



Greece Brochure

Weddings and honeymoons curated and crafted by experts

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So you have been dreaming about a destination wedding ever since you met the absolute love of your life in that bar you finally decided to try... or that movie you had been meaning to see... or even by swiping right on tinder (no judgement) & you fell hopelessly in love.

Then it happens and the love of your life gets down on one knee & you can finally start planning... except you have no idea where to start.

The realisation of the time it will take you to plan your dream destination sinks in... You start to feel the sand slipping away, you can no longer taste the banana-berry-licious cocktail or feel the sun on your skin. In a panic you jump onto the internet to find that Destination Wedding company who heard raving reviews about from a friend of a friend & soon realise they are exactly what you need.

We are Viva Destination Weddings and
we are here to bring your dream
wedding to life!



Important note

This showcases a wide variety of locations in Greece. If you would like an expert to produce a personalised custom guide, specific to your unique wedding requirements please contact us..

SO WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

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WHAT WE BRING TO THE TABLE

✓ **We are a one stop shop** - We can organise it all from beauty to bucks parties and flowers to flights with our tried-and-tested suppliers worldwide, entirely simplifying the process for you.

✓ **We eliminate stress** - We helpfully assist and guide you through all itinerary changes, legal requirements, guest travel bookings and intricate experiences meant just for you - meaning no stress and more time to focus on the fun stuff.

✓ **We understand how important this is to you** - We want to spend time to understand what your perfect wedding looks like to you and how we can achieve it together.

✓ **We think out of the box** - We provide unique and innovative solutions that will have you and your travelling party engaged and excited well before you hop on the plane, and long after you return.

✓ **We are at no extra costs to you** - This is one case where your Momma will take back the phrase "nothing good comes free". We simply work off a small commission paid by each of our trusted suppliers for passing them your business. Ultimately, we will have the best prices because we negotiate directly with the suppliers, while also getting access to special group rates and 'exclusive inclusions'!



OUR CREDENTIALS

- ✓ Member of the exclusive Travellers Choice group
- ✓ Fully ATAS accredited Travel company
- ✓ Verified member of Skal (International Association of Tourism and Travel Professionals)
- ✓ Travel Agency with 75 years of experience combined
- ✓ Members of local and international industry networking groups

"Mandi is amazing, we are not long back from our wedding which I could not have done without her. She did everything we needed, Mandi is back to you instantly and if not will let you know when she can get that answer to you. I seriously would have lost it without this woman, she is an angel in disguise"

Kayla Maree Kava – previous bride

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INFORMATION AND GUIDE



Good for couples



Family Friendly

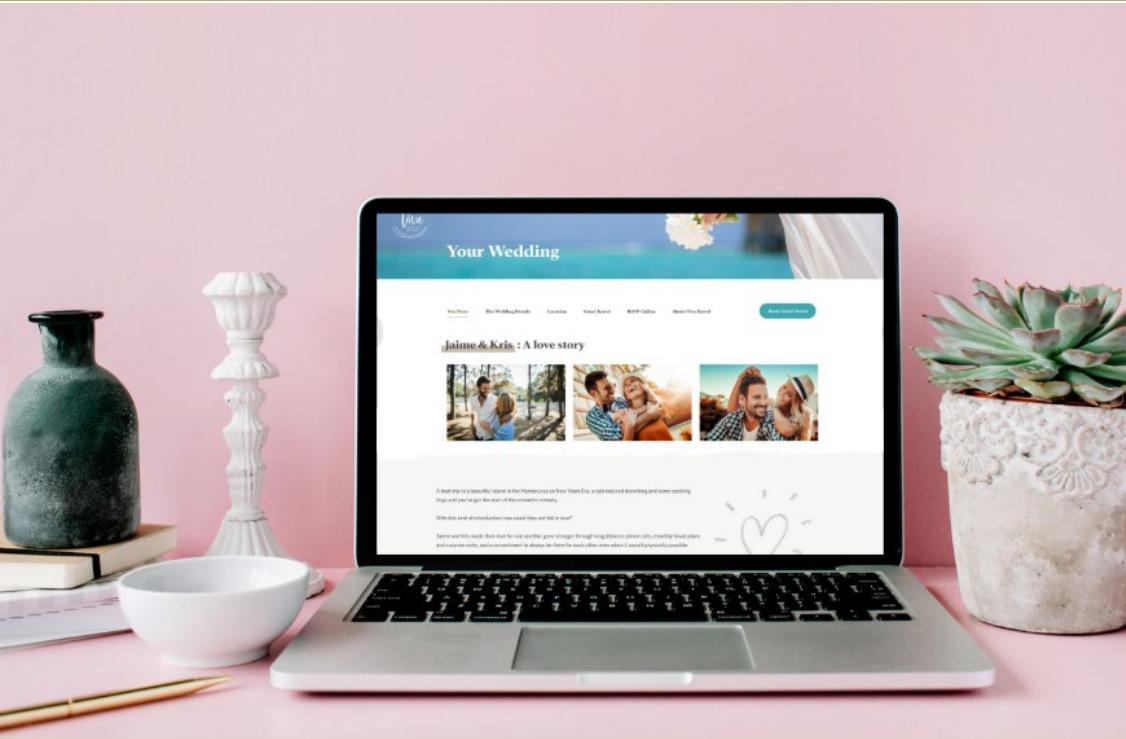


Location



Good for groups

We can create tailor made packages, so this is just a guide so speak to us!



