

# Weddings in Jamaica

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WEDDINGS IN JAMAICA (PRINCESS SENSES THE MANGROVE AND PRINCESS GRAND JAMAICA)

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### LEGAL CEREMONY – REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Notarised copies of the birth certificates of both partners (long version for Canadian citizens)
  - Notarised copies of national identity documents (passport or driving licence)
  - Notarised final divorce notice (if applicable)
  - Notarised death certificate (in the case of widowhood)
  - Notarised document of change of name or adoption documents, if applicable
  - Notarised authorisation from parents if either of the parties is under 18 years of age
  - Official English translation of all documents if they are in another language
  - Completed Wedding Agreement form, with valid details for the date of the ceremony
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### RENEWAL OF VOWS / SYMBOLIC CEREMONY – REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Notarised copy of marriage certificate
  - Notarised copies of national identity document (passport or driving licence)
  - Completed marriage agreement form
  - Important: Symbolic ceremonies are not legally binding in Jamaica.
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### DOCUMENTATION SUBMISSION

- All documents (as applicable) must be sent at least 2 months prior to the desired wedding date
  - Documents may be scanned and sent by email
  - Princess is not responsible for documents not received through postal or courier services
  - The hotel cannot retrieve documents sent to addresses other than the resort and will not return original documents
  - Once the forms have been signed, the Minister will forward the documentation to the Civil Registry. The issuance of official marriage certificates takes between 6 and 8 weeks
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### RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

- Couples must arrive in Jamaica at least 48 hours before the ceremony
  - This is necessary in order to comply with legal requirements and ensure sufficient time for final preparations
  - Ceremonies must be booked at least 6 months in advance, although bookings made less than 6 months in advance will be taken into consideration, depending on availability
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### MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND INTERNATIONAL VALIDITY

- A copy of the Marriage Register is presented on the day of the wedding
  - Two certified copies of the Official Certificate are sent to the couple between 6 and 8 weeks after the ceremony
  - Marriages performed in Jamaica are legally recognised in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and most countries worldwide
  - It is recommended that validity requirements in the couple's country of residence be verified in order to confirm whether any additional paperwork is required
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### AUTHENTICATION AND LEGALISATION OF CERTIFICATES (OUTSIDE JAMAICA)

Residents of countries where English is not the official language must complete additional procedures. These involve a fee that will be notified by the Wedding Specialist. The process includes:

- Legalisation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jamaica
  - Authentication by the relevant embassy or consulate in Jamaica
  - Mandatory procedure to ensure the validity of the certificate in certain countries
  - Countries requiring additional authentication and legalisation: Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Poland, Netherlands, Ukraine, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Malta, Czech Republic, Iceland, Lithuania, Finland, Croatia, Romania, Hungary, Denmark, Luxembourg, Morocco
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### CONTACT FOR QUERIES OR CLARIFICATIONS

- For further information, please do not hesitate to contact your Wedding Specialist:  
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