



Samoa 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!



@Return to Paradise Resort

Important note

This showcases a wide variety of locations and resorts in Samoa. 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?



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, and not on “island time” (yes it is a real thing). 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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Family friendly



Location



Adults only



Approximate cost

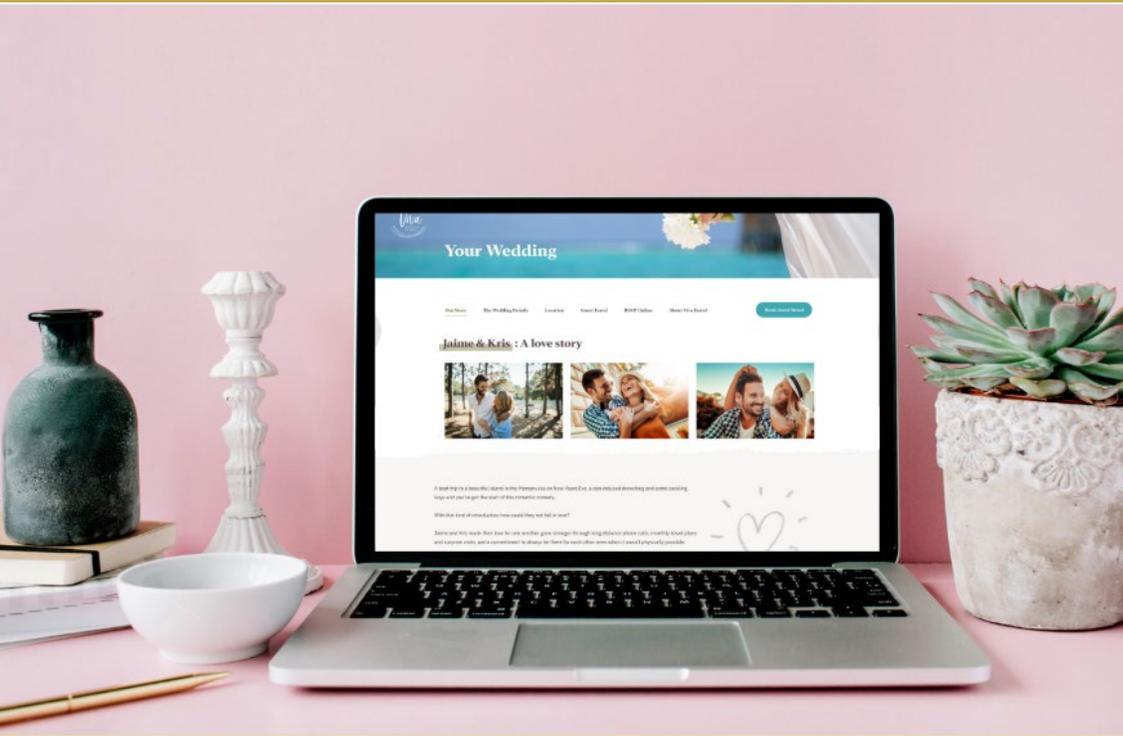


Good for groups



Special offers

We have selected a variety of packages but most resorts will have multiple options, or we can create tailor made packages, so these are a guide and may not be the cheapest option



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

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.

SAMOA



Alofa is the Samoan word for love and you will fall in love with Samoa as a Wedding or Honeymoon destination.

Frangipani scents the air, the ocean laps gently onto the shore and the sun sets magnificently on the horizon. You have come to these beautiful islands to marry and beside you is your soul mate and true love, saying the words 'I do'.

Samoa's stunning natural features provide numerous magical settings for your ceremony, from a secluded beach to a cascading waterfall or even a lush tropical rainforest or garden. You can enjoy your special day on a private, uninhabited island or experience a traditional-style wedding in a century-old church, serenaded by a Samoan choir.

According to Fa'a Samoa, marriage is a sacred union to be honoured and respected, so expect your wedding day to be a memorable event. There are many suitable resorts that are able to cater for your wedding and honeymoon.