Are you sitting there thinking, I can barely organise something for dinner, let alone manage 50+ peoples travel arrangements to Greece?

Well don't worry, we got you!

PERSONALISED WEDDING WEBSITES

- ✓ Showcase your love story & welcome note
- ✓ Digital RSVP system to track guests attending
- ✓ All guest accommodation & flight information
- ✓ Detailed wedding event itinerary
- ✓ Gift Registry
- ✓ Information to contact Viva Destination Weddings to book

ONCE YOUR GUEST LIST HAS BEEN FINALISED, WE CAN ORGANISE -

- ✓ Guest accommodation
- ✓ Guest flights & transfers
- ✓ Additional pre & post travel arrangements
- ✓ Additional tours & experiences
- ✓ Depending on how many guests book through us, we can offer group discounts. Note: Guests who book direct will not be included, and will minimise discounts available.

Introducing the dream destination

GREECE

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Yassou!

Weddings in Greece are amazing. Think about the scenes from Mamma Mia (preferably without Pierce Brosnan singing), and you get the idea.

The backdrops are incredible, with breathtaking views, amazing sunsets, picturesque chapels with blue domes, unique beaches and beautiful wineries.

The most popular area for weddings is Santorini where it is practically an industry. But you can get married pretty much anywhere in Greece, particularly if you know your islands or have insider info.

We have kept this brochure primarily about Santorini, but of course we can do anywhere. In fact, Andrew, our very own Director is planning his wedding in 2021 in the tiny island of Kythera. Last year, Mandi flew from Australia to the tinier island of Antiparos for her sisters wedding, so we do have experience with Greek weddings!



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GREECE



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GO?

Definitely in the Australian winter which is the European summer.

It is possible in their winter as well, however a lot of the smaller islands close during the winter to renovate, as they get little business from Europe in that time.



WHAT IS GREECE LIKE?

Greece is a country with so much to see, you can discover 227 idyllic inhabited islands, stunning ruins, and mainland to explore with unique beauty.

Sampling fresh Greek salad with a taste like no other, in a taverna with a stunning backdrop is an experience.

Like anywhere in the world, Greece offers options for all budgets.



WHAT ARE THE LOCATIONS LIKE?

Santorini is the main island for weddings, because you can't find a setting much more romantic than on the rim of a volcano with the sea 1000 feet below.

If smaller islands are more your taste, we can recommend other options.

You don't have travel very far for your honeymoon either. We can arrange island hopping for you to make the most of your trip.



IS IT LEGAL TO GET MARRIED THERE?

Getting married in Greece legally does require some red tape however we can arrange all that for you and advise you.

Alternatively, you can get married legally in Australia prior to travelling, and then we can arrange a symbolic wedding ceremony as sometimes, any red tape can be too much!



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GETTING MARRIED IN GREECE



Are weddings legally recognised overseas?

Legal weddings are recognised worldwide. Our suppliers over there will assistance with paperwork required for foreign citizens to marry in Greece.

How do i apply for a marriage license?

There are different processes depending on whether it is a church, civil (town hall) wedding, or a symbolic ceremony. Please talk to us.

How many days before should we arrive?

Depending on the requirement for a legal wedding, which may be longer, otherwise it is recommended that you arrive at least a couple of days before your wedding. This will allow time to finalise plans.

How do I change my name?

Because the wedding is registered in the Greece, it is legal and recognised worldwide, however you cannot register the marriage with Australian Births, Deaths & Marriages, as they are unable to register overseas weddings. As an alternative, you can arrange for a civil ceremony in Australia and then have a Renewal of Vows ceremony in the Greece.

Most people do an official name change when they get back to Australia which is then recorded in Births Deaths and Marriages. We suggest that when you receive your marriage certificate get around a dozen copies certified by a JP and keep them safe.

Banks and credit cards etc will keep a copy on file, so never send the original. Legally you are married and can use your new name, but it is easier and more official to do a name change.

To legally marry in the Greece, you need to:

- Be unmarried, widowed or divorced.
- Not be related (bloodline relationship).
- Be 18 years of age or over.
- Any witnesses must be 18 years of age or over.
- Both spouses must be physically present to obtain their special licence.

You will also need to provide:

- Original Full Birth Certificate issued by Births, Deaths and Marriages in the State you were born in Australia. You need an Apostille from the Department of Foreign Affairs in Australia on each Birth Certificate.
- Valid passports.
- Certificates of No Impediment for both the bride and the groom.
- Divorce Certificate/Spouse Death Certificate - All documents need to be original documents and have an Apostille applied from the Department of Foreign Affairs.
- Once you have collected all your documents, you need to get them translated, unless they have been issued in the Greek language. All translations need to be completed by a NAATI Accredited Translator who is registered with one of the Greek Consulates or the Greek Embassy in Australia.

