



LAS PALMAS · HUATULCO, MEXICO

THE 2027 BRIDE'S GUIDE TO GETTING MARRIED IN HUATULCO, MEXICO

Your own private Pacific

OCEANFRONT WEDDINGS · GUEST LOGISTICS · PLANNING TIMELINES · INSIDER TIPS

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A GUIDE FOR BRIDES PLANNING HUATULCO

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CHAPTER ONE

WHY COUPLES CHOOSE HUATULCO

A UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVE ON MEXICO'S SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST —
GENUINE SECLUSION, WITHOUT SACRIFICING BEAUTY OR ACCESSIBILITY.

HUATULCO IS ONE OF THOSE RARE PLACES THAT DOESN'T NEED A FILTER. NESTLED ON MEXICO'S SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST, IT IS A UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVE — WHICH MEANS THE COASTLINE IS PROTECTED, THE WATER IS CLEAR, AND THE JUNGLE-COVERED HILLS STAY EXACTLY AS THEY ARE.

For couples planning a destination wedding, Huatulco offers something increasingly hard to find: genuine seclusion, without sacrificing beauty or accessibility.

"WE WANTED SOMEWHERE THAT FELT LIKE WE'D DISCOVERED IT OURSELVES. HUATULCO WAS THAT PLACE."

— Past wedding guest

WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT

FROM LOS CABOS OR RIVIERA MAYA

Huatulco is not a resort corridor. There are no rows of all-inclusive towers, no party strips, no crowded beaches. There are nine bays, a national marine park, and a small, charming town — La Crucecita — that has maintained its identity as a real Mexican community. For couples who want an authentic, intimate, genuinely beautiful destination — rather than a backdrop that happens to have an ocean — Huatulco is often the answer they didn't know they were looking for.



BRIDESMAID AND BRIDAL BOUQUETS, HUATULCO

THE NUMBERS

~300

DAYS OF SUNSHINE/ YEAR

9

PROTECTED BAYS

20

MINUTES FROM AIRPORT

Dry season runs November through April — reliably sunny, low humidity, warm evenings.

Most of the coastline is a **national marine park**. No development, no noise, just the Pacific.

HUX airport is small, uncrowded, and remarkably easy. Guests land and are on-property within half an hour.

A **growing, intentional wedding scene** — boutique properties and private venues have made Huatulco a quiet favourite among couples who research deeply.



CHAPTER TWO

VENUE OPTIONS IN HUATULCO

A SMALL, INTENTIONAL HANDFUL OF GENUINELY EXCEPTIONAL VENUES — NOT
HUNDREDS OF OPTIONS.

HUATULCO'S WEDDING VENUE LANDSCAPE IS INTENTIONALLY SMALL. THIS IS NOT A DESTINATION WITH HUNDREDS OF OPTIONS — IT IS A DESTINATION WITH A HANDFUL OF GENUINELY EXCEPTIONAL ONES. HERE IS HOW TO THINK ABOUT THEM.

OPTION ONE

PRIVATE RESORT **BUYOUTS**

The most sought-after option for couples who want total privacy. A small number of boutique properties in Huatulco offer full-resort buyout — meaning your group takes over the entire property for the duration of your stay. No other guests, no shared spaces, no interruptions. Your team, your pace, your celebration.

INSIDER TIP

Private resort buyouts typically accommodate 20–50 guests and require booking 6–18 months in advance. If this is your preferred style, start your search early.



A CELEBRATION IN FULL SWING — LIVE MUSIC AND GUESTS TOGETHER, UNINTERRUPTED.

OPTION TWO

BOUTIQUE HOTELS

Several boutique hotels in Huatulco offer wedding packages with exclusive use of ceremony and reception spaces. These work well for couples with larger guest lists who don't need on-site accommodation for everyone.



