

## Wedding Favors for Destination Weddings by Fernando Bellingham

When focusing on your wedding, it is important to remember that favors are a crucial part. Here is a quick guide to wedding favors for destination ceremonies.

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Destination weddings are becoming some of the most popular weddings held throughout the world today. A destination wedding is simply one where the ceremony is held a significant distance from your home town, such as on an island. Fully 20 percent of weddings performed in the last few years were considered destination weddings, as they did not take place in either the bride or groom's hometown. Traveling to get married allows a couple to really express their tastes and have a wedding that allows all of their guests to have fun at their ceremony. Of course, planning a destination wedding still requires that a couple plans out all of the typical parts of a wedding, including favors.

Wedding favors are usually taken care of by the bride, but nowadays more and more grooms are taking an active role in the planning of wedding ceremonies and receptions, including favors. Favors have the potential to be much more interesting and theme related than average wedding favors, but giving favors at a destination wedding also poses some challenges. It can be harder to choose favors for a wedding that will take place far away or in a different country because of the fact that they have to be shipped to the wedding location.

If you have a wedding planner at your wedding destination, he or she can help you to choose wedding favors that go well with your location. The wedding planner can even purchase wedding favors at the destination, or receive favors that you send there ahead of time. One popular type of favor, candy or chocolate, may not be the best choice because shipping them to other countries can involve difficulties in customs and other areas.

Choosing favors can be fun if you select a favor that goes with your wedding theme. Place card holders in the shape of beach animals, luggage tags and airplane or ship shaped trinkets all make perfect gifts for guests who come to your Caribbean or cruise wedding. Travel size items, such as travel candles, lotions and soaps can also be useful and thoughtful favors. Making up a basket of items that traveling wedding guests will need, such as sunscreen, soap, lotion, aloe vera gel and sunglasses, can be a great idea for wedding guests that are coming to your wedding expecting fun in the sun.

Other destinations can call for other types of wedding favors; for example, a wedding held in a winter setting can inspire such favors as hot chocolate mix and mittens. Taking the time to plan the favors that you're going to give your guests is a gracious way to thank them for coming to your special day.

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