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The Top 5 Questions Couples Ask Me

Real questions from real couples — straight answers, no fluff.

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1. How far in advance should we book?

As soon as you've locked your venue and date — ideally 10-14 months out for peak season. The best venues and room blocks get reserved by other couples first, not by the couple who waits until they've picked their color palette.

2. How much does a destination wedding actually cost?

It depends on guest count, destination, and season — but destination weddings are often more cost-effective per person than a local wedding, since venue, catering, and decor are frequently bundled into your resort package.

3. Will our guests actually show up?

Most couples see 60-80% of their invited guest list attend. Giving guests 10+ months notice, sharing group rates early, and picking a destination with direct flights all significantly improve turnout.

4. Is a destination wedding legally binding?

Yes — as long as you follow the legal requirements of that country (which vary widely). Many couples do a legal ceremony at home and a symbolic ceremony at the destination to avoid paperwork delays.

5. Do we need a travel adviser if the resort has a wedding coordinator?

The resort coordinator handles your wedding day logistics on property. I handle everything before and around it — guest travel, group rates, room blocks, and being your advocate if anything goes sideways. I'm also a wedding planner and can be onsite with you if requested, so someone in your corner is watching over the couple and every guest, start to finish.

Got a question I didn't cover?

Let's talk it through — no pressure, just clarity.

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