Depending on which Church, Town, City or Island you get married in, you may need further documents. We are happy to check with the relevant authorities to make sure that you comply with their requirements.

Religious ceremonies have additional requirements – please ask us.

Same sex marriages are not permitted in Greece.



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PEARL WEDDING CEREMONY FROM A\$2850

Includes:

Booking wedding date & time / Booking and celebrant fee

Reservation of wedding location (Ceremony at a winery, hotel terrace or beach)

Bridal bouquet & Groom's boutonniere (seasonal flowers - colours of your choice)

Basket of rose petals for throwing after ceremony

Decoration of ceremony table with fabrics & candles

A bottle of Champagne

Transportation to and from wedding location with an air-conditioned luxury car

Recorded music during ceremony

Planning & Supervision of the Wedding

Pre - Wedding Meeting and visiting of the venue

Assistance with all legal arrangements and paperwork for your wedding

Town Hall fees

Provision of 2 witnesses (if required)

Representative to accompany you to arrange the signing of Marriage Certificate
the following working day at the Town Hall

Other packages available, ask us for details!

Terms, conditions and seasonal surcharges may apply.

Setting foot in Santorini is a whole new world. No matter how many sunsets you have seen before, nothing compares to the most dramatic ones on show from the famous Caldera in Oia. Shades of red that create an amazing view over the white cliffs, dotted with the iconic blue domed roofs.

Santorini has it all, luxurious hotels, delicious restaurants, the dramatic rocky landscape, and the volcano are just some of the reasons you'll have a crush on this unique island! Spoil yourself with spa treatments, wine tasting, vineyards tours, shopping in luxurious fashion boutiques and romantic dinners with a view to the endless Aegean Sea.

We specialize in creating tailor made Weddings with marvelous design concepts, inspired by you as a couple and making your dreams into reality.

With our approach, guidance and expertise, we will transform your wedding into an unforgettable and fabulous affair.

There are a few main types of Wedding options to choose from:
Civil weddings, Orthodox weddings, Catholic weddings, Symbolic weddings, Vows Renewal, Beach weddings, Winery weddings and Yacht/Sailing weddings.



Great for couples and families



Fly into Athens, domestic flights to Santorini. Flights in to Santorini also available from some European ports such as Rome from Rome.



WHAT WE LOVE

A favourite of ours, definitely a bucket list destination. As touristy as it is, you need to brave the crowds, book a table (and pay a premium!) to drink cocktails and eat dinner watching the sunset at the far end of the Caldera. Stay in Oia but unless you are super fit, we will book you one on the higher road, not down a cliff!



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Packages that combine visit to Athens with one or several Islands are the most popular. Island Hopping Passes are pre-designed, set itineraries built to feature the highlights of selected islands. Perfect for travellers that want a tried and true Grecian holiday. Flexi Passes are customizable itineraries that feature any selection of islands, perfect for those that want to get creative and off the beaten path.

Sail & Stay - Greek Island cruises are a wonderful way to experience several destinations in comfort and style in relatively short period of time. We offer a range of sailing experiences: yacht charter, small ship cruises as well as all inclusive cruises combined with Athens and island stay. If you wish to visit Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, Rhodes and Turkey in 4 days then the cruise may be the best option for you.

Athens is a vibrant bustling metropolis where The Acropolis stands proud and tall, dominating the centre and encompassing the Parthenon, Erechtheion and Temple of Athena Nike.

Luxury travel is also an option, with on-the-ground assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week to ensure that everything is smooth, enjoyable and taken care of. From front row show tickets to special dinner bookings for a celebration, no request is too small. Customised itineraries with private tours and excursions known only to locals allow you to relax so you can really discover the authentic charm of Greece, away from the tourists.

Island hopping is easy and the quintessential dream holiday!

Experience the unique splendour of numerous Greek islands with several island-hopping options or tours. Or why not create your own trip? Greece is infinitely flexible. Choose the duration, standard of accommodation, transportation and destinations. We can then craft a tailored combination of hotels, day tours, multi-day couch tours, and even cruises and island stays into perfect itineraries.

Escape the masses and experience ancient Greece off the map and upgraded, each itinerary is tailor made and suited to your unique tastes.

Weddings can be arranged at any point, wherever you choose! We just need to allow a few extra days at your location for legal weddings, but symbolic ones can be easily arranged to fit in with your itinerary.



Great for families, couples and groups



Fly into Athens, and we can then create your ideal itinerary from there



WHAT WE LOVE

Indulge in spa treatments at a high-end luxury hotel, get a true Santorini wine tour with a local sommelier, dive into the sparkling Aegean Sea from the deck of a private yacht, or dine in a Michelin-starred restaurant in Athens

SUPPLIERS FOR YOUR WEDDING



We are able to enhance your wedding with a variety of options.

Photographers – from a 2-hour package to all-day coverage

Videography – alongside the photography

Hair and make-up – including trials if required (depending on location)

Flowers and decoration – extra bouquets etc

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Receptions – from casual cocktail style to 5 star lavish banquets

Wedding cakes

DJs and Musicians – to get you dancing

Pre or post wedding shoot

Plus of course – private villas, accommodation, private caterers, transportation and tours for groups





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