple are known and unmarried is required. Original or certified copies of birth certificates of any children.

Fees

Special Licence US\$80 if resident for three days and US\$20 if resident for 15 days. Justice of the Peace fee US\$200 and Marriage Officer fee US\$150-US\$200.

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.nevisisland.com

T: 0808 234 2064

Puerto Rico

Wedding Arrangements

Medical certificate and marriage licence can be requested directly from the Department of Health by post. Allow 24 hours for processing. If the couple have had children together before marriage, their birth certificates must be presented.

Residency Requirement

None

Documents Required

Essential documents plus original or certified copies of birth certificates of any children. Parents' written consent if under 21 years of age. Original or certified copy of blood test results. Health Certificate from a resident practitioner in Puerto Rico obtained no less than ten days prior to submission.

N.B. All documents must be in English or Spanish.

Fees

Special Licence is free (further copies US\$2)

Ministers Fee US\$100- US\$125

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.GoToPuertoRico.com

T: 0844 880 6867

St Barthèlemy

Wedding Arrangements

Special Licence, that takes one month minimum to process is obtained from the Town Hall in the city where the marriage will take place.

Residency Requirement

One of the couple must have resided on the island for at least one month and ten days.

Documents Required

Individual certificate for every future husband/wife. Information common to the future couple. List of witnesses. Documentary evidence of personal place of residence. ID card. Copy of the death certificate (previous spouse if widowed). Birth certificate with filiations (in original translation). Multilingual birth certificate with mention 'delivered with the aim of the marriage' concerning the country of origin. Certificate of marital capacity or certificate of celibacy. Judgement of divorce and certificate clarifying the definitive character of the divorce and its translation. Visa (if of passage), resident's permit (working on the island).

N.B. All documents must be translated into French. A "Bulletin de Marriage"

and "Livret de Famille" are delivered at the ceremony.

Fees

None

Witnesses

Two people are required.

Contact

www.st-barths.com

T: 00 59 0590 278727

St Kitts

Wedding Arrangements

Marriage Licence Application forms should be obtained from the Legal Department, Government Headquarters. The application form must be completed in the federation and signed in the presence of a Justice of Peace.

Residency Requirement

None.

Documents Required

Essential documents. If a Roman Catholic priest is officiating, a letter from the home priest stating that the couple are unmarried is required. If an Anglican, or other, priest is officiating then a letter stating that the couple are known and unmarried is required. Original or certified copies of birth certificates of any children.

Fees

Special Licence US\$80 if resident for 3 days. Justice of Peace fee from US\$20. Marriage Officer fee from US\$50

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.stkittstourism.kn

T: 020 7376 0881

St Lucia

Wedding Arrangements

It is easy to get married on St Lucia. You have the option of getting married on the day or arrival where you would be required to pay EC\$540 (US\$200) if you are able to produce all the necessary documents. You can also opt to stay two days and upwards on island where you would be required to pay EC\$335 (US\$125). A local solicitor would be able to apply for a licence on your behalf. In the case of Catholic Church weddings, your local parish priest would need to liaise with a priest on island to ensure that you have undertaken the necessary counselling period prior to the

marriage and that you have met all the necessary criteria to enable you to be married in a Catholic Church such as the very beautiful Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Castries.

Residency Requirement

None.

Documents Required

Essential documents plus if one of the parties is under 18 years of age, evidence of parents' consent is required in the form of a sworn affidavit stamped by a Notary Public. If any documents are not in English, an authenticated translation must be available.

Fees

Marriage licence (two days before date of marriage): EC\$335. Special licence (less than two days or same day): EC\$540.

Registrar fees: EC\$100

Marriage certificate: EC\$8

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.stlucia.org

T: 020 7341 7005

St Maarten/St Martin

Wedding Arrangements

Requests for marriages must be submitted to the Civil Registrar at least 14 days prior to date of ceremony.

Residency Requirement

None.

Documents required

Essential documents, plus a full abridged birth certificate for the bride and groom. Documents should have an 'Apostille' stamp, which can be obtained at the Secretary of State's Office. Valid passports, Declaration of marital status not older than three months. Persons must be 18 years of age, for minors, permission of parents is required. Addresses and professions of the bride and groom. Names of parents, their dates of birth, place of birth, mothers' maiden names and parents' professions must be stated. If widowed, a death certificate and if divorced, a divorce certificate or a final judgment decree with Apostille.

Fees

US\$320 (includes civil ceremony, marriage book, stamps and certificate and Apostille).

Witnesses

Two required if ceremony at Marriage Hall, six if elsewhere. Foreign witnesses must present a valid passport or a birth certificate with valid photo identification.

Contact

St Martin Tourist Office

www.st-martin.org

Tel: 00 590-590 875721

St Maarten Tourist Office

www.vacationstmaarten.com

T: 00 599 5422 337

St. Vincent & The Grenadines

Wedding Arrangements

A special licence can be obtained, in person, from the Ministry of Justice, Egmont Street, St Vincent and the Grenadines. Allow two hours for processing.

Residency Requirement.

Minimum 24 hours residency in St. Vincent & The Grenadines before applying for a licence.

Documents Required

Valid passport and ongoing plane ticket. Certified and notarised copy of birth certificate, final divorce papers (if applicable), death certificate of deceased spouse (if applicable). All certified document copies must have original stamp/seal and signature. All documents must be in English.

Fees

Two types of licences are available to non-residents. Governor General Licence from the Minister of Justice (can be obtained one day before the wedding at the cost of £94) or a Registry Licence (must be obtained seven days prior to the wedding date at the cost of £3.80). Applications must be filed in person at the Ministry of Justice which is open weekdays from 8am to 4pm (closed from 12 noon to 1pm)

Witnesses

Two people are required.

Contact

www.svgtourism.com

T: 020 7937 6570

Suriname

It is not possible for two non-residents to marry in Suriname. This is only possible if one of the partners is a resident.

Contact

www.suriname-tourism.org

T: 00 597 479200/424878/410809

Trinidad and Tobago

Wedding Arrangements

A Special Licence, which takes 24 hours to process, can only be granted to non-residents and is available from the Warden's Office of the Registrar General.

Residency requirement

Three days

Documents required

Essential documents plus valid airline tickets.

Fees

TT\$437.50 (must be paid in cash at Warden's Office, in stamps if going to Registrar General).

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.gotrinidadandtobago.com or

www.visittobago.gov.tt

T: 0800 804 8787

Turks & Caicos Islands

Wedding Arrangements

A special licence, which takes two to three days to process, is obtainable from the Registrar's Office.

Residency Requirement

Must be resident for 48 hours before applying for a licence.

Documents Required

Essential documents plus photo ID. Most churches require proof of membership. Parents' written consent if aged 16-21.

Fees

Special licence US\$50

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.turksandcaicostourism.com

T: 020 7222 2669

US Virgin Islands

Wedding Arrangements

Special licences can be obtained from the Territorial court of the US Virgin Islands in St Thomas or St Croix.

Residency Requirement

Eight days from receipt of notarised application unless paperwork is completed prior to arrival.

Documents Required

Essential documents, plus a letter is required to accompany the Application for Marriage, stating dates of visit, length of stay and preference of wedding date.

Fees

Application fee: US\$25

Special Licence US\$25

Judge US\$200

Witnesses

Two people are required

Contact

www.usvi.net

T: 020 7978 5262

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CARIBBEAN REGION, CONTACT THE CARIBBEAN TOURISM ORGANISATION ON 020 7222 4335 OR VISIT: www.caribbean.co.uk

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