

Gulf Beach[®] W E D D I N G S

FLORIDA BEACH WEDDINGS + RECEPTIONS



*We create a once in a lifetime experience,
through the Magic of a Beach Wedding*



About Us

OUR VISION Spreading Joy Through Beach Weddings

OUR MISSION We create a once in a lifetime experience, through the Magic of a Beach Wedding

Welcome to Gulf Beach Weddings, the industry leading Destination Beach Wedding company which focuses on simple & affordable, yet elegant ceremonies in the Tampa Bay & Panhandle Areas. Since 2001, we have had the pleasure to officiate, coordinate, photograph, and organize over 7,500+ Weddings from Siesta Key to Perdido Key, FL. Our niche is the 2-100 guest beach wedding ceremony or vow-renewal with pre-designed Wedding Packages, customized to fit every need!



Inc. Top 1,000 - 2017

Inc. Top 1,500 - 2018

Gulf Beach Weddings currently services 6 out of TripAdvisor's 'Best of the Best' Top 13 nationally recognized beaches in 2020, including 4 out of the top 5! In comparison, Florida currently holds 8 of the Top 25 spots – that's nearly a third of the entire poll for the United States! Our exclusive beach locations have been hand-selected over the years to provide the most beautiful and convenient wedding sites for a destination wedding!

Privacy, ease of access, ample parking, lively boardwalks, areas for picturesque photos, palm trees and white sand, limited or no permit fees, and locations close to amenities (but far enough away from the busy beach-goers) are just some of the perks. Each location is geared toward the sunset ceremony; we have personally serviced 50+ weddings at each of these locations, so you can be sure that they are proven and tested. Keep in mind, we are not limited to the locations listed. Over the years, we have created beautiful destination weddings at condominiums, hotels, resorts, private beach houses, the beautiful Straub & Vinoy Park, and the Hyatt Regency on Clearwater Beach. We can setup just about anywhere with permission and access! However, we have found that the locations listed below are the most inviting and convenient in Florida for a destination beach wedding.

We are a family business and partner with local hotels, restaurants, florists, venues, photographers, caterers and Wedding Vendors to offer a unique one-stop-shop for all of your destination wedding needs. Our primary focus is, and has always been, to create the most memorable wedding experience ever...perfection on your wedding day!

Picture this: the sun slowly setting behind the lapping ocean waves, a soft, salty breeze, and the pristine white sand in between your toes – with all of your closest friends and family gathered for a Champagne Toast to salute the new couple!

We strive every day to become a better and more attentive company to the needs of the current bride and provide more value and options in the future. New Wedding Packages are always in the works, prompting the questions:

- How can we improve upon what we already do well?
- How can we create more value for our brides?
- What can we do to make their day perfect? Is there a little something extra we can personally do?
- How can we become Stewards of not only this Couple's Special Day but, the communities in which we serve? In particular the Beaches & Property in which Weddings are conducted.

This lead to adding many options and services that we no longer charge for and now include with current wedding packages (Free Chair Cover & Sash, Unity Sand & Blessing Stones, for example).

In 2013, Affordable Banquet was created by the purchase of a Banquet Reception Facility on St. Pete Beach. Now, we are able to offer the wedding + reception location to our repertoire. Host your own private event at our facility for up to 75 guests!

In 2015, we purchased a 9,500 SF Warehouse property located in Downtown St Petersburg which represents our 'Back Office' workshop, storage facility, and parking for our Fleet of Wedding Vehicles! This property will serve couples for many years to come! 2017 also marked the purchase of our future Reception Hall space off "Main St" in Destin. Construction is complete on our new Warehouse/Office in the rear of the property. We are looking forward to serving the "South" in a more professional manner!

Over the years, our biggest accolade is the vendors we work with day-in and day-out. I know we have Google+, Facebook, and WeddingWire reviews – but these are the unsung heroes and, in my opinion, the best in the business. We owe them dearly for the success over the years as many of the pictures, testimonials, reviews, relationships and positive public relations are a result of all of their hard work.

