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# THE STUFF OF DREAMS

Planning a dream wedding in Monaco or further afield? Mayfair-based events company 4 The People, founded 11 years ago by Jamie Landesberg, can offer sage advice. Senior events manager Leah Cooper gives her top tips on how to tie the knot without a hitch

## Accessibility all areas

It is important to be aware of exactly where your destination is. It may seem an obvious point, but it's these details such as proximity to airports, regularity of flights and access to other forms of transportation – that can often be overlooked.

## Getting legal

It is vital to know the legal requirements of getting betrothed in a foreign land. More likely than not, the legal part will need to be taken care of in your home country, before your destination celebration takes place. Another key thing to note is that this may need to be done a considerable amount of time before your ceremony. So, getting to know the local laws and customs – be it religious or civil – is fundamental.

## Restrictions (sound, light and otherwise)

Make sure you check out what sound restrictions (because there inevitably will be) apply to your venue/city/district. This could have major impact on the type of entertainment you hire or the flow of your party.

## Team work makes the dream work

Really take the time to get to know your suppliers. Our suggestion would be to either go on recommendation, use trusted suppliers from home that you have worked with before, or make at least a few trips to, and maintain regular contact with, whoever you will be working with locally.

## Islands and beyond

Getting married on a desert island may be the stuff your dreams are made of, but be aware that the exclusivity and privacy can come at a cost – or increased costs – as almost everything needs to be imported.

## Better the weather she knows

This is probably one of the fundamental considerations one takes when getting married abroad. While the weather here can be relied upon for its



unreliability, do not make the assumption that just because somewhere has sun 75 per cent of the time that this will stretch to your wedding weekend. Always have contingency plans A, B and even C.

## Food for thought

This may sound obvious, but make sure you like the local cuisine. Not only this but take consideration of your guests' appetites and whether the local fare can cater to the masses.

## Rest and relaxation

Make sure to check out the local accommodation options. Unless your venue can cater for all your guests, chances are they will need to book places as close as possible to your wedding spot. Ensure there are a variety of options.

## Girl for all seasons

In destination hot spots, prices and availability can be radically different from high to low seasons. Be aware of this when booking and planning. For some of the most à la mode locales, make those enquiries a good year or so in advance.

## Save those dates

Sending out save the dates as early as possible is always a plus, but especially so for destination celebrations.

## What's in a name

This may sound silly, but believe us, it happens. Make sure you make your bookings à la the name in your passport. You may (or may not) have every intention to change your name after you are wed. However, if this has not been done officially (ie. on your ID), you may face issues when border crossing.

## Dress to impress

Definitely not something to be overlooked but often gets forgotten, is how you intend to transport your dress – you may not just want to be packing this in your carry-on – so take some time to think about and arrange its travel – be this by plane, train or automobile.

## Ensure you insure

Get insurance. That is all.

## When in doubt, planner it out

Whilst we may be undeniably biased when it comes to my final point, it is also sage advice. Having someone who can organise all of the above and more, will not only save you time, money and sanity, but we will also

be your trusted and objective advisors, confidantes, tissue carriers and problem solvers.

We have industry connections, local knowledge, and sometimes even translating skills that will ensure everything runs oh so smoothly. I often compare the role of a planner to a swan. Whilst you and your party are elegantly gliding over a serene and placid surface, we are the webbed paddles underneath, ensuring not one bubble breaks the surface.

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