

Weddings in Punta Cana

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WEDDINGS IN PUNTA CANA (PRINCESS HOTELS & RESORTS)

TYPES OF WEDDING AVAILABLE

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| 1. Civil Wedding (Legal) | 2. Catholic Religious Wedding (Legal and Sacramental) |
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LEGAL CEREMONY – REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

(foreigners and/or Dominicans with dual nationality):

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| • Sworn statement of single status | • Birth certificate (with parents' names) |
| • Copy of the bride and groom's passports | • Copy of the passports of two witnesses (not relatives) |
| • Divorce certificate (if applicable). | • Death certificate (if widowed). |
| | • Cost of the ceremony USD \$1003,00 |

Legalisation and Translation:

- Hague Convention countries: Apostille + translation into Spanish
 - Countries outside the Hague Convention: Legalisation at the Dominican consulate + translation into Spanish
- Originals and copies must be presented in person.

In advance:

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| • Book at least 6 months prior to the wedding | • Subject to availability of the judge |
| • Ceremony in Spanish with possibility of translation | |
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CATHOLIC WEDDING –

Jesús Maestro Parish Church – REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Letter of permission from the local parish priest (at least 4 months in advance)
- Pre-marriage survey and approval from the diocese or transfer of documents from the diocese of residence
- Birth certificates of both parties (certified and legalised)
- Passports or identity cards of both parties
- Baptismal certificates for both parties (with marginal notes and issued less than 6 months previously)
- Confirmation certificates and first communion certificates
- Certificate of premarital course
- Civil divorce certificate (if applicable)
- Ecclesiastical annulment certificate (if applicable)
- Passport or identity card of the witnesses
- Interview with the parish priest (prior coordination)
- Civil marriage certificate (if applicable)
- Death certificate of previous spouse (if applicable)
- Letter of dispensation (if applicable)
- Completion of the official form by the couple
- Confession required before the sacrament

Send these documents scanned by email followed by hard copy from the corresponding diocese.

Local parish email: pjesusmaestro1@gmail.com

IMPORTANT

- Catholic weddings are not held on the beach
- Permitted locations: church, gazebo, terrace or garden (with permission from the bishop)
- Rehearsal organised by the hotel
- Mass is optional.

Music:

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| • In the church: classical/religious, chosen by the couple. | • In the hotel: provided by the hotel. |
| • Cost of priest: USD \$885 | |
| • Alternative official email: cath-wedding-dom@hotmail.com | |
| • Contact for parish office: 809-468-1458 | |
| • Parish wedding coordinator: Patricia Santana – 829-397-1004 | |
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WEDDINGS FOR DOMINICAN NATIONALS – REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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| • Identity cards of both parties | • Divorce certificate (if applicable) |
| • Death certificate (if applicable) | • Two witnesses who are not related to the couple |
| • Legal declaration if married under separation of property | up to the third degree |
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RECOMMENDED ADMINISTRATORS

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