

GETTING MARRIED IN ARUBA



CIVIL CEREMONIES:

As of January 3, 2002, couples without the Dutch Nationality or non-residents of the Island can have their civil ceremony in Aruba.

Civil Ceremonies can only take place at the Department of Civil Registry located at City Hall in Aruba which fortunately is only 5 minutes walking distance from our Resort.

City Hall performs civil ceremonies for their regular fee: Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. and then again in the afternoon from 2:30 p.m till 3:30 p.m. After hour's ceremonies as well as Saturday ceremonies are possible only upon request and have a surcharge added to their regular fee.



In order to have your civil ceremony in Aruba, the following documents need to be submitted weeks prior to your chosen wedding date:

1. Completed Letters of Intent (see attached). Bride and Groom must each fill out one of these forms individually and sign at the bottom.
2. Completed Declaration Single Status form of Aruba (see attached). Bride and Groom must each fill out one of these forms individually and sign at the bottom.
3. Birth Certificates of each with a Raised Seal and parents name stated on them.
4. If divorced, an Official Divorce Decree or if widowed an Official Death Certificate must be provided.
5. Negative Statement of Marriage for both. This is a documents obtained either at your Civil Registry, Department of Health or Bureau of Vital Statistics. It is a search of your records stating that at the current date, both of you a not married and therefore free and eligible to marry each other.
6. An Apostille Report from your State Department (Secretary of State) certifying the authenticity of your Birth Certificate and Negative Statement of Marriage.
7. Copy of Passport ID pages or a valid ID for both of you as well as for your two witnesses.

Once you have obtained all these documents, kindly fax them to the wedding department. You will need to file the date and time you desire at The Aruba City Hall. City Hall will not need the original copies until you actually arrive in Aruba for the ceremony. Please make sure to bring them with you.

Please fax all copies to:

weddings@arubarenaissance.com
Wedding Coordinator
Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino
Fax: +297 582 8453



RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES:

Religious Blessings, unlike civil ceremonies can take place at any location in Aruba with the exception of Catholic Ceremonies which can only take place inside a church.

There are ministers of various denominations available to perform religious ceremonies in Aruba. Minister Fees range between \$275.00 and \$300.00 per ceremony, however, the Catholic Church does not charge a fee, they kindly ask for a donation to the Church.

Couples who wish to have a Religious Ceremony (Catholic Church) in Aruba need to be legally married prior to having the ceremony be it back home or at our City Hall. A copy of the marriage certificate must be presented in order for this Religious Ceremony to take place.

Some denominations do have other requirements as well. Please find these listed below:

Roman Catholic Ceremonies:

(All applications must be made directly to the Catholic Church)

1. Bride and Groom need to submit their birth certificates.
2. Certificate for both Bride and Groom of their Baptism and Confirmation.
3. The couple needs to submit a permit from their local Priest authorizing the marriage to take place in Aruba.
4. An official declaration that neither Bride nor Groom has been married before in a church is required.
5. The couple must have completed the pre-marriage preparation course.
6. A service fee to be donated to the local church will apply as well.

Jewish Ceremonies:

1. Both partners must submit a verification of Judaism from their hometown Rabbi.
2. The Aruban cantor accepts Jewish status certificates from valid Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Liberal and Re- Constructionist Authorities.
3. A formal petition needs to be submitted to the Aruba Jewish Community.
4. The wedding ceremony may take place either in the synagogue or any other venue of choice.
5. The Synagogue of Aruba is an independent Conservative-Reform style congregation.