

Popular *destination wedding* locales



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Couples are increasingly tying the knot in exotic locales. According to The Knot 2017 Real Weddings Study, a survey of nearly 13,000 U.S. brides and grooms who married in 2017, 25 percent of weddings were destination weddings. While the survey did not ask participants who opted for destination weddings where they got hitched, The Knot notes that the following locales are some stunning places for couples to

say their “I dos.”

Dominican Republic: Home to 800 miles of sandy beaches, the Dominican Republic features a host of all-inclusive resorts, many of which offer wedding packages. Couples who want to tie the knot under the warm sun need look no further than the Dominican Republic, which boasts average temperatures in the 70s and 80s year-round.

Costa Rica: A popular honeymoon destination, Costa Rica also makes a great place to host a tropical wedding. Couples can take advantage of stunning mountaintop views or enjoy their weddings on any of Costa Rica’s many white sand beaches. Dense rain forests, numerous nature preserves and national parks make Costa Rica a great place for guests to explore, especially during the dry season between December and April (rain falls throughout the year on the Caribbean coast of Costa Rica).

Maine: Couples who want waterfront weddings with a little something different may want to consider Maine. Lighthouses might provide the perfect backdrop for couples’ nuptials, and guests can indulge in fresh lobster and various outdoor activities. Maine’s tourist season is July and August, but Maine’s famous fall foliage can be used to create a beautiful look for couples who tie the knot in September.

Jackson Hole, Wyoming: Another destination that won’t require couples or their guests to dust off their passports, Jackson Hole is nestled in the awe-inspiring Teton mountain range. Summer and early fall are the best times to tie the knot in Jackson Hole, which is home to numerous rustic ranches that can make for ideal wedding settings.

Ireland: Couples who don’t mind a rain shower here or there may want to tie the knot in Ireland, where weather is usually most welcoming between May and September. Idyllic seaside villages dot the Irish landscape, as do rolling green hills and towering cliffs that can make for beautiful backdrops for wedding ceremonies. Castles can be found throughout Ireland, giving couples unique spaces to host their weddings and receptions.

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