We are an advocate for the 'Budget Minded' couple who wants exceptional service at an affordable price, cultivating relationships with Wedding Vendors that do the same.

OUR HISTORY

2001

Local Notary Services Offered.

2007

Launch of Gulf Beach Weddings website

2011

Co-owner turns down CBRE offer to pursue Gulf Beach Weddings full time. Expansion into Manatee & Sarasota counties.

2015

New "Beach Wedding Studio" creator allows couples to interactively choose their décor options and beach location in "real-time" with custom package options. Growth to 30+ employees and the opening of our new office and warehouse space in Downtown St. Petersburg.

2017

Expansion into the Florida Panhandle with the purchase of our Destin property - maintaining the same goal of serving more clients and beaches!

2018

Named to 'Inc. 5000' and 'Seminole 100 List' for the first time...successfully servicing 7 of the Nations top 25 beaches!

2019

Completion of Destin Office/Warehouse Property - Spring 2019. Named to 'Inc. 5000' and 'Seminole 100' for 2nd time - successful multi-market Tampa-Destin beach locations to clients.

Gulf Beach
WEDDINGS

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The Planning Process

INITIAL BOOKING

- Date/time reserved and blocked off on calendar.
- Vendor deposits are issued.
- Permit reserved.

60-DAYS PRIOR

- Obtain Marriage License: Florida Marriage License by Mail Program (through GBW) or at the Local Clerk's Office where you are to be wed.

SUPPORT PERIOD

- Phone call, email, and/or meeting support.

30-DAYS PRIOR

- 30-day call ahead in which we confirm all details, go over a timeline of the ceremony, and answer any last minute questions.



CEREMONY

- Say "I Do!"
- Congratulations!

2-3 WEEKS

- Recorded Marriage License received and mailed to couple direct.



WITHIN 10-DAYS

- Fill out bottom portion of Marriage License and File.
- Officiant's Responsibility.

4 WEEKS

- High-resolution edited images (via email link) of wedding photos.
- High-resolution 10-12 minute HD video delivered of ceremony.
- *If applicable



