

Is a Destination Wedding

Destiny?

any couples who visit the beautiful Turks and Caicos cannot help but imagine having a dream wedding on our pristine white beaches.

In fact, one in ten couples will choose an exotic location for their special day. Planning a wedding at home can be exciting, but sharing a special destination with family and friends has a far greater appeal. So great an appeal, that many hotels offer wedding packages or have aligned themselves with wedding planners to make destination weddings a stress-free reality.

Wedding planners take care of everything - including selecting the officiant

and ensuring you have all the correct paperwork to legalize your destination wedding. Tried and tested, the wedding planner knows best. They know which flowers work best in this climate, what outdoor elements need to be considered for your dining options, and they can negotiate on your behalf for the best hotel rooms and excursion rates.

Teresa Brunner of Tropical Destination Management Company is one of those planners. She states "Couples today want elegant, chic and fun, all at the same time. They want to have an event where family and friends can share their special day while also enjoying a mini vacation. We can give them that, and all they need





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to do is relax with their guests. We work closely with the couples to put them at ease – so at the end of the day – all they need to do is show up."

Jackie and Shawn chose Turks and Caicos as their wedding destination due to the proximity to New York and for the world renowned Grace Bay Beach. Initially, they came on a site visit and chose Grace Bay Club as their wedding venue. Of all the Caribbean Islands they had been to, the Turks and Caicos was appealing because it was not overpopulated and gave them the feeling that the wedding would be all about the two of them.



Jackie revealed that she'd always wanted her wedding to feel like a vacation, with all her favorite people around her while she married the love of her life. Looking back on her big day, she said it was the perfect choice. They enjoyed their 'wedding vacation' and could see how much closer it has brought all their family and friends.

Jackie and Shawn chose Tropical Destination Management for their wedding event. From the moment she met Teresa Brunner from Tropical DMC, Jackie felt comfortable. "She acted like a woman who would get things done. We really felt that she 'got' us and our vision of a dream wedding. What really sold us was that we felt she could make everything happen under any circumstance and she did just that."





Wedding planners know the island well, have relationships with vendors, and know each venue inside and out. Whether you come for a pre site visit or not, you can make decisions quickly

without feeling you have missed something. They just handle it all – that is the beauty of hiring a destination wedding planner.

Tropical Destination Management far exceeded Jackie and Shawn's expectations. They organized the beach BBQ the night before the wedding with Kissing Fish Catering which was incredible. The conch wontons were a huge hit. On the day of the wedding, the décor for the ceremony literally took Jackie's breath away. Jackie gave Teresa minimal guidelines and told her to just go for it, and the couple was thrilled with all the extra touches that were added to make everything even more special. The wedding and their reception

were fresh and current and completely the feel they had envisioned.

Jackie and Shawn thank Teresa and her team for making their wedding everything they dreamed of, and more. ■

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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.

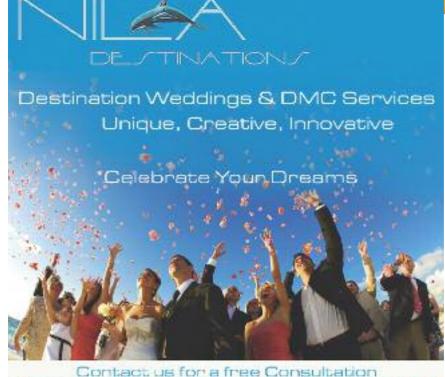
After several years Teresa started up Tropical DMC. The company's tagline is "Anything is Possible!" They specialize in unique décor for weddings, events and theme nights, welcome dinners and incentive groups. They are also involved in many charity organizations.

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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 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.



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