

## **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS & DOCUMENTATION**

## Will our wedding be legally recognised in the UK?

Yes, your marriage is legal and recognized by UK Law.

#### What paperwork do we need to arrange?

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST – UK PASSPORT	$\checkmark$
Statutory Declaration/Sworn Affidavit	
Birth Certificate	
Passport	
Decree Absolute (if applicable)	
Adoption Certificate (if applicable)	
Name Change by Deed Poll (if applicable)	
Death Certificate (if applicable)	
Copy of witnesses passport photo page x 2	

## Can we get an extra copy of our marriage certificate?

A certified copy of your marriage certificate is available at an additional cost of €13.67. This needs to be ordered at the declaration appointment, prior to the ceremony

## What happens if we lose our wedding certificate?

If you lose your wedding certificate a certified copy can be ordered and sent to your home address for a small fee. You would be required to contact the local municipality to arrange this.

#### Can I get married in Cyprus if I have been divorced?

Yes, as long as you can provide legal proof that you are free of any bond of marriage. An original Decree Absolute is needed to prove this

## **PLANNING & LOGISITICS**

## Will we have one contact at the hotel or will I deal with a number of different people?

We are a team of wedding coordinators working very closely together to turn your dreams into reality. Although you may speak to more than one of us during the planning of your special day we are all up to date on all the plans you have made

#### Can you organise the wedding reception for us?

We will be delighted to assist you with the organisation of your entire wedding day, from start to finish

## When do I have to confirm final numbers?

We appreciate that guest numbers can change, as soon as you are aware of how many guests you are expecting please let us know. Final numbers will be confirmed at our initial meeting when you arrive in resort

## How do I transport my wedding dress and what do I do if it's creased?

It is best to check with your airline as different procedures apply. If your gown is creased we can arrange to have it steamed before the happy day however additional cost for this service will apply.

## What happens when we arrive in Cyprus?

A meeting with your Wedding Coordinator is planned for the morning after your arrival. An appointment at the town hall then follows in order to registrar the marriage along with any hair and make-up consultations you have planned



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **CEREMONY**

## Will the ceremony be in English?

Yes. Whether you choose a Civil or an Anglican service, all ceremonies are conducted in English

### How long does the ceremony last?

A Civil ceremony lasts around 20 minutes with an Anglican service lasting around 45 minutes depending on the hymns and readings chosen

## Who writes the civil wedding vows and can we supply our own?

The vows are set by the local municipality in accordance with their license to perform marriages. It is not possible to write your own vows however you may like to add a special reading or a few brief words to each other during the service, subject to agreement from the registrar.

## Which signature does the bride use on the marriage certificate?

When signing the marriage certificate the bride should sign in her maiden name, for the last time!

## Do we need witnesses and can the hotel provide witnesses for our ceremony?

Two witnesses over 18 years of age are needed; these may also be family members. If you are travelling alone and require us to arrange witnesses it would be our pleasure to do this for you. Please let us know prior to your departure

#### Can we throw confetti?

Yes. The throwing of confetti is a big tradition and will provide one of your most magical photos. We only ask that confetti is hand thrown and not fired from confetti poppers

#### Can I bring my own music for the wedding ceremony?

Yes, we have sound systems in both our ceremony venues. You can bring your chosen ceremony music on USB or alternatively we will download your chosen songs. We suggest up to three songs, one as the bride walks down the aisle, the second while the married couple sign their marriage certificates and the third as the new Mr & Mrs walk amongst their guests as they shower the couple in confetti

#### If I don't bring my own music is any provided?

We have a lovely selection of music to be played during the ceremony which you can choose when you arrive

#### How many weddings do you hold a day?

Depending on our requests the hotel will host up to a maximum of three weddings per day – each and every wedding is extremely important to us and deserves our undivided attention, which is why we have a team of people to ensure that all your special needs are met.

## **BANQUETING, BEVERAGES & THE WEDDING RECEPTION**

## Do I pay full price for the banqueting menus if my guests are all inclusive?

Our banqueting menus are separate to the all inclusive entitlement. They are prepared by our executive chefs and served at the time of your choice in one of our special wedding venues which includes complimentary decoration in our white wedding theme. A banqueting table is set up to an agreed seating plan and the function receives the dedicated attention of a head waiter to serve you and your guests. For these reasons the menu prices per head are applicable at the full price.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## I would like to dine from the all inclusive on my wedding day, is this possible?

If you decide not to choose one of our banqueting menus then it is possible to dine from the all inclusive buffet. We will reserve a table for you in the Royal Olympic main self service restaurant during normal opening hours. Please note that other hotel guests will also be dining in this area at these times and this is not a private function, with no additional decoration.