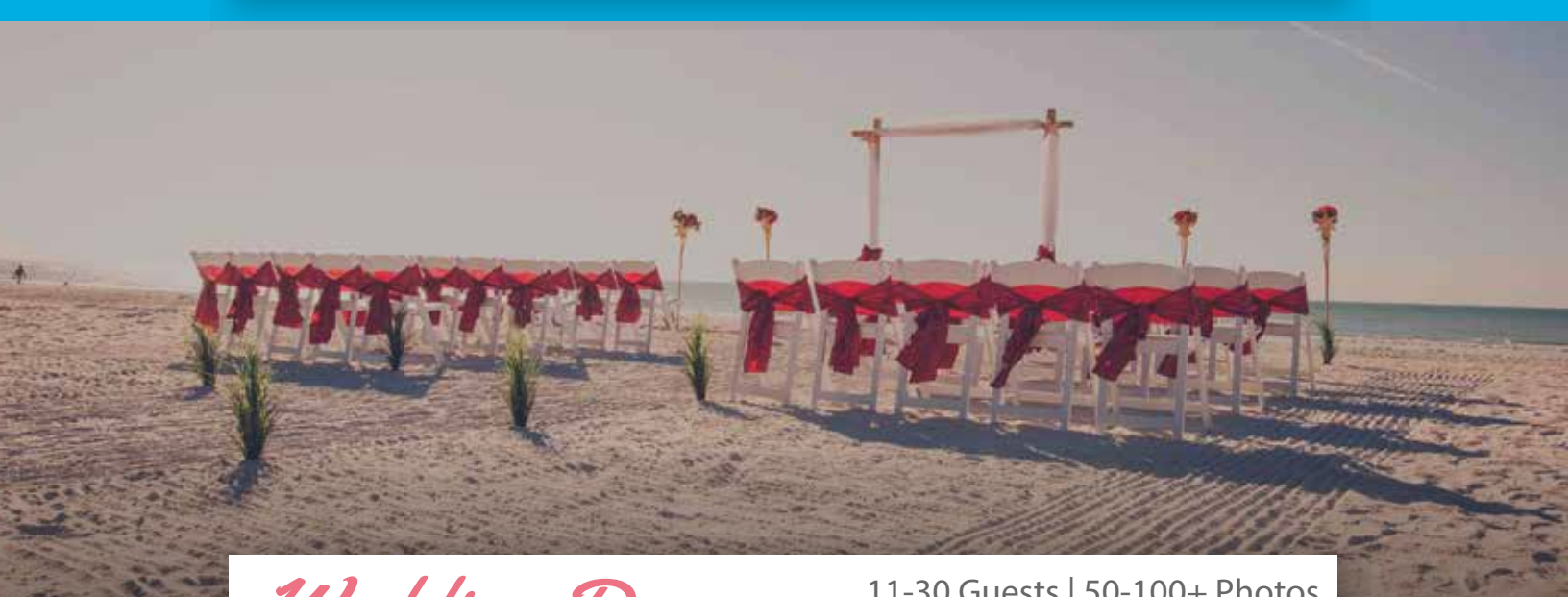
Intimacy Package

0-1 Guests | 50-75+ Photos
Starting at \$995



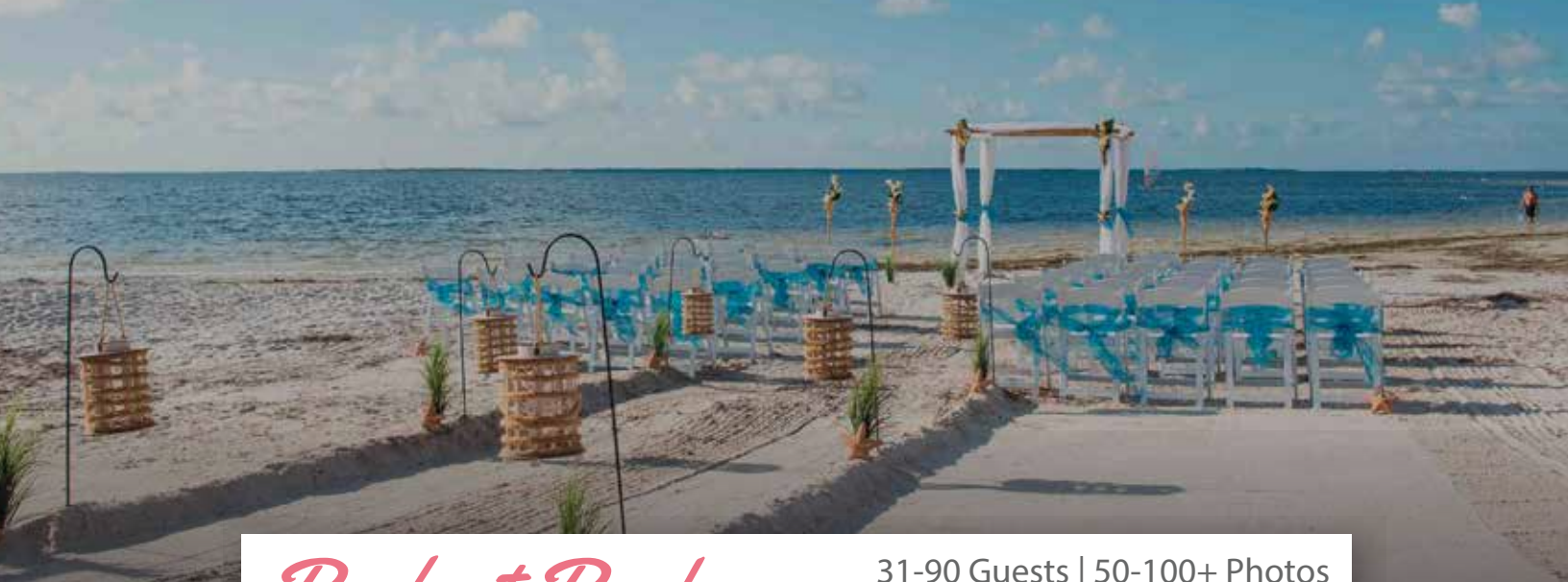
Simply Beautiful

1-10 Guests | 50-100+ Photos
Starting at \$1295



Wedding Dreams

11-30 Guests | 50-100+ Photos
Starting at \$1595



Perfect Package

31-90 Guests | 50-100+ Photos
Starting at \$1995



