

WEDDINGS

in Santorini



✧ WEDDING PACKAGES

Our agency can organize and coordinate all the services requested by the clients regarding their wedding and assign one of our team members to assist in personal paper work. As a local agent we are doing our best for the couple and their guests to have the most special experience not only of their wedding as a ceremony, but during the entire time they spend on our beautiful island.

✧ CEREMONY & RECEPTION LOCATION

The ceremony and the reception can be organized anywhere on the island depending on the clients' interests. It can be hosted at a Caldera View chapel or in a balcony/terrace of one of our cooperating hotel suites on the cliff with breathtaking view, overlooking the sea and the volcano, or in a winery, or even on an old style sailing boat. The choices are many in order for the clients to have a variety of options to choose from. Furthermore, the clients can just tell us what they have in mind and we will find the ideal venue to match their interests. The most significant experience of a lifetime can be organized further to the couples' request of at least 2 dates of choice, in order to cross check with the Town Hall & Celebrant's schedule and advice the available day. A very important issue is that we need to know the dates of interest as soon as possible if a sunset ceremony is requested, in order to guarantee the booking, since the requests for this kind of ceremonies are very high.



RENEWAL OF VOWS Ceremony

- ✓ Wedding Venue (chosen from a variety of places with which we cooperate, further to discussion with the couple. In case clients' request is something specific, i.e. private boat, supplementary rate for venue will be advised)
 - ✓ Celebrant (mayor)
 - ✓ Certificate of renewed vows in Santorini.
 - ✓ A coordinator who will work behind the scene preparing and supervising the entire flow of the wedding.
 - ✓ Ceremony supervisor.
 - ✓ Private transfer from the hotel to the place of the wedding ceremony for the couple (if the wedding ceremony takes place outside the hotel)
 - ✓ Bridal bouquet and groom's boutonniere.
 - ✓ Caspo (flower decoration of the wedding table)
 - ✓ One bottle of Champagne.
 - ✓ Accompanying taped music.
 - ✓ Professional photographer for 1 hour (60 photos 15x21).
 - 1 Wedding album + 2 CDs with all the photos and negatives.

Required Documentation →

- *Photocopies of passports* (the authentic passports are needed during the ceremony and the clients' stay on the island).



CIVIL WEDDING Ceremony

- ✓ Wedding Venue (chosen from a variety of places with which we cooperate, further to discussion with the couple. In case clients' request is something specific, i.e. private boat, supplementary rate for venue will be advised)
- ✓ Celebrant (mayor)
- ✓ Assistance with the essential paperwork
- ✓ Wedding application and associated fees with obtaining marriage license.
- ✓ A coordinator who will work behind the scene preparing and supervising the entire flow of the wedding.
- ✓ Two witnesses (if requested).
- ✓ Ceremony supervisor.
- ✓ Private transfer from the hotel to the place of the wedding ceremony for the couple (if the wedding ceremony takes place outside the hotel)
- ✓ Bridal bouquet and groom's boutonniere.
- ✓ Caspo (flower decoration of the wedding table)
- ✓ One bottle of Champagne.
- ✓ Accompanying taped music.
- ✓ Professional photographer for 1 hour (60 photos 15x21).
 - 1 Wedding album + 2 CDs with all the photos and negatives.

Required Documentation →

- *Passports* : The bride's & Groom's valid passports (no translation is required)
- *Birth Certificate*: A certified copy of birth certificate with an Apostille stamp along with an official translation by their local embassy or consulate. Please note that it should be the full birth certificate as the shorter version will not be acceptable.
- *Certificate of No Impediment* endorsed with Apostille stamp. This document should be issued by their local registrar, which insures that there is no problem to get married. Please note that this certificate must not be older than three months prior the wedding day.
- *Degree Absolute* : A divorce certificate is requested in the event there is any, officially translated by the local Greek Embassy or consulate.
- *Death Certificate* : In case that any of the parties is widower, a death certificate must be obtained along with the official translation by the local Greek Embassy or consulate.
- *Deed Poll Certificate* : In case that any of the parties has changed her/his name by deed poll, a certificate must be obtained along with the official translation by the local Greek Embassy or consulate.
- *Adoption Certificate* : Necessary if any of the parties is adopted (official translation is needed).