#### I would like a plate service menu in an area that is only suitable for buffets, is this possible?

The level of service that we provide is incredibly important to us and for this reason we are only able to offer plate service menus in certain areas, as specified in the weddings and banqueting brochure

#### Is it advisable to book my reception in advance?

We work on a first come first serve basis and accept deposits to secure advance bookings. It is advisable to book your chosen reception venues as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment

#### Do you cater for special dietary requirements?

Yes, as long as we know in advance then we can cater for most dietary needs

#### Do you provide a menu tasting?

As an all inclusive guest of the hotel you will experience our wonderful culinary skills every day and with the excellent guest feedback we receive we have no doubt you will be delighted by your menu choices

#### At which age do you classify children and infants?

Guests aged 12 and under are classified as children. Infant guests are aged between 0-2 years.

#### Do you have high chairs?

Yes, we have as many high chairs as you need and will automatically provide these based on the number of infants in your party

#### I have some guests attending my wedding who are not staying in the hotel?

All guests are welcome however all non residents are required to purchase a day pass regardless of the length of time they will spend in the hotel. The hotel must be notified in advance and the relevant charges will be included as part of the total function bill, this is a very strict policy of the hotel.

#### What time do the all inclusive beverages finish?

The all inclusive entitlement finishes at 23.30

#### What time does my music and entertainment have to finish?

All music and entertainment must stop by 23.30

#### **DECORATIONS & ACCESSORIES**

#### Do we do decorate our own private venues or can you do that for us?

We are more than happy to arrange all of your personal decorations within your chosen venues. We kindly ask that these are handed to us as soon as you arrive and at least 48 hours in advance with clear instruction for each item

#### Do I need to prepare my own wedding favours and boxes?

We must ask that all favours and decorations are given to us fully assembled

#### Can you provide an easel to hold our table plan?

Yes, we can provide an easel in order to display your table plan



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What happens to my decorations after my wedding?

Any items left in the venues will be returned to your hotel room the day after your wedding. However no responsibility can be taken for any items that are not located at the end of the event.

## **SERVICES**

#### Can our wedding outfits be stored and steamed when we arrive at the hotel?

Yes. The hotel has a special area to hang wedding dresses and also offers a professional steaming service. Steaming services are provided at additional cost and will be arranged upon arrival. An express fee will be charged if less than 48 hours notice is given.

#### How do I go about arranging hair, makeup and nails for my wedding?

The hotel has a dedicated Spa and Hair Salon specialising in Bridal styling, they have many years experience and come very highly recommended. Once you have decided on your requirements for your wedding day we will make all the necessary appointments for you or put you in direct contact with our Spa and Hair Salon. These bookings can be made as soon as you are ready.

#### How do we choose a photographer for our wedding?

As one of the most important aspects of your special day we can certainly help you with this very important decision. The hotel works alongside experienced professionals who are able to deliver the very latest in photo and video technology and are experts within our venues, the very bright sunshine and the structure of your special day. Our recently launched cinematography uses cutting edge techniques to deliver the most amazing results. We can happily send you examples of both upon request

#### Are fresh flowers available in high season?

Cyprus offers a wide range of beautiful fresh flowers all year round with many special varieties coming directly from Holland, with enough notice almost anything can be arranged. If you have specific ideas of what you would like, or would like more ideas on what is available, please contact us at any time

#### Can we use suppliers recommended by friends or family?

Unfortunately we cannot allow external suppliers to provide services within the hotel for your wedding day. If there is something you need we will help you arrange it however our incredibly high standards will not allow us to risk your day with an unknown supplier

#### What do we do about music and entertainment for the reception?

With our vast experience in this area we have all the very best contacts and offer a wide selection of options for you to choose, from a DJ to traditional Cypriot dancers and much more!

#### Can we have fireworks?

Yes. We offer a selection of wonderful packages to choose from however advance notice is required in order to arrange the necessary licenses

#### Can we use Chinese lanterns?

Unfortunately we do not allow Chinese lanterns to be launched as the debris impacts on our local residents and farmland. It also causes health and safety issues for the hotel itself and can be a hazard to local aircraft.

#### **ACCOMODATION**

#### Do you have a Bridal Suite?

The hotel doesn't have a dedicated bridal suite however we offer a large variety of room types which ensure we have something to suit all tastes and requirements





### Where does the bride normally get ready?

Most brides choose to get ready in their room and visit our Spa and Hair Salon for their bridal preparations

## Will a separate room be provided for the bride or groom before the wedding day?

Subject to availability the hotel may make a separate room available for the bride or groom on the night before or the morning of the wedding. This facility will be charged at the applicable rates and cannot be guaranteed, especially during peak season.

#### Do our guests have to stay in the same hotel as us?

While we recommend that your guests join you here at the Olympic Lagoon Resort for the duration of your stay because we know that they will have a wonderful time, it is not a requirement. However please note that the wedding couple must be resident for a minimum of 7 nights.