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Close your eyes and picture this: palm trees with the warm breeze gently blowing through the fronds, endless white beaches, turquoise water and 15 islands to choose from. Getting married can be a busy and stressful time but it doesn't have to be. For many Kiwis who want to enjoy the occasion rather than feel strung out, escaping to the beautiful Cook Islands for their wedding is the perfect solution.

Although it may seem remote and exotic, the Cook Islands are well set up to cater for weddings. On offer is a wide range of wedding options to suit every taste and budget.

When planning an overseas wedding in the Cook Islands, how much organising you want to do is up to you. There are plenty of experts on hand to help you plan your entire wedding – venues, accommodation, table settings, drink, food, the cake, photographers and anything else you may desire. You may choose to consider a wedding package, consult a wedding specialist or do all the arrangements yourself. Most resorts can organise everything for you, including all the legal requirements. They often also offer the services of a wedding coordinator to help you choose a location and ceremony to suit your needs.

When many people think of getting married in the Cook Islands they probably picture saying "I do" on a beautiful beach. While many couples do choose to do this there are also many other options, including getting married in a tropical garden or a whitewashed coral and limestone church. Some couples even choose to make their day even more memorable by being escorted in a vaka (canoe) by local warriors.

And after the wedding there are plenty of things to keep both you and your guests occupied. The Cook Islands are renowned for their laid-back atmosphere where visitors can explore at their leisure the variety of accommodation facilities, assortment of shops, restaurants, bars and entertainment venues scattered throughout the villages. Visitors are warned they should toss their cares aside and set their watches to "island time".



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