

Marriage Requirements – Jamaica

In order to get legally married in Jamaica, there are a few requirements you need. Even though by law the wedding couple only needs to be here 24 hours in advance, we would advise you to come at least 3 days in advance to meet with the wedding coordinator and Marriage officer and go through the final details regarding the wedding. Symbolic and non-legal ceremonies allow flexibility for arrival date. Please speak with the wedding coordinator to discuss requirements.

The following original documents are required to be sent via courier to the Wedding Coordinator at least eight weeks prior to the couple's arrival to the hotel:

- Proof of citizenship – certified copy of birth certificate, which includes father's name.
- Notarized copies of Bride and Groom's official ID (Passports).
- Proof of divorce if applicable (original certificate of divorce).
- Notarized copy of death certificate for widow or widower.
- Occupation of both candidates.
- Occupation and full names of both sets of parents.
- Parent's written consent if under 18 years of age.
- After ceremony, the couple will receive a copy of the Marriage Register that the Officer will take to the Registrar General in Montego Bay in order to obtain your Official Certificate. This process takes approximately 3 months and we will mail the documents to you as soon as we receive it from the Registrar's Office.
- Symbolic Ceremonies: In Jamaica, symbolic ceremonies are considered a non-legal option. Due to Government law, wedding couples MUST be legally married in their country prior to having a symbolic ceremony in Jamaica. The bride and groom must present their wedding certificate as proof of marriage for a symbolic ceremony.