OPTION THREE

BEACH CEREMONY + EXTERNAL VENUE

Huatulco's protected beaches can serve as ceremony locations, particularly within the national marine park bays. Note that beach permits are required — a local wedding coordinator or your venue should handle this and it is more expensive and less streamlined.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR

IN A VENUE

- Cook service or catering flexibility — local cuisine makes a meaningful difference
- On-site accommodation for your core group (so people wake up together)
- A team that is genuinely involved, not just available
- Outdoor spaces that work with the climate — shade, breeze, evening air
- Privacy, especially if you're planning multi-day events





CHAPTER THREE

WEATHER, SEASONS & THE BEST TIME TO MARRY

TWO DISTINCT SEASONS — AND UNDERSTANDING THEM SHAPES EVERYTHING FROM
YOUR GUEST EXPERIENCE TO YOUR FLORALS.

NOVEMBER – APRIL

DRY SEASON

This is peak wedding season for good reason. Days are consistently sunny, humidity is low, and evenings are warm but comfortable. Rain is rare. This is the safest choice for couples who want certainty in their weather and a classic tropical backdrop.

Best months: November, December, February, March, and April. January can be slightly cooler in the evenings — ideal for guests who don't love heat. December means Christmas travel — factor in flight costs and availability.

MAY – OCTOBER

GREEN SEASON

Also called the “slow season” or “surfer season”. This is Huatulco's rainy season — but not in the way most people imagine. Rain typically falls in afternoon or evening bursts, with mornings and early afternoons remaining sunny. The landscape turns extraordinarily lush. The water is warm. The bays are quieter.

CONSIDERATION

Plan an outdoor ceremony for late morning or early afternoon. Have a weather contingency. The mood is intimate, lush, and unexpected — and many couples say it was exactly right.

Couples who are open to green-season weddings often find they can negotiate better rates, have more venue availability, and experience a version of Huatulco that most tourists never see.



PHOTO BY OH EVENTS - VENUE LAS PALMAS

AT A GLANCE

MONTH-BY-MONTH QUICK GUIDE

NOVEMBER

Ideal. Dry season begins. Comfortable temperatures. One of the most popular months.

DECEMBER

Two distinct windows: early Dec offers lower flight costs and solid availability. From ~Dec 18–Jan 7, demand surges — flights become more frequent but significantly more expensive, and venues fill quickly.

JANUARY

Slightly cooler evenings — pleasant for guests. Excellent choice.

FEBRUARY

Peak season, high demand across the board. Note that Las Palmas does not host weddings in February, as villas and casitas are rented individually to returning guests during this period.

MARCH

Peak season. Similar to February. Spring break traffic in some weeks.

APRIL

Tail end of dry season — warm, lush, and stunning. Book well in advance. Easter week brings crowded destinations and elevated flight prices.

MAY

Quieter, more affordable. Warmest time of year; rain typically doesn't arrive until late month — early-to-mid May is a solid value option.

JUNE – SEPT

Full rainy season. Lush and private. Not recommended for large outdoor events without solid backup plans.

OCTOBER

Late rainy season transitioning to dry. Can be beautiful. Worth considering for intimate weddings.





CHAPTER FOUR

GETTING YOUR GUESTS TO HUATULCO

GUEST LOGISTICS IS THE NUMBER ONE CONCERN COUPLES RAISE WHEN THEY BEGIN PLANNING A HUATULCO WEDDING.

THE AIRPORT

BAHÍAS DE HUATULCO (HUX)

Bahías de Huatulco International Airport (airport code: HUX) is a small, modern airport approximately 20 minutes from the main hotel zones and most boutique properties. It is genuinely easy — no sprawling terminals, short lines, quick baggage claim.

FLIGHT OPTIONS

Huatulco's airport receives both direct and connecting flights from across North America, with more options than many guests expect.

