

wedding should be a locale that holds a special place in your heart. A random location that you find on the Internet might work out, but having some prior experience with the destination can help you anticipate minor, yet potentially problematic, issues. These issues can include the accessibility of the airport, currency exchange rate and the weather. In addition, you can help guests have a better time on their trips if you have already familiarized yourself with the locale. If you haven't traveled much as a couple and don't have a particular place in mind, then you might find a destination wedding is more hassle than it's worth.

* *Accessibility:* A common problem many couples encounter when planning a destination wedding is the accessibility of their chosen locale. Couples will likely have to visit the destination at least once prior to their wedding, which will eat up some of your wedding budget and your vacation time (which you will need to save for the actual wedding and your honeymoon). If the locale is a remote island that's not very accessible, that can make these pre-wedding trips pretty stressful.

Accessibility should also be a consideration for your guests. How far will your guests have to travel? How much money will guests have to spend on

airfare and hotel accommodations? The less accessible the locale is, the more you and your guests are going to have to spend.

Accessibility of the airport is another consideration. Some island locales and resorts are known for their remoteness, which can be a problem for wedding guests. If the resort is a long ride away from the airport, that's another expense for guests. The resort may provide a shuttle service, but that cost will fall on the couple and the shuttle may not run frequently, which can prove problematic when guests' arrivals are staggered.

* *Legality:* The law is another thing couples must consider when deciding if a destination wedding is for them. Laws vary depending on the locale, so before you commit to a specific locale, make sure you're legally allowed to get married there and if there are any hurdles you must clear before you can. Those hurdles might be significant, and couples may find they're not worth the hassle.

Destination weddings are on the rise, but couples must consider a host of factors to ensure a destination wedding is truly for them.

Floral terms to know

Before discussing table settings for their weddings, many couples find it helpful to brush up on some floral terminology before visiting florists.

It can make you appear more knowledgeable and prepared if you understand what will be discussed and are able to choose what you want. It also helps to ensure your money is being spent in the best way possible.

Here are some common and some lesser known florist terms that can be advantageous to know.

- * *Biedermeier:* A nosegay arranged tightly with concentric circles of differently colored flowers. The flowers are wired into a holder with only one type of flower in each ring.
- * *Bouquet:* A dense bunch of blooms that are kept together in a bouquet holder, wired or tied with ribbon.
- * *Crescent:* One full flower and a flowering stem wired together to form a slender handle that is held in one hand.
- * *Garden:* A centerpiece featuring wildflowers.
- * *Nosegay:* Small, round bouquets composed of densely packed round flowers and fill.
- * *Oasis:* Specialized foam that is used in bouquet holders and centerpieces to retain water and keep blooms fresh.
- * *Pomander:* A flower-covered ball that is suspended from a ribbon. It is often carried by child attendants.
- * *Posies:* Smaller than nosegays but similar in design.
- * *Presentation:* A bunch of long-stemmed flowers cradled in the bride's arms. It's sometimes known as a pageant bouquet.
- * *Topiary:* Flowers trimmed into geometric shapes.
- * *Tossing:* A smaller copy of the bride's bouquet to use in the bouquet toss.
- * *Tussy mussy:* A small, metallic holder to carry a posy.



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