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WHY DOES IT MATTER WHERE I GO?

Where you choose as your wedding destination will make an impact on every other decision, including guest lists, suppliers and more. While Samoa is a popular destination for weddings, each resort has their own unique vibe, which means a destination must be thoughtfully handpicked for each couple depending on what they want their dream wedding to look and feel like.



WHAT IS THE CULTURE LIKE THERE?

Fa'a Samoa - the Samoan way – is a way of life that stretches back more than 3,000 years and is reflected in every aspect of Samoa's communal society.

Discover and explore the ancient customs and colourful traditions that govern everyday life from everyday rituals and values to dance, art and cuisine. Fa'a Samoa places great emphasis on providing warm hospitality.



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WHAT ARE THE LOCATIONS LIKE?

Samoa is the perfect place to plan your dream wedding, spend a magical honeymoon or simply enjoy a special romantic getaway. Whether you choose to spend your holiday in five-star luxury, treat your guests to a traditional Samoan wedding ceremony or opt for an active adventure for two, Samoa has the perfect option for you.. Whatever your choice, you can be sure your wedding day will be incredibly memorable.



@Taumeasina Resort

IS SAMOA FAMILY FRIENDLY?

Family and children are central to Fa'a Samoa – the Samoan way. Your family, too, will be greeted with warm and friendly smiles in this Polynesian paradise. Experience what it's like to sleep in a traditional Samoan fale, explore lush forest trails to discover secluded waterfalls, dive into crystal clear waterholes, swim with turtles, or dance with the locals and learn to open a coconut.



@Return to Paradise



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GO?

Samoa's climate is warm and humid all year round, with little variation in temperature but with distinct wet and dry seasons.

The sea temperature is normally in the low 20s, making it perfect for swimming and snorkelling all year around.. School Holidays and main holiday events like Easter and Christmas will typically mean higher prices.



IS COOK ISLANDS? AFFORDABLE

Like anywhere in the world, Cook Islands offers options for all budgets. From a barefoot rustic vibe to pure luxury, we can help you book what you need at the best prices.

Most resorts also have fantastic inclusive packages so everything is taken care of in one payment.



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ARE THERE GOOD SUPPLIERS OVER THERE?

You can select from a range of excellent photographers, hair and make-up artists and more, to match your needs and wedding style and make your day perfect and memorable.



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IS IT LEGAL TO GET MARRIED THERE?

Getting married in Samoa is legal and recognised worldwide.

Paperwork is easily arranged, and we work with some of the most professional and experienced onsite wedding coordinators to ensure your day runs smoothly. There is a requirement to lodge paperwork some time in advance, but we can do that on your behalf.



SAMOA



Samoa's two main islands, Upolu and Savai'i, are surrounded by several smaller islands, including Manono and Apolima - the next largest two.

Most visitors to Samoa will arrive on Upolu first, which is the location of Samoa's capital Apia and its international airport and port.

Many also travel to Savai'i, the biggest island in the country but sparsely populated, and a few will make it to small, deeply traditional Manono Island.

The true, authentic Samoa lives on in the traditional villages that are sprinkled throughout the country. Exploring Samoa's tropical islands is an opportunity to discover the real, bone fide culture of our beautiful nation and explore its stunning natural beauty.

UPOLU –

Home to three-quarters of Samoa's population, is known for its lush forests and waterfalls, peaceful beaches, and great fishing, surfing and snorkelling.

Upolu is small enough to easily explore, but packs a lot of natural beauty in a small area.

Upolu's largest town and Samoa's capital city, Apia, offers bustling local markets selling crafts, fish and tropical fruits, a selection of shops and accommodation, cultural experiences including museums, and a stunning range of cuisine options from contemporary cafes to fine dining restaurants.

The island's south coast is home to some of Samoa's most beautiful beaches, including Lalomanu - regularly voted as one of the world's top beaches.

SAVAI'I ISLAND –

Cloaked in pristine rainforest teeming with bird life, Savai'i is often referred to as the "real Samoa" where locals enjoy a laid-back, traditional way of life.

