

Planning the *destination* *wedding* of Your Dreams

| Creating a *lifetime*
of memories in paradise





"When we first started considering the idea of a destination wedding, we were completely overwhelmed. So many locations. So many resorts. So many factors to consider. We were referred to Lauré by another bride who spoke very highly of her assistance in planning their destination wedding. After a brief phone call, Lauré quickly provided a list of potential resort venues in Mexico with associated descriptions to assist us in finding the perfect fit. Once we settled on the El Dorado Royale Spa & Resort, sent out our invitations, and our guests started booking trips, Lauré took over. I switched my focus to wedding planning and left the travel planning to Lauré. My guests were very appreciative of her quick, friendly responses when communicating travel needs. We ended up having 47 guests attend our wedding. We didn't find out until we got to the resort and spent a few days frolicking around how perfect that venue was for a wedding party of that size. Lauré had highly suggested that resort and I am glad we listened. She nailed it."

♥ Amanda & Casey

Benefits of a Destination Wedding

A destination wedding is a stress-free, affordable way to begin your lives together. It's every girl's dream to have a wedding made in heaven. Mixing the serenity of marriage with the beauty of a tropical destination helps make that dream come true. You will create cherished memories with family and friends that will last a lifetime. Your guests combine their celebration of your wedding with a beautiful vacation getaway in paradise. It unites a unique wedding celebration with an unforgettable reunion of family and friends away from the hustle and bustle back home. And you save thousands of dollars compared to the average wedding in the U.S.

Destination Weddings Are Becoming More and More Popular

Imagine a beautiful evening on the beach watching the palm trees sway as you take in the beauty of the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean ocean. As you walk barefoot through the white sand beach, you turn around to look at all of your family and friends gathered in paradise to celebrate your wedding day! You have been spending quality time with friends and family enjoying the beauty that surrounds you; swimming, snorkeling, a sunset catamaran and horseback riding on the beach. You have had breakfast in bed and elegant beachfront dinners leading up to this moment. You have enjoyed a relaxing massage and sipped on your favorite tropical drink... all before noon. It's no wonder destination weddings are becoming so popular.

Planning a Destination Wedding

The *secret sauce* in planning a dream destination wedding is the skilled combination of selecting the ideal location, picking the perfect resort that can accommodate your plans and all the guests you expect to attend, and coordinating that with the detailed travel plans for each person. Your family and guests will be traveling from a variety of different cities and airports across the U.S. The last thing you want to do is get bogged down in the endless travel details for every person traveling. That's what my job is all about. I handle all the details of travel and resort accommodations for you and your guests. You get to focus on enjoying the time leading up to your special day. When family or friends ask about the details of rooms and travel, all you need to say is – *Contact Lauré, she will take good care of you.*





Selecting the Ideal Destination and Resort

The first big decision we work on together is selecting the ideal destination and resort. There are many factors to consider including cost, weather, season, type of resort, resort availability, travel time required, just to name a few. This is one of the most important decisions you will make. Some resorts understand the unique needs of a destination wedding. They pay close attention to detail and treat you like royalty. They have experienced wedding coordinators onsite who work closely with you to tailor your wedding to match your tastes and preferences. Other resorts don't... they just wing it. Over 25 years of experience has provided me with first-hand knowledge of the destinations and resorts (and the management at those resorts) to help you to make this all-important decision with confidence and peace of mind.

Stress Free Travel Planning

The next component of creating a successful destination wedding is planning a stress-free, safe travel experience for you and your guests. Traveling from many different locations in the U.S. to another country creates a logistical challenge. Passports and related documents for all your guests need to be taken care of well in advance of the trip. Flight dates and times as well as airport transfers must be coordinated with each guest based on their desire to spend additional time at the resort before or after the wedding. My job is to handle all these details so you do not get dragged into every guests' travel needs. I help ensure that your guests have a pleasant, memorable travel experience.

"We truly believe Lauré is a wonder woman! My fiancé and I decided we wanted a short (4 month) engagement but also dreamed of having a destination wedding. We called Lauré and told her our plan to see if it would even be possible. She quickly took on the challenge and gave us multiple options and areas to choose from in Cancun, Cabo, and Punta Cana. We chose a beautiful resort in the Cancun area that was able to accommodate families with kids but also had a private resort for adults only. Lauré coordinated all of the travel and booking for our 67 guests and handled it with grace. She even pulled off a surprise for my fiancé and secretly helped his elderly grandparents travel to Mexico! Our wedding and entire trip to Mexico was a dream come true and it would not have been possible without Lauré."

♡ Kacie & Derek



About Lauré



Lauré Poffenberger is the founder of a successful, luxury included travel agency specializing in destination weddings.

Lauré has 25 years of hands-on experience in luxury travel including over 100 successful destination weddings. Brides and grooms rave about the very special way Lauré holds their hand through the entire planning and travel process.

She is very different than the average travel agency owner you will meet. Lauré understands the joys and fears that a bride experiences when deciding on a destination wedding. She has firsthand knowledge of the best destinations and resorts together with the personal relationships that are vital to a successful wedding in paradise. And she knows the pitfalls to avoid so your destination wedding becomes a dream come true for you and your guests... not a nightmare that haunts you into the future.

Lauré personally handles all the meticulous details of the planning and travel process so you can relax and enjoy the time leading up to your destination wedding experience.

When you talk to Lauré, you will immediately experience the unique and caring way she blends her love for wedding couples with the knowledge and skill to orchestrate a successful destination wedding you will treasure for a lifetime.

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Set the stage for your Destination Wedding celebration with a luxury resort and an idyllic wedding location. You and your guests will revel in an exotic paradise backdrop and enjoy being pampered like never before. Enjoy luxury as you declare your vows to each other in a romantic oceanfront gazebo, on a pristine beach or at a rooftop terrace overlooking the glimmering turquoise Caribbean ocean.

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"I knew planning a destination wedding in Cancun would be an undertaking, but I had no idea how difficult and time consuming it would be just getting information from and negotiating with the resorts directly.

"When I was introduced to Lauré I was frustrated and overwhelmed. I had already decided on a resort I loved and signed a contract, but room block negotiations were making my head spin. Lauré quickly put my mind at ease - she knew exactly what she was doing. She took over the communications with the resort, helped us determine the appropriate size room block, and managed the room block throughout the process. Her insight was invaluable. I would have made so many missteps had it not been for her guidance - all the way down to how to word things on my invitations and website to get the best response from guests.

"Speaking of which, we were optimistically ball-parking around 80-90 guests and ended up with over 100, which I truly believe is a testament to how effectively Lauré communicated with everyone. Once guests sent an initial inquiry to Lauré, she followed up with them like clock-work and I heard from multiple friends how responsive she was and how straightforward and easy she made the booking process. Without a doubt, we would not have had anywhere near that headcount had we left it up to guests to book directly through the resort.

"I cannot emphasize enough how necessary Lauré's services are if you're planning a trip with a large group and would also like to maintain your sanity. Future brides especially, you will have plenty of things to worry about while planning your wedding, do not let this be one of them.

Lauré, thank you so much for all your hard work, diligence, and support. You were an absolute lifesaver!"

♡ Christina & Ben