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### **What services does our wedding co-ordinator provide?**

After receiving confirmation of your booking, an appointment will be made for you to meet your wedding co-ordinator shortly after your arrival in Paphos. All aspects of your wedding will be discussed, starting with how you will obtain your marriage licence and moving on to any wedding extras that you require, such as photographs, flowers, hair stylist etc, through to arranging your wedding reception. Finally, you will be guided through the running order of events on the big day itself. Please remember to bring with you all of your legal documents (detailed below) and either the completed particulars form from the back of the downloadable booklet or a print-out of the booking form submitted online. If you have any concerns or specific requests, please discuss these with your wedding

co-ordinator, who is there to take all the stress away from you so that you can relax and feel confident that everything is being taken care of on your behalf. Everything that is discussed at your initial meeting and all wedding extras that you have requested will be booked and confirmed by your wedding co-ordinator. Once this has been arranged, you will receive a letter from your wedding co-ordinator detailing all the services booked, as well as your wedding day timings and venues. Once you have received your letter, or at any other time you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your wedding co-ordinator who will be able to resolve these for you and put your minds at rest.

### **How do we obtain our wedding licence?**

At the initial meeting your wedding co-ordinator will check that you have all of the relevant documents required in order for you to obtain your wedding licence. Your wedding co-ordinator will then complete the paperwork with you so that you are prepared for your appointment at Paphos Town Hall. Please see below for details about the required documentation and what will happen at your Town Hall Declaration appointment.

### **What happens at our Town Hall Declaration appointment?**

The Town Hall is centrally located in Paphos Town but, if you are not familiar with Paphos, it's probably more convenient for you to take a taxi. Your hotel reception or wedding co-ordinator will be happy to arrange this transport for you. Your wedding co-ordinator will meet you at the Town Hall and accompany you throughout the appointment. The documents you will need to bring to the Town Hall are:

- Passports
- Birth Certificates
- Affidavits stamped and signed by a solicitor
- Original Decree Absolute (if divorced)
- Deed poll proof of name change (if applicable)
- Spouse's death certificate and marriage certificate (if widowed)
- You will also need to bring cash in local currency to pay for the licence. This will be in the region of 285 Euros.

You will be asked to sign some paperwork. Firstly, a declaration, which is similar to the affidavits you obtained from your solicitor to say that you are free and single to marry. The other is your particulars form (which will have been re-typed in the Town Hall's format). Please check these very carefully for any mistakes. If any have been made, then please correct and sign. It is vital that the information on this form is correct, as this is the information that will appear on your marriage certificate. If you sign this form and

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it has incorrect information then your wedding certificate will be incorrect and cannot be changed. You will then be asked to hand over your documents. The Town Hall will keep your original affidavits / decree absolutes for their files. You will then pay for your licence. If you are having a Town Hall wedding, the licence will be kept by the Town Hall. If you are having a Church wedding then a Certificate of Notification will be issued to your wedding co-ordinator, who will then pass this to the Church. This will be given back to you on the day, along with your marriage certificate. You will need two witnesses for your wedding. They must be over 18 and witnesses may be related to you. You will need to supply the full names and passport numbers of each person. Don't worry if you don't have anyone accompanying you for the wedding as your wedding co-ordinator and a Town Hall or Church official can act as your witnesses.

### **Do we see the wedding location and/or vows prior to our wedding?**

After the Declaration appointment your wedding co-ordinator will show you the room in which the ceremony will take place and advise you where you will be standing (if you are having a Town Hall wedding). There is a copy of the standard wedding vows for you in our downloadable booklet. Don't worry about having to memorise the vows as you will repeat them after the marriage officer. See below for information about Church ceremonies.

### **We are having a Church ceremony - will we meet the vicar before the big day?**

Your wedding co-ordinator will arrange an appointment for you to meet the Church co-ordinator and Anglican Vicar who will be conducting your ceremony. You will have a short interview with the vicar to establish your religious beliefs / backgrounds, personalise the ceremony and run through the vows. With the Church co-ordinator you will be able to discuss music choices for the ceremony. As the interview between you and the church is confidential, your wedding co-ordinator will not be able to attend. Regardless of whether you are having a church ceremony, you will still need to obtain your licence from the Town Hall as detailed above.

