



FAQ - Customizable Weddings at Sandals & Beaches Resorts

Q – Why should I book my destination wedding through Best Travels in Paradise instead of booking on my own?

Because.....

- Kathi is a professional wedding planner with 15+ years of experience.
- she has been to all of the Sandals and Beaches properties and can tell you the pros (and cons) of each.
- she'll listen to what's important to you and make recommendations accordingly.
- she will take care of booking your guests rooms under your code/contract to make sure that you are getting the most perks
- She will email your guests giving updates, travel hacks, and provide a schedule of events from check in to check out
- she will conference in on your calls with your pre-wedding planner and then look over all of your contracts/invoices to make sure that everything is as you requested.
- she knows how to speak "Sandals or Beaches Wedding" with your pre-and onsite planners
- she'll go with you if you want to be the liaison between you, all of your guests, and the onsite wedding office OR she'll be at the other end of the phone or email if you encounter any issues

Q – Can I get references from past clients? YES! Happy to introduce you to previous clients via email

Q – Do I still get the \$25.00 online booking bonus if I book through Best Travels to Paradise? YES!

Q - Can I have a true Catholic ceremony at any Sandals or Beaches resort?

YES! At either of two locations in Jamaica; Sandals Montego Bay has a wedding chapel and an overwater chapel. Sandals Southcoast has an overwater chapel. All 3 locations have been blessed as official Catholic ceremony locations. Other islands and resorts have affiliations with local dioceses for offsite church weddings.

Q – Can I have a Jewish ceremony with Rabbi and huppah? YES! in any of three countries – The Bahamas, Jamaica, or Turks and Caicos.

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Q – Can I have a Kosher reception? True Kosher catering is not available on any property. Their kitchens are not equipped for it.

Q – Can we elope while at any Sandals or Beaches resort? YES! Certain residency requirements apply of 48 – 72 hrs. Some islands do not include weekends or holidays in that time. Fees vary by island as do document requirements.

Q - What if we're already married and want to do a vow renewal? YES! You can do a ReTie the Knot ceremony and reception.

Q – Can I visit a property before I book my destination wedding or other group trip? YES! Book a [Test Drive!](#) This must be done BEFORE your group code or contract is requested. You'll get the money back when you book 10+ rooms under your group code or contract.

Q – Can I choose where I want the ceremony and the reception to be? YES! Each resort books one ceremony per hour so you can choose any location on the property that suits you. You'll go over all the locations with your pre-event planner & then confirm with your on-site planner.

Q – Will we be able to communicate with everyone? YES! All the Caribbean islands are English speaking.

Q- Do we need to bring island currency with us to pay? NO! All the islands take US cash and credit cards.

Q – Can I bring my own photographer and/or videographer? What about hair and make up too. YES! If you want to BYO instead of use resort personnel there's no charge if your pros are part of your group (minimum 3 night stay). There's a \$1,000 charge if they are only there for the day.

Q – Can I have a band or a DJ? YES! You can have any entertainment that you'd like including local island entertainment such as fire dancers, steel drum bands, reggae bands, calypso bands, and costumed dancers.

Q - Can I bring my own decor? YES! Am I limited to what's shown on the website? NO! There may be a set up fee for BYO decor items depending on how much you bring. If you have photos of your dream decor or color scheme or tablescape you can share them with your pre-wedding planner who will send them to the resort for pricing. Let your imagination run wild!

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Q – How limited is the menu? Not very. [Catering](#) there are a variety of standard menus for a cocktail hour or sit down dinner. You can create your own (at an additional cost). Lobster is an option as long as it's in season. Special dietary requirements such as vegan, gluten free, and food allergies can be accommodated.

Q – What kind of perks do I get for booking my destination wedding at Sandals? [The list](#) is long and depends on many factors. Your length of stay determines the perks for the wedding ceremony. The number of rooms booked under group code or contract determines the perks from the Bells & Whistles list.

Q – If I book the wedding at a Sandals Resort can children still attend? YES! They and their parents will be charged a day rate and will be limited to the areas and times of the ceremony and reception only. No wandering the property.

Q – Do all of my guests have to stay at my chosen Sandals or Beaches resort to attend the wedding and the reception? NO. It's better for your guests (and you) if they stay at your chosen property any guest can attend if they pay a wedding day fee in advance. The fee varies by resort and restrictions do apply.

Q – Will Kathi be with us on property? If you want Kathi to travel with you to be the liaison for you and your guests that can be arranged for a daily fee + travel expenses. Depending on the size of your wedding BTTP Dream Team associates can travel to your event as well.