ORTHODOX WEDDING Ceremony

- ✓ Wedding Venue (chosen from a variety of churches or chapels on the island further to discussion with the couple and the priest)
- ✓ Celebrant (priest)
- ✓ Assistance with essential paperwork.
- ✓ Wedding application and associated fees with obtaining marriage license.
- ✓ A coordinator who will work behind the scene preparing and supervising the entire flow of the wedding.
- ✓ Ceremony supervisor.
- ✓ Two witnesses (if requested).
- ✓ Bridal bouquet and groom's boutonniere.
- ✓ Candle sticks with flower decoration.
- ✓ Basket of petals and rise for throwing during ceremony.
- ✓ One bottle of champagne.
- ✓ Wedding cake (2-2.50 kilos)
- ✓ Professional photographer for 1 hour (60 photos 15x21).
 - 1 Wedding album + 2 CDs with all the photos and negatives.

Note → All documents require to be *translated* ONLY by *Greek authorities*, such as a Greek Consulate or Embassy (in your city or country) or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens. An independent translator with notary stamp IS NOT accepted by the church. All translators should be approved by the Greek Consulate or Embassy.

Requirement Documentation →

- From the Greek Orthodox Church, a *certificate to give consent and the freedom to marry* (Otherwise known as the letter of Celibacy).
 - This document should be given in Greek and is signed & stamped from the priest of their parish thus there should be no need for translation
 - Validation of this document for the authenticity of the priests' signature MUST be obtained from the Bishop of the local church.
- *Baptismal Certificates* for the couple
 - Signed & stamped by the parish priest. If not given in Greek, must be translated to Greek (valid only if translated by a Greek Consulate/Embassy or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens)
 - Validation of this document for the authenticity of the priests' signature MUST be obtained from the Bishop of the local church.
- *Divorce certificate/degree* if any...
 - Certificate to be obtained from the judge and from the Church if they had a previous Greek Orthodox wedding.
 - The divorce decree requires translation to Greek. Translation in Greek is only required for the pages that carry the court decision and not for the whole divorce settlement (Valid only if translated by a Greek Consulate/Embassy or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens).
- The couple has to sign a paper in a notary office that *their children will become Greek Orthodox* (Certificate of Faith).
 - Document must be in Greek (Valid only if translated by a Greek Consulate/Embassy or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens)
- *Single status letter/Letter of No Impediment* (from their local registrar's office/town hall for each of the couple or marriage license).
 - The letter or marriage license requires translation to Greek (Valid only if translated by a Greek Consulate/Embassy or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens)

Upgrading Supplements

Upgrades can be organized further to the clients' request. Please find below some of the extra services that can be organized.

- Hair-styling
- make – up
- manicure
- pedicure
- massage session
- local violin + laouto players / 2 players
- Dinner reception at a local restaurant (rates vary according to restaurant, menu, number of participants, etc.)
- DVD for an hour
- DVD for extra hour
- Additional photos
- 4 Traditional dancers with traditional costumes for 1 hour (the dancers will first dance on their own and afterwards they will take the guests to dance with them)
- Wedding Dress rental
- Fireworks:
 - Fire pack 1: duration 55sec., height 25-30m. including multi color crowns, crackling tails, comets, whistles, stars.
 - Fire pack 2: duration 120sec., height 25-100m. including brocade tail, color peony, swimming stars, brocade crowns, crackling tails, etc.
 - *Other packages are also available.*

Important Notes

- ◆ The couple must have at least 7 overnights in Greece before the wedding ceremony and 2 working days after that.
- ◆ The Orthodox Ceremony can be held at the Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral, located in the centre of Fira (the island's capital). There are also other Orthodox Churches and chapels located in various picturesque traditional villages around the island, ceremony can take place in those churches and is subject to the Metropolitan office permission.
- ◆ All authenticated translated documents to be faxed (at least 60 days prior to the wedding date) "our office fax number : 0030 – 2109823950"

In return we will send a wedding date confirmation issued by the Municipality/Priest verifying all their documents are in order.
- ◆ The couple has to bring all their original documents in Greece
- ◆ The Greek Authorities require that all documents requested (except Divorce decree) must be issued no more that 3 months prior to the wedding date.
- ◆ Please note that for the Greek Orthodox wedding, they will need to courier all original documents in English & Greek (after the confirmation from the priest that all documents – already sent by fax – are in order) to our office.

Payment policy:

- With the confirmation of each wedding 25% prepayment of the total cost is requested.
- 40 days before the arrival of the clients in Santorini 25% prepayment of the total cost is requested.
- 10 days before the arrival of the clients in Santorini pay off (50%) is requested.
- In case the confirmation is made 40 -30 days prior the arrival of the clients then 50% of the total cost is requested.