Beach Celebration

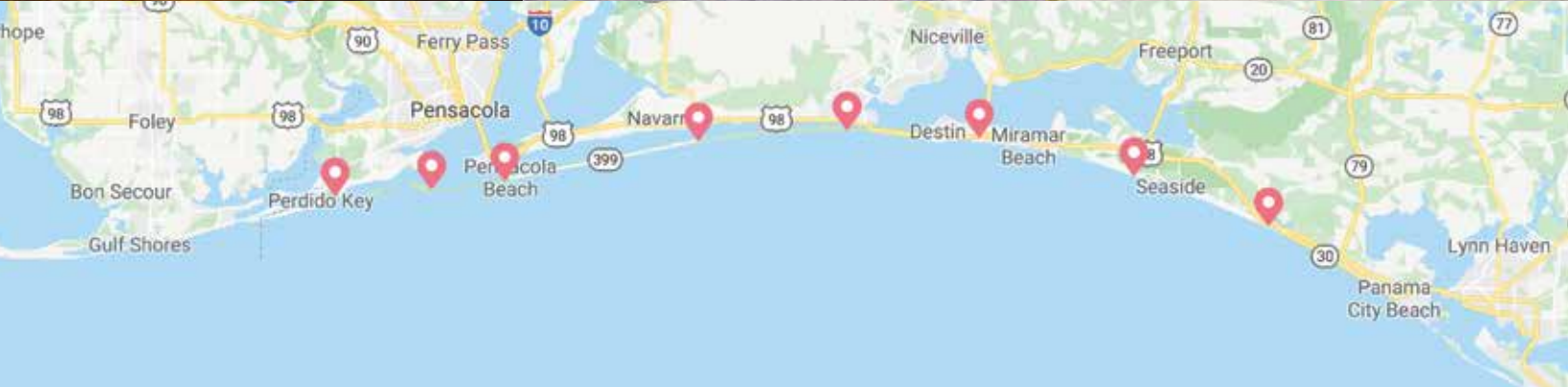
91+ Guests | 50-100+ Photos
Starting at \$3495



CUSTOM BEACH WEDDING

Studio®

Destin WEDDING LOCATIONS



DESTIN LOCATIONS

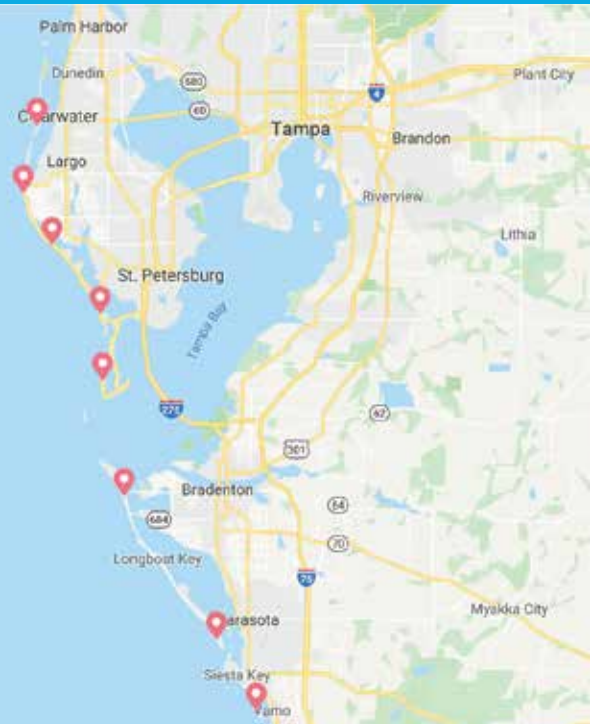
- Navarre Beach
- Panama City Beach
- Pensacola Beach
- Perdido Key
- Fort Walton Beach
- Santa Rosa Beaches
- Gulf Islands Nat'l Seashore