ROUTE TYPE	CITIES
Direct	Mexico City (MEX) — most connections, daily, ~1.5 hrs · Guadalajara (GDL) — direct, ~1.5 hrs · Dallas (DFW) · Toronto (YYZ) — seasonal, ~6 hrs · Chicago (ORD) — seasonal · Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton & Winnipeg — seasonal from Canada
Connecting	Houston (IAH), Atlanta (ATL), New York City (NYC), San Francisco (SFO), Los Angeles (LAX), Denver (DEN) — connect through Mexico City
West Coast / SoCal	Tijuana (TIJ) is a great option; dedicated San Diego cross-border terminal (CBX); a direct TIJ–HUX route has existed in the past and may return. Meanwhile, TIJ–MEX–HUX is smooth and affordable.

TIP FOR INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

Mexico City is the most reliable connection point. A 3–4 hour layover is recommended for international connections. Share this guidance in your guest information materials.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

FROM AIRPORT TO VENUE

- Shuttle service:** Many venues coordinate group shuttle pickups for wedding parties. Ask your venue.
- Private transfers:** Available through local operators — comfortable, punctual, approximately 20 minutes.
- Certified Airport Taxi:** Certified taxis are the only ones permitted inside the airport, with fixed fares and a posted price chart — just confirm your destination before you go. Regular taxis do park along the highway just outside the airport and are cheaper, though we don't recommend them. There's no Uber or ride-share in Huatulco — the whole area operates on a local taxi union, and you must be locally born to own and operate a taxi, so it's a genuinely nice way to support the community.
- Rental car:** Not typically necessary for wedding guests staying on-property.

GUEST INFORMATION GUIDE

Create a simple guest information document covering: flight recommendations, airport code, ground transportation, what to pack, and what to expect on arrival. Your venue may have a template or can help you build one.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Share a curated list of flight options 8–10 months before the wedding and send a reminder at 3 months. Guests who book early get better prices and you get a more reliable headcount.



LAS PALMAS

CHAPTER FIVE

BUDGETING FOR YOUR WEDDING

DESTINATION WEDDING BUDGETS VARY ENORMOUSLY—HERE IS A FRAMEWORK TO HELP YOU THINK IT THROUGH.

WHERE IT'S MORE AFFORDABLE

VALUE AREAS

- **Venue rental:** Private boutique properties offer significant value compared to equivalent venues in Los Cabos or Cancun.
- **Local vendors:** Florals, music, and local catering are priced in line with the local economy — often 20–40% less than comparable quality in popular resort corridors.
- **Food and beverage:** Cook service at private properties and local catering offer exceptional quality at honest prices.
- **Photography:** Talented local photographers with genuine knowledge of the light and landscape, often at lower day rates than imported photographers.

WHERE TO BUDGET CAREFULLY

PLAN AHEAD

- **Flights:** Huatulco is not a major hub. Guests coming from North America may pay \$300–\$900+ USD per person depending on origin and booking time.
- **International vendors:** If you bring a photographer, planner, or other vendor from outside Mexico, factor in their travel and accommodation.
- **Peak season premiums:** November through April commands higher venue rates and vendor availability is tighter.
- **Wedding planner fees:** Expect 10–15% of total wedding budget or a flat project fee.

A HUATULCO DESTINATION WEDDING CAN BE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE INTIMATE AND COST-EFFECTIVE THAN A TRADITIONAL AT-HOME WEDDING — ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU FACTOR IN THAT YOUR GUESTS' ACCOMMODATION AND THE VENUE ARE OFTEN THE SAME PLACE.

FULL-RESORT BUYOUT, 30–50 GUESTS

ROUGH BUDGET FRAMEWORK

This is a general orientation, not a quote. Every wedding is different.