### **What happens on our wedding day?**

Your wedding co-ordinator will be at the hotel before the wedding to ensure that all arrangements are in place and that everything is running to schedule. Your wedding co-ordinator will also be on hand should the bride need any assistance, such as helping with dressing or fixing the veil, or dressing young bridesmaids and/or pages. The flowers will already have been delivered to the bride's room and your co-ordinator will be available to help anyone needing assistance with pinning buttonholes / corsages etc. Your co-ordinator will then make sure that the wedding party leaves on time and will phone or visit the bride in her room to let her know when the wedding car has arrived and how long she has left to get ready before she needs to leave. The co-ordinator will then travel to the wedding location to help with the seating of the guests and making sure that the groom and best man are into position before the bride arrives. The marriage officer/minister/vicar will start the ceremony. You will be asked to exchange your vows, which you will repeat after the marriage officer/minister/vicar. The groom always takes his vows first and then the bride. You will then exchange rings, again first the groom and then the bride. Now you must sign three copies of your marriage certificate, one copy goes with you on the day, one stays at the Town Hall / Church for their records and the third copy gets sent to the Ministry of Interior in Nicosia, who will register your marriage with the British Embassy. You are now be Husband and Wife! After any photographs that you have arranged to be taken outside the venue, your wedding co-ordinator will leave you to enjoy your reception with your friends and family. Don't worry though, in the unlikely event that you have any problems with your reception, your co-ordinator will be just a phone call away.

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### **What happens after the wedding ceremony?**

After the ceremony your wedding co-ordinator will leave you and your guests to enjoy the rest of your wedding day, but will remain only a phone call away should you need any further assistance. Your wedding co-ordinator will also arrange to see you before you leave to check that you were happy with the level of service provided by all and that you enjoyed your day.

### **What weddings extras are available in Cyprus?**

We have compiled an impressive list of wedding extras, all of which are detailed in our downloadable wedding booklet. You can be confident that the suppliers we use have been selected for their expertise, professionalism, excellent customer service and competitive prices. You do not have to worry about collecting flowers or cakes, as these will all be delivered to your hotel and/or reception venue. You do not have to worry about the transport not turning up on time or the photographer knowing where your wedding is, as your Paphos wedding co-ordinator will personally ensure that they are given all the relevant information to make your day run seamlessly to schedule.

### **What photography options are available?**

Your wedding day is one of the happiest days of your lives so you'll want to capture your memories on film and relive the experience for many years to come. We can arrange for a professional photographer to meet you at your chosen wedding venue and take photographs before, during and after the ceremony. If you book a photography package that includes your hotel wedding reception, photographs will be taken in the hotel garden area, followed by your champagne toast and the cutting of the cake. If you are holding your reception in an alternative venue, such as on a private yacht, your chosen photography package will include their services for the entire duration of the reception. The photographer will take more prints than you have ordered so that you may select your own personal favourites for your album. The photographer will follow a set programme of photography, but if there are any specific pictures that you would like taken on the day, ie, with certain friends or family, or in a favourite location, please do not hesitate to ask. The photographers are very flexible and happy to accommodate your wishes - after all, it's your day and your memories that you'll want to cherish forever.

The photographer will arrange to meet you the day after the wedding to show you the proofs. From these proofs you will need to select the chosen quantity booked in your package and these will be enlarged for your wedding album. If you require any additional photographs apart from the ones arranged, or enlargements, then this can be arranged directly with the photographer. You will also be given the option to buy all the proofs and / or CD. The proofs will be left with you for a day or two, then the photographer will collect the order, make it up and will then deliver your photographs and album back to your hotel so you can make up the album to suit your preferences. The photographs will be delivered to you before you leave, however at busy times it could be late in the evening the night before you go home. You are certain to take home some fantastic photographs, which will make your big day even more memorable.

### **Can we have a video/DVD of our wedding and will it be UK compatible?**

The cameraman will meet you at your chosen wedding location and will follow the same routine as the photographer. The video usually lasts approximately 30–45 minutes depending on the type of wedding and number of people attending and it is UK VHS compatible. The video will be delivered with your photographs after it has been edited and music added. If you would like any specific music on the video then this can be arranged (again, if you do not have the relevant track, ask your wedding co-ordinator). If you want extra copies for family and friends these can also be arranged and will be delivered with your final order.

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### **Do I have a choice of flowers for my bouquet?**

Beautiful fresh flowers are available in Cyprus all year round and we have put together a wide selection for you to choose from for your bridal bouquet, buttonholes and bridesmaids flowers. Your wedding co-ordinator will be able to show you pictures of bouquets and help and advise you if you are not sure which type or style to choose. If you have something specific that you would like that isn't detailed here or in our downloadable booklet, then please do not hesitate to ask or, even better, send us a picture of what you have in mind so that we can find out from the florist whether it is available in Cyprus. We can generally get any colour of flower that you require but, if we can't, then the florist will spray them for you! The flowers will be delivered to your hotel by the florist a couple of hours before the wedding. We can also arrange flowers for your reception venue and standing arrangements for the wedding location, as well as gift bouquets and flowers for your hair.