Its size and lack of population make Savai'i the ideal place to get away from it all, immerse yourself in true Polynesian culture and explore incredible landscapes. Savai'i's attractions include high waterfalls, caves and blowholes, and particularly the dramatic Saleaula lava fields and huge lava tubes that formed when Mt Matavanu erupted in the early 20th Century.

Savai'i also has plenty of pristine beaches, great snorkelling, kayaking and diving, and a wide range of accommodation options along with some of the best food in Samoa.



GETTING MARRIED IN SAMOA



To marry in Samoa you will need to fill in an application for a marriage license at least 14 days prior (but no more than 3 months in advance) to your wedding day with the Ministry of Justice in Apia. A fee of ST\$14 applies (subject to change).

Because the wedding is registered in Samoa, 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 Cook Islands.

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 Samoa, you need to:

- Be unmarried, widowed or divorced.
- Not be related (bloodline relationship).
- Be 21 years of age or over.
- Any witnesses must be 21 years of age or over.
- Both spouses must be physically present to obtain their special licence.
- Ensure you are in Samoa at least three days before the wedding date.

You will also need to provide:

- Your passport and birth certificate will be required when filling out the “Notice of Intended Marriage”.
- A copy of the Decree Absolute if divorced
- If you have been widowed you will need to provide the Death Certificate of your spouse.
- All documentation must be in English or translated into English.



COCONUTS BEACH CLUB RESORT & SPA



Coconuts is a classic, laid-back, tropical resort built to harmonise with its natural surroundings. The resort is located on a beautiful white sandy beach at the edge of a traditional Samoan village and features panoramic views over a turquoise lagoon. Coconuts Resort is situated on the Southern coast of the Island of Upolu. From suites, villas and fales (Samoan for house), guests have a range of accommodation types to choose from including Samoa's only Overwater Fales. Each room reflects traditional Samoan design and culture, offering a relaxing and spacious retreat during your holiday.



Great for families, groups and couples.



Upolu - Transfers by road from the airport.



Average nightly rate: Starts from A\$1375 per room for a 3 nights stay* for up to 2 people. Choose between a complimentary mini bar (bottled water, soda, house wine, and local beer replenished daily) or complimentary continental breakfast.

*minimum 3-night stay required



Honeymoon Bonus:

Complimentary fresh "Island Fruit" Plate & Bottle of Wine, Fresh bouquet of Island Flowers in the room, A hand-woven "Ula" (traditional floral head adornment) that may be worn at the COCONUTS' Fia Fia night celebration, Breakfast cocktail - Ramos Fizz, 2 Special t-shirts.



Swimming Pool - Day Spa - Wellness Centre - Activity Centre - Tour Desk - Gift Shop - Watersports - Library - Babysitting - Laundry - WiFi.



Mika's Restaurant: Famous in Samoa. Check out the famous Coconuts meal deal!



WHAT WE LOVE

Right on the beach and does have lovely overwater fales. Food at Mika's is brilliant and their Fia Fia night is also fun.

THE GRAND WEDDING PACKAGE FROM A\$5539

- Full Wedding Registration Fees
- Legal Samoan Marriage License, recognized world-wide
- Decorated venue - a location of your choice on the beach under a floral arch.
- A bouquet of exotic island flowers and a pale (head wreath) for the bride and a Samoan ula (lei) for the groom.
- Wedding cake: After the ceremony to celebrate the occasion
- Professional photographer (wedding album with 64 photos including 4 enlargements, and DVD).
- During the ceremony you will enjoy a serenade by the Coconuts Beach Club traditional Samoan string band
- Romantic dinner for two, in a special secluded location, complete with a bottle of champagne
- minimum 5-night stay at Coconuts is required



RETURN TO PARADISE RESORT & SPA



Situated on the island's most iconic and beautiful beach, it was after an exhaustive search that Hollywood chose this location for the famous 1953 film 'Return to Paradise'. With just a single glimpse, it's not hard to understand why. Offering airy resort rooms, suites and villas this Samoa accommodation has a range of accommodation to suit everyone. Return to Paradise Resort & Spa offers resort facilities such as day spa, restaurant, bar, watersports and more.