VENUE	Largest single cost. Covers accommodation for all guests, use of all spaces, cook services available, on-site team. Varies widely by property and season.
FLORALS	Local florists are skilled and well-priced. Budget varies by style.
PHOTO & VIDEO	Half-day to multi-day coverage. Local vs. destination photographers vary in rate.
MUSIC	Acoustic sets, DJs, local bands — range varies by choice.
OFFICIANT & LEGAL	Getting legally married in Mexico as a foreigner involves significant paperwork, cost, and bureaucratic process — and honestly, it tends to take the romance out of the lead-up to your day. Our recommendation is to handle the legal civil ceremony at home before you travel, then have a close friend or family member officiate your celebration here in Huatulco. All the meaning, none of the stress.
TRANSPORTATION	Airport transfers for all guests, any inter-venue transport.
EXTRAS	Excursions, spa, welcome gifts, signage, stationery.



CHAPTER SIX

LOCAL VENDORS & WHO YOU NEED

A SMALL BUT GROWING COMMUNITY OF WEDDING VENDORS WHO UNDERSTAND THE
DESTINATION DEEPLY.

WEDDING COORDINATOR / PLANNER

For a destination wedding, some form of local coordination is strongly recommended. A local coordinator manages vendor relationships, legal paperwork, and day-of logistics in a way that no remote planner can fully replicate.

Look for: Someone who has executed weddings at your specific venue, or is recommended by your venue. Ask for references from couples who got married in Huatulco, not just Mexico broadly.



PHOTOGRAPHER & VIDEOGRAPHER

This is the one vendor couples are most particular about — and rightly so. You have two main options: local Huatulco/Oaxacan photographers with deep knowledge of the light, landscape, and logistics — often excellent value; or destination photographers who travel to shoot weddings globally, bringing a consistent portfolio but requiring flight and accommodation.

TIP

Look at portfolios specifically shot in Huatulco or on Mexico's Pacific coast. The light is different here — you want someone who knows how to use it.

FLORALS & DÉCOR

WHAT GROWS HERE

Huatulco's climate supports extraordinary tropical florals. Local florists work with what grows here — birds of paradise, bougainvillea, palms, orchids — which is often more beautiful and more affordable than importing florals from elsewhere.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

SET THE MOOD

Options range from intimate acoustic guitar during cocktail hour to full live bands for reception. Local musicians are talented and affordable. For couples who want a DJ, confirm sound equipment requirements with your venue early.



BOUGAINVILLEA AND GARDEN ROSES, STYLED FOR THE RECEPTION TABLE.



OFFICIANT & LEGAL CEREMONY

THE PAPERWORK **PATH**

Civil ceremonies in Mexico are legal with the right documentation. You will need: valid passports, birth certificates (officially translated into Spanish), and in some cases a Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage. A local coordinator or your venue can walk you through this process. Many couples choose to do the legal ceremony at home and hold their celebration ceremony in Huatulco.

SIMPLEST PATH

Legal ceremony at home, symbolic celebration ceremony in Huatulco. Your coordinator handles the blessing and celebration — no paperwork stress on your wedding day.

SPA & WELLNESS

Pre-wedding spa services, bridal party treatments, and relaxation days are available through local spas and some on-property services. Ask your venue about partnerships and on-site options.



CHAPTER SEVEN

YOUR PLANNING TIMELINE

DESTINATION WEDDINGS REWARD EARLY PLANNING—AN 18-MONTH ROADMAP FROM SEARCH TO WEDDING DAY.

18 MONTHS**Out**

- Begin your search
- Set your approximate guest count and budget range
- Research venues and send initial inquiries
- Choose your destination and begin envisioning the experience

15 MONTHS**Out**

- Confirm your venue
- Hold your date with a deposit
- Begin looking for a local coordinator if using one

12 MONTHS**Out**

- Lock in your photographer and videographer
- Send save-the-dates to all guests
- Share flight information and recommendations

10 MONTHS**Out**

- Hire your coordinator (if applicable)
- Begin vendor conversations: florals, music, catering

8 MONTHS**Out**

- Send formal invitations
- Collect RSVPs and begin guest accommodation assignments

