



Working with a Travel Agent to Plan your Honeymoon or Destination Wedding

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So you're newly engaged and feeling pretty good about planning the wedding so far: You've secured your wedding date, chosen your wedding party, and even picked out the perfect wedding dress. But have you booked your honeymoon? Experts say that waiting until the last minute to book your honeymoon is a big mistake.

"People are wanting to plan out a month in advance for their honeymoons, and that is really too short," said Alex Kutin, owner of Indy Travel Leaders of Indianapolis. "We can do it, but you're paying more. A lot of the wedding planning sites say 90 days out, but that's not true. If you plan 9 or even 10 months out, you'll save more money."

Kutin also warns couples that look to find last-minute online deals on honeymoons. "You'll just get what's left, and you won't save money because everything's already full. You don't want to leave your honeymoon to chance. It's not just a vacation. It's the one trip that counts."



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Saving money with a travel agency?

What most couples don't realize that travel agents can actually save them money over booking the trip themselves. That's because travel agents give them personalized service and support that they wouldn't get from an online site. And because the hotels, vacation companies and cruises already include travel agent commissions in their package prices, even if you book yourself, those companies pocket the commission. So

you might as well sit back and let the experts spend the time using their connections and resources to research and find the perfect honeymoon or destination wedding spot for you.

“We work with multiple tour operators so we can get the lowest price out there,” said Kutin. “If you find a cheaper price, our tour operators will match that price. We save people money and time. The internet is so overwhelming. You have a place you can walk in, sit down and talk to a professional agent that’s here every day. We can also work with couples via email and phone.”



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How can a travel agent help me, and what are some things to keep in mind?

Travel agents will sit down with you and discuss the details of your trip. They will interview you and ask you questions such as:

- What is a realistic trip for your budget?
- Do you have specific locations or resorts in mind?
- What kind of activities or excursions are you seeking in your honeymoon (golfing, hiking, snorkeling or just lounging by the beach)?
- What location makes the most sense for the time of year you’ll be vacationing?

Travel agents can then take your specific travel needs and take care of everything from the booking to the paperwork, transfers between airport and resort, special accommodations and more. All you need to do is make sure your passport is up to date.

What are some trends in destination weddings and honeymoon locations?

According to Indy Travel Leaders, destination weddings continue to grow at a substantial pace, because they offer the best of both worlds (a beautiful location for a wedding and a honeymoon spot in one). For couples wanting to get married in Indianapolis and honeymoon elsewhere, Hawaii remains a top destination, as well as some of the Caribbean islands such as Jamaica and Saint Lucia, and all-inclusive resorts such as Sandals.



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Tips from a Travel Agent

Other than to book early to save money, Indy Travel Leaders also recommends booking a honeymoon on a Monday to allow time to recuperate after your big day. “Because most of the couples get married on Saturday night, we recommend they leave for their honeymoons on Monday instead of Sunday. Flights leave early in the morning, so obviously on Sunday they’re really tired from partying. Instead, they should enjoy time with their families on Sunday and leave on Monday morning when they are refreshed and ready, and then return home on Saturday or Sunday.

Hopefully these tips from a travel agent will ease your mind when planning your honeymoon or destination wedding.

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