

Frequently asked questions

HOW CAN I BOOK A WEDDING?

Just give us a call! Once we've confirmed that space is available on your date and you've booked your cruise, our personal wedding planners can help you find your perfect wedding package. You may contact the Wedding Department at 1-800-933-4968, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET. Due to limited space, all wedding reservations are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

CAN I PAY FOR MY WEDDING OVER TIME?

Payment is due at the time of booking, and a portion of all wedding packages is non-refundable deposit to secure your special day. Carnival Weddings can be booked by phone with a credit card. Financing may be available and based on approval. Sorry, no personal checks or passenger gift cards accepted.

DO I NEED TO CRUISE TO HAVE A CARNIVAL WEDDING?

Yes, the wedding couple is required to sail. Fortunately, getting married on Carnival is the perfect way to start a honeymoon! We do welcome both sailing and non-sailing guests in most ports. In ports requiring water shuttles to get to and from the ship, non-sailing guests are not permitted to board the shuttles or ship.



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AT WHAT TIME DO MY WEDDING GUESTS AND I NEED TO BE AT THE PORT?

Priority boarding is provided for couples being married the day of embarkation, once the ship is cleared by U.S. Customs. Arrival time for wedding guests is usually 10:00am for most ports. These times are provided with embarkation instructions through our Wedding Department based on the sailing port. You must be at the pier at the time indicated by your Wedding Planner for priority boarding. Please be prompt. Couples getting married later in the cruise will follow general boarding procedures.

HOW LONG WILL MY WEDDING CEREMONY LAST?

The ceremony is approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE SHIP'S ONBOARD WEDDING CEREMONY SET-UP?

Onboard weddings include an aisle runner and two decorative pillars with white silk floral arrangements. We also have additional decorations, like silk rose petals, that we are happy to provide with specific wedding package enhancements.

WHAT TIME DOES THE WEDDINGS START?

In most ports, weddings start at approximately 12:30 p.m.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO BOOK A WEDDING?

You must book your wedding no later than 60 business days prior to sailing. But don't wait that long – all our services are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and often sell-out.

IS THE CRUISE PRICE INCLUDED IN THE WEDDING PACKAGE?

No. The cost of the wedding package and related services does not include cruise fare. Your cruise must be purchased separately. It is important to confirm availability for your desired wedding date, prior to purchasing the cruise.

HOW DO YOU DETERMINE WHICH ROOM MY WEDDING WILL BE IN?

Wedding lounges are assigned based on the number of guests attending the wedding, plus which reception option you've selected.



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WILL MY CEREMONY BE PERFORMED BY THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN?

All wedding ceremonies are performed by a local officiant, except in the case of the symbolic at sea weddings, where the captain or another senior officer will preside. Some ports allow symbolic ceremonies only, while the laws in other ports prevent us from being able to offer legal or symbolic ceremonies.

DO I NEED TO HAVE A RECEPTION WITH MY WEDDING CEREMONY?

How you celebrate your big day is up to you, and we know you want to make it memorable for your guests. We can accommodate almost any budget with options for hors d'oeuvres and beverages. If you select a package without a reception, a short cake cutting and champagne toast will be held to end your ceremony.

WHICH TIME OF THE YEAR IS THE LEAST EXPENSIVE TO HAVE A WEDDING?

Wedding prices don't change seasonally but are subject to change at any point based on capacity and demand. Some vendor holiday fees may apply.

CAN I GET MARRIED WHILE AT SEA?

Yes! We now offer the option of Wedding At Sea. These are symbolic ceremonies – they're not legally binding. Offer available on select ships and dates. Maximum capacity restrictions may apply based on venue availability. Call to inquire about availability. The symbolic ceremony is performed by an assigned shipboard officer or member of management. Couples are required to provide a proof of legal marriage prior to sailing.

DO YOU PERFORM SAME SEX MARRIAGES?

Absolutely! Note, however, that certain ports we sail to do not recognize the legality of same-sex wedding ceremonies. In those ports we can only provide symbolic ceremonies for same-sex couples. The laws at some ports prevent us from being able to offer a symbolic or a legal service. Please contact our Wedding Department for more information on which ports have restrictions.



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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TYPES OF CARNIVAL WEDDINGS?

- An Embarkation Wedding takes place on the ship before your cruise begins, so you can celebrate with family and friends who are not sailing with you.
- A Wedding At Sea requires that all guests sail with you, since it takes place on the ship, at sea.
- An Onboard Destination Wedding is offered aboard the ship while it's docked in a particular port.
- Destination Venue Weddings happen off the ship, either on a beach or a similarly beautiful location.