Tampa WEDDING LOCATIONS



TAMPA LOCATIONS

- St Pete Beach
- Clearwater Beach
- Anna Maria Island
- Treasure Island
- Siesta & Lido Key
- Redington Beach
- Indian Rocks Beach
- Madeira Beach



TAMPA BAY BEACH RATINGS

LOCATION	IDEAL WEDDING SIZE	PERMIT FEE	PRIVACY	RECEPTION LOCATION	OVERALL (1-5)
St Pete Beach					
Ft. Desoto Park	2 - 100	\$\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
Pass-A-Grille Beach	2 - 100	\$\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★★
Upham Beach	2 - 100	\$\$	Medium	Walking Distance	★★★★★
Clearwater Beach					
Mandalay Park	2 - 75	\$\$	Low	Short Drive	★★★★
Avalon St	2 - 100	\$	Low	Walking Distance	★★★★★
Sand Key	2 - 100	\$\$\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
Treasure Island					
Sunset Beach	2 - 30	\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
Sunset Vistas	2 - 75	\$	High	Walking Distance	★★★★
Lions Club	2 - 120		High	Walking Distance	★★★★
Anna Maria Island					
Holmes Beach – Public Beach	2 - 80	\$\$	Low	Short Drive	★★★
Coquina Key Beach	2 - 100	\$\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
Holmes Beach - 52nd St	2 - 20		Medium	Short Drive	★★★★★
Holmes Beach - 46th St	2 - 20		Medium	Short Drive	★★★★★
Sarasota Beach					
Turtle Beach - Siesta Key	2 - 50	\$\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★
Lido Beach - Zone 1	2 - 30	\$\$	Medium	Walking Distance	★★★★★
Lido Beach - Zone 2	2 - 80	\$\$	Medium	Walking Distance	★★★★★
Siesta Key Beach	2 - 100	\$\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★★
Indian Rocks Beach					
1st Ave and Gulf Blvd Site	2 - 20		High	Short Drive	★★★
4th Ave	2 - 30		Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
Main Beach Access - 18th Ave	2 - 30		Medium	Walking Distance	★★★★
Redington Beach					
Double Tree Hotel	2 - 80	\$\$\$	Low	Walking Distance	★★★
Constitution Park	2 - 80	\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
Madeira Beach					
Archibald Park	2 - 40	\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
Johns Pass	2 - 40	\$	Low	Walking Distance	★★★

DESTIN BEACH RATINGS	LOCATION	IDEAL WEDDING SIZE	PERMIT FEE	PRIVACY	RECEPTION LOCATION	OVERALL (1-5)
	Perdido Key					
	West Perdido Key Beach	2 - 40		Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
	East Perdido Key Beach	2 - 40		Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
	Gulf Islands Nat'l					
	Fort Pickens – Langdon Beach	2 - 75	\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
	Johnson Beach	2 - 100	\$	Low	Short Drive	★★★★
	Pensacola					
	Pensacola Park West	2 - 50		Low	Short Drive	★★★★★
	Pensacola Park East	2 - 100		Medium	Short Drive	★★★★★
	Navarre Beach					
	Opal Beach	2 - 100	\$\$	High	Short Drive	★★★★★
	Navarre Beach Marine Park	2 - 75		Medium	Short Drive	★★★★★
	Fort Walton Beach					
	Emerald Promenade Beachwalk	2 - 30	\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★★
	Seashore Beachwalk	2 - 30	\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★★
	Emerald View Beachwalk	2 - 30	\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★★
	Blue Dolphin Beachwalk	2 - 30	\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★★
	John Beasley Park	2 - 60	\$\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
	Santa Rosa					
	Dune Allen Beach (now Ft Panic RBA)	2 - 30	\$\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
	Ed Walline 30A	2 - 25	\$\$	Low	Short Drive	★★★★
	Van Ness Butler	2 - 30	\$\$	Low	Short Drive	★★★★
	Santa Clara	2 - 30	\$\$	Low	Short Drive	★★★★
	Gulf View Heights- Access 37	2 - 20	\$\$	Low	Short Drive	★★★★
	Blue Mountain Beach – Access 36	2 - 20	\$\$	Low	Short Drive	★★★★
	Miramar Beach – Public Access	2 - 60	\$\$	Medium	Walking Distance	★★★★
	Henderson Beach State Park	2 - 100	\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★
	James Lee Park	2 - 60	\$\$	Medium	Walking Distance	★★★★
	Panama City					
	Inlet Beach	2 - 40	\$\$	Medium	Short Drive	★★★★

