

Simple Beach Wedding Planning Checklist

Planning a simple beach wedding? Use this checklist to stay organized and stress-free as you plan your dream seaside celebration.

1. Initial Planning

- ☐ Decide on a beach location
- ☐ Set a wedding date and time (consider sunset for lighting)
- ☐ Determine guest list size
- ☐ Check beach permit requirements
- ☐ Set a budget

2. Theme and Decor

- ☐ Choose a simple beach wedding theme (e.g., tropical minimalism, nautical, coral & aqua)
- ☐ Decide on color palette
- ☐ Plan ceremony arch (DIY with driftwood/fabric)
- ☐ Gather seashells, driftwood, and candles for decor
- ☐ Create or buy signage (welcome, guestbook station, etc.)

3. Attire and Accessories

- ☐ Select a lightweight beach wedding dress
- ☐ Choose groom and guest attire (beach casual style)
- ☐ Plan for barefoot or flip-flop footwear
- ☐ Coordinate bridal bouquet and boutonniere (use local flowers)

4. Ceremony Setup

- ☐ Rent or bring chairs (or opt for blankets/benches)
- ☐ Create aisle markers using natural elements
- ☐ Time ceremony 30-45 minutes before sunset for ideal lighting
- ☐ Arrange acoustic music or sound system

5. Reception Details

- ☐ Plan a beach picnic or casual dining setup
- ☐ Set up tent/shaded lounge area with cushions and rugs
- ☐ Decorate tables minimally with candles and coastal elements
- ☐ Create a hydration station (iced drinks, water, coconuts)
- ☐ Book entertainment (e.g., live acoustic guitarist)



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6. Keepsakes and Favors

- ☐ Create a message in a bottle guestbook
- ☐ Prepare wedding favors (custom flip-flops, sunglasses, etc.)
- ☐ Hire a photographer/videographer familiar with beach settings

7. Legal & Practical Considerations

- ☐ Secure any necessary permits for ceremony and bonfire
- ☐ Confirm local rules (bonfires, alcohol, etc.) Arrange cleanup
- ☐ plan (DIY or hire service) Prepare backup plan for weather
- ☐ (e.g., tent or indoor space)

8. Final Week Prep

- ☐ Pack beach wedding essentials (sunscreen, fans, first aid kit)
- ☐ Confirm vendor bookings and arrival times
- ☐ Prepare wedding day emergency kit
- ☐ Do a final walkthrough of the beach venue

