

Carte Blanche

Getting Married In Mauritius

Where to marry?

Carte Blanche can organise your wedding on Paradise Island in 48 hours (working days). The 'Civil Status Act' states that marriage of non-residents can take place the day following publication of the banns. Carte Blanche will take care of all of the formalities.

Where can you marry?

The wedding ceremony itself can be celebrated anywhere around the island. The most common place being in hotel resorts. There are also some particular sites where Carte Blanche can arrange for a wedding ceremony.

It can either be on catamarans or in Submarine. At special venue: Domaine du Chasseur, Dorraine les Pailles or Domain St Denis – exclusive place.

Wedding ceremony arrangements?

For the wedding ceremony, you can order several items through Carte Blanche which will be invoiced separately:

- 2-tier Cake
- Champagne / Sparkling wine
- Photographer
- Video
- Bridal bouquet
- Flowers for decoration
- Set-up of the spot (where the wedding will be held)
- Hairdresser

What documents are needed?

You will find below the complete list of documents you will be requested to provide before your wedding is celebrated. It is very important for you to bring all original copies with you to Mauritius.

Copies of all the documents must be forwarded to Carte Blanche at least six weeks prior to your arrival in Mauritius (by fax or by post).

All the relevant documents must be in either English or French and be less than three months old. Translated documents must be done by an official translator and accompanied by the original one.

Requested documents:

- Copied of both passports (pages containing passport number, picture, issue/expiry dates)
- Birth certificates of the couple
- If divorced: the former marriage certificate and divorce decree.
Applicable to all divorced women or widows: the wedding can only be celebrated 300 days after divorce decree/from the date of death certificate or spouse OR else should be holder of a medical certificate stating no pregnancy, this medical certificate must be issued in Mauritius. Additional cost will apply for arrangements.
- If the couple has changed their name by deed poll: proof is required
- If the couple is under 18 years of age on the date of the marriage: An affidavit, granting permission for the wedding to take place, is required.
- If the couple has been adopted: An adoption document needs to be produced.
- Notarial deed (if needed)

Wedding formalities?

It will be necessary for the couple to complete legal formalities in Port-Louis prior their wedding ceremony. This will take at least half a day to fulfil the necessary formalities.

When the couple arrive at their hotel a representative from White Sand Tours, a Carte Blanche partner, will advise them of the date and time they will be picked up for the formalities.

The couple will be driven to the Head Office of White Sand Tours where one of the wedding co-ordinators will await their arrival and will accompany them to Port-Louis to proceed with all the legal formalities.

They will also have to stop at the Civil Status Office of their hotel locality to do the publication of banns and to discuss the wedding time with the Civil Status Officer.

Validity of Wedding Certificate

Carte Blanche will make the arrangements for the wedding certificate to have an 'Apostille' (Convention de la Haye).

England – The wedding certificate is valid.

Belgium – Carte Blanche will send the certificate to the Belgium consulate for the seal. Afterwards the document will be forwarded to the clients.

Italy – The wedding couples will have their marriage certificates from the civil status officer after the wedding ceremony. Carte Blanche will send the marriage certificate and all necessary documents to the Italian consulate. The clients will receive their papers directly from their commune.

France – Carte Blanche will send all the necessary documents to the French Embassy. The couples will receive their 'family book' directly from their municipality.

Important: French Embassy do not accept photocopies. All the documents must be originals and less than 3 months old.

The couple must bring along with them a nationality certificate or certified copies of their identity cards. If the couple already have children together they must bring their 'family booklet'.

Germany – Carte Blanche give the wedding certificates bearing the 'Apostille' to the clients.

Religious Ceremony

Carte Blanche can also take care of the arrangements in view of a religious ceremony. Additional documents will then be needed.

There will be an additional cost for the religious arrangements.

You can contact us for more information specifying your religion.

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