*Certain Municipalities permit specific locations , timeframes and wedding sites based on availability.
Please contact us for specific and more information. We can't wait!



Wedding Tips and FAQs

Marriage Licence By Mail



We are registered providers for Marriage License by Mail for out of state and international residents. The Florida Marriage License is required for all couples wanting to be legally wed in the State of Florida. There are two options as it relates to the Marriage License:

- 1) You may obtain this in-person at the Clerk's Office nearest to where you will be staying or local Courthouse. The cost is paid directly to the Clerk's office.
- 2) We are registered providers with the Marriage License by Mail program for out of State and International residents.

Bride and Groom must obtain a Florida Marriage License to get married in the State of Florida. If you prefer Gulf Beach Weddings handle all of the filing in advance of the ceremony, you should consider the Marriage License by Mail program. We begin this process 60-days prior to the ceremony, saving you a trip to the courthouse. We handle all of the filing back and forth with the Clerk's Office, Department of Vital Statistics, and includes Two Certified Copies. This service is just another way we add value to our clients!

What Our Clients Say About Us



"Everything Gulf Beach Weddings did for our wedding was so beautiful! They made our day perfect...from helping us choose the perfect beach for us, to putting up the colors we wanted, to laying down the aisle we wanted, they helped so much. It was also great that once we arrived to Florida, we were able to go to their facility and check out the colors, fabrics, arches, etc., in person before the wedding to make sure they were really what we wanted, even though we created our wedding package online. Being from New Jersey, we wanted to get married on a beach and Gulf Beach Weddings helped us make that dream come true, while making Florida such an important part of our lives forever. Thank you so much for everything!"

- Shevonne B.

How do I obtain a marriage license?

You have a couple of options to obtain your marriage license depending on if you are a Florida resident or from out of State. Florida residents may obtain their marriage license in person at ANY Florida courthouse or through our Marriage License by Mail Program Service.

What happens in the case of rain or other inclement weather?

Typically the weather out at the beach is very favorable – if there is going to be inclement weather, we will keep an eye on the radar and know this ahead of time. We will be in contact with recommendations the night prior or the morning of – ultimately it will be the decision of the couple on what their preference is. In the evening towards sunset, the weather is often very nice, even if there were storms earlier. There is a constant breeze out on the beach which tends to keep storm clouds moving.

Unfortunately, we have no control over the rain. Our vendors have been paid in full and reserved the date / time for your wedding months in advance. We will work with you in changing the time, date or location when possible to accommodate your wedding. There are a limited number of nearby shelters or pavilions on the beach that would be a reasonable option to hold the ceremony. If there are any breaks in the weather, we will head out on to the sand for more pictures and celebration. Keep in mind some require reservations.

How does the music work?

The PA System is included with all of our wedding packages.

If hiring a live musician, they (guitarist, saxophone, violin, steel drummer, etc.) will begin playing 15-20 minutes prior to the ceremony as your guests are arriving and being seated. They will perform all of the entrance and exit music. They will also play for an additional 15-20 minutes after the ceremony while you and your guests are taking pictures and enjoying the beach! Our live musicians can learn custom songs for your ceremony – please give us at least a months notice so they can learn the new songs if they do not know then already. There may be an additional charge (\$5 per song) for them to buy the actual sheet music for your custom songs as well. Our live musicians are also available for additional time (\$250 each hour) to play at your reception if you prefer.

Can I have my own officiant?