MAEVA INTIMATE WEDDING PACKAGE FROM A\$1500

INCLUDES

- Groomed beach with decorated floral arch or flower heart and tailored wedding aisle OR Our beautiful beachfront Chapel by the Sea
- Tropical flower bouquet for bride, and floral garlands (leis) for bride and groom
- Marriage license fees and internationally recognized marriage certificate
- Minister to officiate the Ceremony
- Witnesses if required
- After ceremony toasting bubbly for bride and groom
- Local warriors in traditional costume to escort bride to ceremony
- Local string bands to play during the ceremony
- Romantic 3 course dinner for bride and groom with dedicated wait staff at Rock Pool Fale or on the beach (additional guests at \$100NZD per head) – maximum of 16 guests
- Flame torches at sunset

Add on 5 nights in beach front room for \$1600

Book a minimum of 20 paid nights in any room category and get \$200 off any wedding package.

Book a minimum of 50 paid room nights and receive \$500 discount off any wedding package and 3 free nights in a Ocean Breeze Room

Book a minimum of 100 paid room nights and receive \$1000 discount of any wedding and 5 free nights for the Bride and Groom in a Beachfront Suite



Great for families, groups and couples.



Upolu - Transfers by road from the airport.



Average nightly rate: Starts from A\$300 per room per night for up to 2 people. Includes tropical breakfast per day.



Honeymoon Bonus:
All honeymooners receive a bottle of bubbles.



Swimming Pools - Kids Pool - Town Shuttle - Day Spa – Library - Tour Desk - Gift Shop - Picnic Area - Fitness facilities - Bicycle Hire Babysitting services - WiFi (fee) - Chapel by the Sea – Snorkelling - Crab Races - Outdoor Gym.



Paradise Kitchen: The resorts signature restaurant / Cabana Café: Open-air café near pools / Rock Pool Bar: Features a range of signature cocktails.



WHAT WE LOVE

Great resort, fabulous for families as it covers everything. Clean and well thought out. Food is good but get the free shuttle in to Apia to try the local food there and check out the markets.



An untouched and delicately preserved island paradise boasting 29 stylishly-designed villas. Home to secluded balmy beaches and clear blue waters, Indulging those who wish to unplug from their hectic lives, the remote 4.5-star resort strives to spoil you with luxurious touches and personal experiences. Our 4.5-star dining, waterfront spa, signature activities and specialised event co-coordinators are just some of the luxurious provisions available to you..



Great for couples – no children under 12.



Upolu - Transfers by road from the airport.



Average nightly rate: Starts from A\$465 per room per night for up to 2 people. Includes Tropical breakfast per day.



Honeymoon Bonus:
Complimentary Sinalei special cocktail upon check in
Complimentary accommodation upgrade (subject to availability on arrival)
Complimentary ½ hour couples massage
* Minimum 3 night stay



Waterfront Spa - Fresh Water Lagoon Pool – Library - Gift Shop - WIFI (charges apply - Laundry - Tennis Court & beach bowling - Board Games & 9 Hole Golf Course - Game Fishing - Samoan storytelling & movie nights – Kayaking – Snorkeling – Surfing.



Ava I Toga Restaurant: Over water restaurant for romantic nights under a canopy of stars / Laumoso’oi Restaurant: Traditional dining, breakfast, lunch and cultural Fia-Fia / Uncle Harry’s Bar: For those lazy afternoons by the pool.



WHAT WE LOVE

Lovely resort for couples, their cultural nights are pretty famous in Samoa and are one of the best. Definitely have the private meal by the beach for that uber-romantic memory!

