

When you are busy planning a wedding, the honeymoon is possibly the last thing on your mind. However, it needn't be stressful if you work through our checklist to make sure nothing is forgotten.

- Set a budget.....
- Decide on the length of the holiday (this will effect your budget).....
- Discuss the type of holiday you would like: relaxed, adventurous, touristic, etc.....
- Think about possible destinations.....
- Decide on the accommodation grade and type.....
- Decide on your preferred means of transport to the destination e.g. plane, cruise ship, train, car.....
- Consult with a travel agent or holiday company – ask what discounts, upgrades or special packages are available to honeymooners.....

if you decide on joining an all-inclusive tour don't forget to check if

- There is adequate provision for free time.....
- All meals and sightseeing trips are included in the price.....
- The tour ends at the location in which it began.....
- You can do part of the tour at a reduced price.....

organise wedding night accommodation if necessary

- Arrange any necessary visas and visit your GP to have the required inoculations.....
- Organise foreign currency in the form of cash, travellers' cheques or a 'cash passport' (a pre-paid ATM card usable wherever Visa is accepted). You may like to arrange for your credit card limit to be adjusted or change the date of your direct debit to suit your travel arrangements. Don't forget to have a small amount of cash in both your home and destination's currencies for emergencies.....
- Refill prescriptions for regularly taken medication and contraceptives, plus pack a small first aid kit.....
- Double check the number of bags and maximum luggage weight allowed on your flight.....

Keep a note of the following and give a copy to a family member or close friend in case of emergency:

- Destinations.....
- Accommodation address and contact details.....
- Your travel agent's contact details.....
- Cost of deposit, total cost and a note of the date they were paid.....
- Your transport date, day, check-in time and day and time of arrival.....
- Transfers to and from both airports or any other transport terminals.....
- Details of your rental company and vehicle.....

- ♥ Remember to make copies of all legal documents and leave a copy with a friend or relative. Give the other to your spouse to keep separate from the originals.
- ♥ In case your luggage is delayed or misplaced, pack an emergency kit in your hand luggage, including toothbrush, change of underwear and clothes and any medication.
- ♥ Make appropriate arrangements for any pets and children.
- ♥ Arrange for a friend or neighbour to retrieve mail from your letterbox, check on your house and water your garden and houseplants.
- ♥ Check out the global roaming possibilities with your mobile phone service provider – you may be able to make inexpensive calls home from your mobile.

When packing don't forget:

Passports and visas • Marriage certificate (often needed to take advantage of honeymoon rates at hotels etc.) • Any tickets and vouchers • Foreign currency • Vaccination certificates • Travel insurance policy • Itinerary • Cheque book and credit cards • Driver's licences and vehicle documents • Maps and guidebooks • Sunscreen and after-sun lotion plus sunglasses • First aid kit and insect repellent • Medication • Contraception • Salt tablets • Water purifying tablets • Travel-sized toiletries and cosmetics • Clothes and accessories suitable to the climate and style of your holiday • Swimwear and beach towel • Camera and video camera plus film or memory cards • Hairdryer and bathrobe (if not supplied by hotel)