



# Will You Marry Me?





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Nila Destinations' motto of "Celebrate Your Dreams" is the company's main goal for their customers. As the original Destination Management Company of the Turks and Caicos Islands, Nila Destinations has planned and coordinated over 500 weddings and corporate programs of every size and budget. The Nila team provides insider's know-how and creative ideas in comprehensive wedding planning which extends to the entire group - including family and friends. Corporate event planning includes unique programs with innovative ideas, creative themes and special activities. Nila Destinations can be contacted (see above) for a free consultation and price quote.

**E**very girl has dreamed one day of being proposed to by the man of her dreams. What they don't tell you in the fairy tales are what comes after this. The whirlwind of questions from family and friends - when will you be married, where will it take place and who will be invited. This is when many couples today begin to become overwhelmed with the planning process and wonder - isn't there an easier way?

Francesca DiCicco and Domenic Segalla know exactly how this feels. After meeting in New York through mutual friends and dating for over five years, Domenic proposed on Thanksgiving in 2009. The planning quickly ensued and they were torn between their love of New York and their love of the islands, looking for somewhere that would showcase their personalities.

A mutual friend had an association with the Gansevoort in New York so they immediately thought of exploring the newest and trendiest addition to the group - The Gansevoort Turks and Caicos. Following meetings in New York with the sales team the couple came down to Providenciales and immediately fell in love with the property and the island. The Gansevoort provided the chic, hip style of New York with the beauty of one of the number one rated beaches in the world. A destination wedding is born!

As they began to plan for the big event Francesca and Domenic quickly discovered that they might not be able to do this alone. "We started planning and found it extremely difficult. We had so much anxiety, not knowing the island or the local vendors, and we quickly became frustrated."



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Upon a recommendation from the hotel and great reviews online, they chose Tropical Destination Management to take care of all the fine details needed to create a truly magical day. The couple quickly realized that Tropical Destination Management meant that all the local florists, live musicians, officiates, and photographers were at their fingertips, in addition to the company's own team which handled all the décor from the ceremony to the reception. The firm also had the expertise to ensure the timing was perfect, the vendors were reliable, décor and scenery were in place, on time, and that the bride constantly had someone to call on, day or night, for assistance. The results: "The best decision we ever made was to hire Teresa from Tropical DMC. Without her and her team – our dream wedding would never have happened."

It also meant that the couple was able to relax and enjoy the days leading up to the wedding, rather than fretting about the details. Instead of one special day, they enjoyed a very special week with family and friends, while TDMC took care of everything. Francesca and Domenic had this to say about their choice of destination companies: "They are the BEST! They are so professional, organized and thorough. Not only did our wedding happen without any issues but we have made a lifelong friend. The ceremony was perfect, the flowers were gorgeous, the reception décor was flawless and every last request was executed to a tee."



Teresa Brunner arrived on Provo eleven years ago, to manage The Sands at Grace Bay. She left a large convention hotel in Calgary, Canada, where she specialized in high-end weddings and events.

After several years Teresa started up Tropical DMC. The company's tagline is "Anything is Possible!" They specialize in unique décor for weddings, events and theme nights, welcome dinners and incentive groups. They are also involved in many charity organizations.

All wedding photos by Brilliant Photography.



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# Getting great pictures of your kids.

*The biggest vacation photo mistakes  
.....and how to avoid them.*

Avoid these most common mistakes and we are sure you will have some great memories to take home from your vacation in Turks and Caicos.

#### **Shooting from an adult height all the time.**

Get down! To photograph kids you need to move around. Getting on their level will instantly make every picture better. Also pay attention to the background when you are looking at a photograph. Too much clutter in the background? Can you move a few steps and find a better, simpler background? Your main focus should be your child, particularly the face and more especially the eyes.

#### **Too far away from your subject.**

We love smiles, expressions, so let's see them! Fill the frame. Yes we need pictures that show off the lovely turks and caicos water, but for the other 70% of your shots, they will be better if you step closer to your subject. You love your kids, so get close!

#### **Taking only one or two pictures at a time.**

Shoot lots, edit later. Kids squint, pull faces, throw sand, have messed up hair, squint again, shove their sister...shoot it all...even the professionals don't rely on "one shot"...shoot, shoot, shoot.



#### **Get in the pictures yourselves. "Dad where were you?"**

Mum too, Your kids need pictures of you on this trip – right now. They will love ALL the pictures of you when they are older. So be there....get in the shot – its for them...

#### **You are rushing things – kids feel your stress!**

Another big mistake that parents make is trying to make children go with their schedule and becoming impatient when children do not follow their lead. All dressed for dinner, rushing out the door, get a quick snap? Trying to force a child doesn't give you great pictures. Would it work on you?

So our advice is make it fun, so take time and laugh, run, jump! Make it fun!

#### **A professional shoot is all posing and is a drag...**

We've seen that ourselves, so our shoots are the opposite, light, fun, easy and natural. So often we hear from dad's after the shoot - "That was fun, I bet we got some great shots".

Call us – we'd love to help.



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