### **What type of transport is available for us and our wedding party?**

The traditional way is by a decorated bridal car, which is usually a black or white air-conditioned 4-seater Mercedes decorated with ribbon. Alternatively, you could choose to make the most of the wonderful climate by travelling in a horse-drawn carriage. We can also book additional transport for your guests such as taxis, a minibus or a coach. To give your day more of a local Cypriot feeling, your wedding co-ordinator can also arrange a traditional vintage bus to take your family and friends to your wedding venue. The choice is yours, but however you choose to travel, you're certain to travel in comfort and style.

### **Can we have a traditional tiered wedding cake?**

After the ceremony the wedding party usually departs for the hotel or reception venue for photographs, a champagne toast and, of course, the cutting of the cake. You can choose from either sponge or fruit cake, in a choice of one or two tiers. You could even have one tier fruit and one tier sponge. For something a little bit different, there is also the option of a chocolate sponge cake. The cakes are generally white in design and decorated with a bride and groom or a floral decoration. If you want to bring your own decoration then please give this to your Paphos wedding co-ordinator who will arrange for this to be put on the cake for you.

### **Can you recommend a hairstylist / beautician?**

Most Paphos hotels include hairdressing salons for their guests and will be happy to style your hair for you on your big day. If you're unsure about the abilities of the salon in your hotel, speak to your wedding co-ordinator who will be able to advise you on their level of service. We also work with a reputable hairdresser who is UK trained and has over 15 years' experience in wedding designs and styles. For your ease and convenience, our stylist will come to your room on the morning of the wedding, leaving you more time to relax, get ready and add those finishing touches. If necessary, a trial appointment can be arranged prior to the event. If you require, we can also schedule an appointment for a beautician to apply your make up after your hair is finished. We can also book hair appointments for the groom, bridesmaids and any other members of your wedding party. Please ask your Paphos wedding co-ordinator to book the appointments for you, as the appointments are limited. If you or any member of your party would like to have their nails done, we can also arrange this for you. Services available are acrylic nail extensions, manicures and pedicures.

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### **What about the reception? What choices do we have?**

No receptions are too grand or too modest to arrange. Some couples choose to have a simple affair with canapés and champagne, others like to have a buffet / sit down meal, with an inclusive bar and waiter service. Various entertainment options can also be arranged. There are a number of excellent venues in Paphos for your wedding reception, but for pure convenience as well as some wonderfully idyllic settings, we recommend that you hold your reception within your hotel. Whether it is a 2\* or 5\* hotel, the management will ensure that you and guests receive a warm welcome and a first class service. Your wedding co-ordinator can assist you with all the arrangements and discuss your requirements with the hotel. We also have a recommended selection of local restaurants for you to choose from, which include traditional tavernas, Mediterranean cuisine, a la carte and beachfront locations. They all offer various menus and most offer entertainment to finish your reception in style. Your Paphos wedding co-ordinator will be able to show you menus and discuss all your requirements with you at your initial meeting and make recommendations. If you fancy something a little bit different that you could not arrange easily at home, how about chartering your own private yacht from one of the many available in Paphos harbour. These can be as simple or as extravagant as you like. The cost will vary depending on what you choose and can also include a cruise along the coastline of Paphos. Your Paphos wedding co-ordinator will be able to discuss your requirements with you and go over all the details. What better way to ensure even more fantastic memories and some excellent photographs of your special day?

### **What excursions do you recommend for us to enjoy while on honeymoon?**

**EGYPT** – For some, getting married in Cyprus is considered to be a combined wedding and honeymoon. For others, the chance of an unforgettable cruise across the Mediterranean to visit Egypt proves too hard to resist. On board your floating hotel you can enjoy fine international cuisine, relax and watch the cabaret shows, or dance into the early hours in the disco before retiring to the comfort of your cabin. On arrival, you can recapture the atmosphere of a bygone era and experience one of the Seven Wonders of the World on a visit to the spectacular Pyramids and the amazing Sphinx, as well as visiting the Egyptian Museum which houses the Tutankhamen. You will also have the opportunity to practice your haggling skills on a shopping trip to the local bazaars. Your wedding co-ordinator can advise you of special wedding and honeymoon packages to suit your needs.

**ELITE JEEPS** – An exclusive Paphos jeep safari could be yours for the day. Enjoy the scenery of Cyprus, in either the Akamas nature reserve or the Troodos mountains, in the comfort of a luxury 4X4 off-road jeep with leather seats and a private fridge including beers, soft drinks and champagne. You will be accompanied by a friendly, informative local tour guide and a full traditional meze lunch is included. This jeep is for a minimum of 2 and maximum of 7 persons.

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