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# Planning a Beach Wedding by Mariya Smith

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Planning a beach wedding is definitely not difficult, because there are so many ways in which you can make this day memorable on the beach of your choice. Just imagine those balmy breezes, the sand beneath your feet, the sun, allowing you to bask gloriously in natureâ€™s scenic splendour... so how do you go about planning your beach wedding?

## Checklist For A Beach Wedding

Here are some points that you need to see before you decide on that glorious beach wedding ceremony. Sand is not everybody's "cup of tea"so there is a chance that if you are inviting guests who cannot do without two-piece suits and pearls, you will find them making faces at the sand, the wind and at the midges. Also, a beach wedding cannot be an absolutely private affair, because the other people on the beach are going to gatecrash it, with their video cameras. Also, you cannot request them to keep out of the wedding party, because according to them, the beach is free.

So how do you plan a wedding on the beach, to make sure that you do not go overboard in planning, on the budget, and in matters of catering and entertainment? Make sure that your wedding date is not set for the tourist season. Plan it to be after Labor Day and before Memorial Day.

## Public or Private?

Now do you want this wedding to be held in a private beach, or in a public beach? Private beaches are not available to a large percentage of us out there, who do not come from millionaire families. Also, we do not have altruistic friends who are willing to give their private beach house to us, where the wedding ceremony can take place. So, a public beach is the best and last resort for a wedding, especially when you have more than 50 guests arriving. Make sure that you know all about the city rules, governing wedding ceremonies held on these beaches. Bonfires are not permitted in some states and cities. Also, special events like weddings in public places require special permits.

Drinking is definitely not permitted on a number of beaches and you cannot bypass this stringent rule and regulation. So if you intend to party after the ceremony, make sure that it is done in some other place, where you are holding the reception.

Hold the reception in a restaurant near the beach. You can do your wining and dining there, after the ceremony has taken place on the beach. If the restaurant has built-in speakers, there you are, you are set for sound.

So now that you know all about planning a beach wedding, just try out these tips.

It is possible that you are going to be able to cordon off some area, especially if it is a sheltered cove. Ask the authorities, managing the beach facilities about their advice and enjoy the day!

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