



# RENEWING YOUR VOWS

Renewing your vows is trend that's increasing year on year.

Couples of all ages are choosing our beautiful island of Gran Canaria to "re-tie the knot", and why wouldn't they?

With over 300 days of glorious sunshine, only a few hours flight from most European countries and some of the most enviable locations in the world.

Married couples are using their already arranged holiday to re-commit to one another in the most beautiful and romantic ceremonies.

The thing I love most about renewal of vows ceremonies is the abundant celebration of love shown between the couple and their families.

There's an overwhelming feeling of wisdom and security between two people and there's never a dry eye in the house (most of them from me and the team!)

## SO WHY RENEW?

To celebrate!

Perhaps you are reaching an anniversary milestone of 10, 25 or 50 years of marriage and you want the world to know you'd do it all again in a heartbeat.

Maybe you want to reaffirm your love and commitment to one another after a rough time in your relationship or a serious illness.

Or it could be that, for some reason you didn't get the wedding day of your dreams first time around.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE CEREMONY?

The basic premise is to exchange vows again.

You can either reread the exact words from your initial marriage ceremony or create your own ceremony format.

In a nutshell, it's exactly like a marriage ceremony with the ex-

changing of the vows, rings and of course the kiss, but with the words slightly adapted to suit the occasion.

It can be just the 2 of you, or you can surround yourselves with the important people in your lives.

Some people choose to engrave their rings with a new date or meaningful words, or even purchase new rings for the occasion. Always a good excuse to increase your jewellery collection!

You can walk down the aisle together or maybe one of your children can walk alongside you.

Most ladies choose a bouquet and men choose a buttonhole.

Family members can also take part by reading out personal poems or religious readings during the ceremony.

## HOW TO CELEBRATE?

Anything goes with a renewal of vows celebration.

You can have an intimate dinner with the family, informal BBQ or a lavish wedding style banquet.

There's usually lots of speeches and moments of great reflection, so don't forget to hire in a photographer and or cinematographer to capture those beautiful family moments you are sharing together.

You can also include a cake and great entertainment to get you all up dancing into the wee hours.

Be sure to bring the photos from your first time around, along with family pictures over your years of marriage.

Not only are they beautiful memories, but also a great testament and reminder to everyone of everything you have achieved together.

Whatever your reason for renewing your vows, there's no better way to celebrate the accomplishments of your marriage!

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