



SUMMER WEDDINGS

Summer is upon us and it is officially "wedding season" with many brides putting the final touches to their special day.

Warmer weather, lighter evenings with balmy skies, makes summer the perfect time to hold that outdoor ceremony and celebration you've always dreamed of.

With summer wedding demand so high, bride and grooms are faced with low availability and raising prices in the quest to find the perfect venue on one of the very few summer Saturdays.

Thankfully here in Gran Canaria, we get to enjoy all the above throughout the year, making the island extremely popular for foreigners looking to hold their dream wedding ceremony and celebration in an idyllic setting.

With much more available dates, endless venue possibilities and economical wedding services, getting the wedding of your dreams becomes more of a reality.

But how do you go about it?

This is one of the many questions I get asked on a daily basis. For this reason I'm using this summer edition to answer just some of the many queries that newly engaged couples have when exploring Gran Canaria as one of their wedding venue options.

Q - So can you legally marry here?

A - Yes, but only via the Catholic Church, Swedish Church (if you're Swedish) and Norwegian Church (if you're Norwegian), and then only if you fit the requirements required within the respective church to be legally married.

Q - Where would my marriage be registered if I married via the Catholic Church?

A - Here in Spain. Your parish church in your home country would also be informed of your marriage.

Q - Would a Spanish registered marriage be legal in the UK.

A - Yes.

Q - Can 2 people not residing in Spain, legally marry in a civil ceremony?

A - No. At least one of you must be residing in a Spanish municipality in order to qualify to present the other necessary paperwork to hold a civil marriage.

Q - What about gay marriage?

A - Here in Spain the civil marriage rights are the same for gay or heterosexual marriages and require the same paperwork and requirements.

Q - What can you do if you don't fit any requirements to legally marry in Gran Canaria?

A - Don't be disheartened, you can hold the legal aspect of your marriage in your home country and then have a beautiful blessing ceremony here at one of Gran Canarias idyllic locations. This is by far the most popular and simplest option.

Q - Do blessing ceremonies have the same format as a legal wedding?

A - Yes. You have the exchanging of vows, rings and the first kiss, the only difference is that there is no legal signing taking place here in Gran Canaria.

Q - Can you marry on beaches here?

A - Unfortunately not, but local authorities are working on making it a possibility, so watch this space and we will keep you posted!

So you've made your choice to hold your wedding ceremony and celebration in Gran Canaria, what's your next step?

It's important to find the perfect venue, in the right location, fitting your style, budget and the number of people you are looking to invite.

Whether it's a quaint little Canarian Chapel you're looking for, lush gardens with spectacular views out to sea, or even a luxury yacht, you'll find Gran Canaria offers all of this and more.

Once you're found the venue that fits your requirements, you look for the other services to compliment the wedding such as photographers, videographers, hair and make-up, transport, flowers, venue decoration, officiant who speaks your language in the case of a blessing ceremony, traditional wedding cake etc.

Although Gran Canaria is a tiny island, they have an array of multilingual professionals offering all the above services for couples looking for a destination wedding.

The proof is in the pudding as they say, and every year hundreds of happy couples and their family and friends leave the island with eternal memories of their special day.

Gran Canaria opens up more opportunities to bride and grooms making that dream wedding not just a dream after all.

If you are interested to read more on the subject, further information can be found on the following website PerfectWeddingCompany.com

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