You may use your own officiant for your wedding if you prefer. This will not discount the price of the package. We do require that you fill out an Officiant Waiver Form. We are happy to answer any questions your officiant may have and go over how we typically conduct our ceremonies if they need some direction. Please keep in mind that if you use your own officiant. They are ultimately responsible for every aspect of the ceremony, including filling out and filing of the marriage license with the Clerk's Office.

Chairs and seating - How many do I need? Does the bridal party count?

We recommend all guests are seated for the ceremony to provide the best line of sight for the photographer, videographer, and coordination. Chair seating refers to the total number of guests that will not be up front (Wedding Party) and involved in the ceremony. Please note, permitting is based on 'Overall Attendance' (including bridal party and vendors) whereas chair seating in our packages is for seated guests only.

"We had an absolutely amazing experience with Gulf Beach Weddings. Communication with stuff felt smooth throughout the wedding process and we simply couldn't have asked for more. We didn't have to worry about anything and our big day was just perfect! We loved the little special touches in our beach setting - everything turned out really well. We would definitely recommend Gulf Beach Wedding for couples who look for professional services and perfect wedding day. Thank you!"

- Jonathan A.

"Gulf Beach Weddings is amazing! Planning our wedding long distance was no easy task; however, the staff at Gulf Beach Weddings made it so! Our wedding turned out beautiful from the set up through to the ceremony. All of our guests were amazed & pleasantly surprised with the additions of the sand ceremony & blessing stones. The set up was beautiful and the ceremony was right on time. Thank you so much to Gulf Beach Weddings & Staff for the beautiful memories!"

- Lisa R.



Wedding Checklist

9+ Months

- ☐ Save the Date!
- ☐ Create a Budget
- ☐ Book Ceremony & Reception Venue
- ☐ Start a guest list

6-9 Months

- ☐ Send out Save the Dates
- ☐ Start shopping for wedding dress, shoes, jewelry, etc.
- ☐ Select & Organize Bridesmaids Dresses
- ☐ Hotel or Lodging Options for out of Town Guests
- ☐ Plan Honeymoon: Research Destinations, Airfare, Accommodations, Passport/Visa?

4-6 Months

- ☐ Gift Registry
- ☐ Design & Order Wedding Invitations
- ☐ Taste Test, Wedding Cake
- ☐ Purchase Wedding Rings
- ☐ Organize Groom/Groomsmen Apparel
- ☐ Plan Bachelorette Party & Bridal Shower!

2-4 Months

- ☐ Finalize Guest List
- ☐ Select Music for Ceremony & Reception
- ☐ Book Makeup, Hairstylist, Floral Arrangements, etc.
- ☐ Organize Wedding Transportation
- ☐ Check and Update Registry

1-2 Months

- ☐ Marriage License
- ☐ Final Bridal Fitting
- ☐ Design & Order Wedding Programs
- ☐ Finalize Ceremony (Readings, Songs, Officiate, Vows, etc.)

3-4 Weeks

- ☐ Rehearsal Dinner Invitations
- ☐ Final Payment for all Services
- ☐ Caterer/Reception Venue Final Head Counts
- ☐ Pack for Wedding & Honeymoon
- ☐ Gulf Beach Weddings 30-Day Call Ahead

The Day Before

- ☐ Tip/Payment Envelopes
- ☐ Rehearsal Dinner & Rehearsal w/ Wedding Party and/or Own Officiant
- ☐ Rings to Best Man and/or Maid of Honor
- ☐ Manicure, Pedicure, any other touch ups before the Big Day!

The Big Day!

- ☐ One or two glasses of Champagne and relax. Make sure to drink water!
- ☐ Eat Small amounts of Food throughout the day
- ☐ Say 'I do!' and Enjoy the Moment

After the Wedding

- ☐ Wedding Dress Cleaned and Stored
- ☐ Send Thank you Notes
- ☐ Apply for Name Change once Recorded Marriage License is Received: First with Social Security Administration, then DMV. Join Bank Accounts, Insurance, etc.
- ☐ Post-Ceremony Photos/Video
- ☐ Preserve Bouquet
- ☐ Leave Gulf Beach Weddings a 5-star Review

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**CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR
LETTING US SHARE IN YOUR BIG DAY!**

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