INTIMATE BAREFOOT WEDDING CEREMONY - FROM A\$1399

INCLUDES

- Ceremony venue, your own tropical beach setting, in a villa or the gardens
 - Tropical wedding archway decorated with local flowers
 - 15 chairs decorated in white linen
 - Bridal bouquet
 - Sei (flower) for bride and grooms hair
 - Complimentary bottle of champagne on check-in
 - Minister or celebrant to perform the ceremony
 - Licence and registration fees
 - Marriage certificate (mailed post wedding)
 - Dedicated wedding coordinator
- Add-on:
- Photographer / additional flowers / floral centre pieces / additional tables and chairs / Village string band / PA system or CD player



TAUMEASINA ISLAND RESORT - SAMOA



Just 5 minutes from the capital city and connected by a 90m causeway to the Samoan mainland of Upolu. You can enjoy breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean, and the scenic mountains of Upolu, from every vantage point on the island; truly a 360 degree tropical paradise island. With accommodation options to suit all types of discerning traveller; choose from our beautifully appointed Oceanview Rooms or our fully self contained two and three-bedroom Waterfront Villas.



Great for families, groups and couples



Upolu - Transfers by road from the airport.



Average nightly rate: Starts from A\$400 per room per night for up to 2 people. Includes full buffet breakfast per day.



Honeymoon Bonus:
Minimum of 3-night stay, in a Deluxe Ocean View, 2 Bedroom Villa or 3 Bedroom Villa; honeymooners receive a complimentary bottle of sparkling wine.



Swimming Pool - Tennis Court - Fitness Centre Babysitting – Boutique - Children’s Playground - Complimentary Scheduled Apia Shuttle – Activities – Watersports - Day Spa - Sauna



Lapita Restaurant: breakfast lunch and dinner / Sina’s Restaurant: fine dining / Cascade Poolside Dining: Snacks and tapas / Manu Bar: Snacks, tea, coffee / Sunset Bar: Cocktails



WHAT WE LOVE

Great resort, fabulous for families as it covers everything. Clean and well thought out. Food is good but get the free shuttle in to Apia to try the local food there and check out the markets.

PACIFIC PARADISE WEDDING PACKAGE FROM A\$2600

INCLUDES

- Personal Wedding coordinator
- Floral Lei (Asoa) for Men, and Sei for Bride
- Airport Transfers for the Bride and Groom
- Choice of ceremony location
- Sparkling wine on arrival in room
- Traditional Floral Arch or Bamboo Arbor
- Groom room on day of wedding
- Bridal Styling
- Samoan Celebrant and Samoan witnesses
- 2 * 50-minute massages
- 2 * Voucher for Fia Fia Night
- Samoan Chief Escort
- Beach and or Balcony Dinner, including complimentary wine
- Samoan Serenaders
- All Registration and Documentation
- Wedding Cupcakes for 2
- Sparkling Wine for Toasting
- Optional Extras Available

minimum 3-night stay at Taumeasina Island Resort Island Resort required

Considerations for

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Samoa is the perfect destination for a romantic break.

Wake up each day to the sound of the sea lapping onto the beach just a few metres away, from your authentic beachfront fale or plush resort suite.

After a lazy breakfast or brunch, hop onto a scooter, into your rental car, join a tour, catch a bus or grab a taxi, to start your day's adventure. Or if the beach is calling your name, grab a couple of towels or find some hammocks with your names on them.

Choose from a great range of places to explore and romantic activities to do for the morning, whether it's interacting with turtles in their natural environment on a snorkelling trip, hitting the surf, discovering a remote waterfall for a romantic swim, or exploring the markets and tasting some of Samoa's delicious produce.

Head to one of Samoa's outstanding cafes for lunch and order a couple of niu (coconut water, straight from the coconut) or try delicious koko samoa or a fresh fruit smoothie Samoan-style.

If you're up for more adventure, explore the shops or head out on a scenic drive, finishing up at a bar, restaurant or your accommodation - hopefully in time for happy hour cocktails or local beers.

Catch a fiafia before a starlit walk along the beach, back to your fale or suite for the night.

Start planning places to stay and things to do on your romantic break in Samoa.



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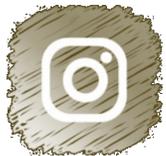
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