6 MONTHS**Out**

- Confirm all vendors
- Plan excursions and group activities
- Begin menu planning with your venue or caterer

3 MONTHS**Out**

- Send guest logistics guide (flights, transfers, what to pack)
- Confirm final headcount
- Finalize ceremony details with officiant

1 MONTH**Out**

- Confirm all vendor contracts and arrival times
- Book tours/activities/transportation approximately one month before arrival — booking too far in advance in Huatulco can actually work against you, as reservations have a way of getting lost!
- Prepare welcome notes, gift bags, or signage
- Share final itinerary with your venue

WEDDING WEEK

- Arrive early if possible — at least 2 days before guests
- Trust your team. Your only job now is to be present.



CHAPTER EIGHT

INSIDER TIPS FROM COUPLES WHO'VE DONE IT

THE BEST ADVICE FOR A HUATULCO WEDDING COMES FROM THE PEOPLE WHO'VE
ALREADY HAD ONE.

BOOK YOUR VENUE BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE

Everything else — your date, your vendors, your guest travel — flows from your venue choice. The best properties fill early. Once you know you want Huatulco, start venue conversations immediately.

TELL GUESTS TO BOOK FLIGHTS EARLY

HUX is a small airport with limited seats. Guests who wait until 3 months out often find poor options and high prices. Share flight guidance as soon as your date is set.

LEAN INTO THE FOOD

Huatulco's cuisine is extraordinary — fresh Pacific seafood, Oaxacan ingredients, tropical fruit. Work with your venue or caterer to build a menu that reflects where you are. Guests remember the food.

PLAN A WELCOME ACTIVITY

The day guests arrive, before the wedding, is a gift. A group boat trip to the bays, a mezcal tasting, a beach afternoon — something that gets people together and signals the beginning of something special.



TRUST THE LOCAL TEAM

The vendors and teams who work in Huatulco know the destination in ways that are impossible to replicate from a distance. Give them space to do what they do best. The results are almost always better than what you'd have planned yourself.

BUILD IN A RECOVERY DAY

Leave at least one unscheduled day after the wedding for your group to enjoy the property together without an agenda. The mornings after are often the moments people remember most.

CONSIDER THE GREEN SEASON

If your dates are flexible, May through October offers better rates, quieter bays, and a lush version of Huatulco most tourists never see. It is not the right choice for everyone — but for the right couple, it is magical.

THE PACIFIC LIGHT IS EVERYTHING

Schedule your ceremony and portraits for late afternoon — the hour before sunset. The Pacific light at golden hour in Huatulco is unlike anywhere else. Your photographer will thank you.



SPARKLERS, CELEBRATION, AND A SEND-OFF NO ONE FORGETS.

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LAS PALMAS, HUATULCO

Las Palmas is a family-owned, privately-run boutique resort on Mexico's Pacific coast in Huatulco. We have hosted destination weddings, special occasions, and intimate celebrations for couples from across North America and beyond.

This guide was written to help couples — regardless of where they ultimately choose to get married — navigate the Huatulco destination wedding landscape with clarity and confidence.

WHAT LAS PALMAS OFFERS FOR WEDDINGS

- ◆ Full-resort buyout — the entire property exclusively yours
- ◆ Up to 50 guests sleeping on-site together
- ◆ Talina, our on-site general manager, lives on the property
- ◆ Trusted partnerships with Huatulco's leading wedding planners, including Bodas Huatulco and Oh! Events, to help bring your vision to life seamlessly
- ◆ 3 private villas (4 bedrooms each, private pool) + 5 casitas (shared central pool)
- ◆ Cook service available, concierge, and a team that's been here for years
- ◆ Courtney, our director, personally handles every wedding inquiry

[BOOK A 20-MINUTE CALL WITH COURTNEY](#)



Interested in Las Palmas for your
2027/2028 wedding?

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR VISION.

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2027 & 2028 DATES ARE BEGINNING TO FILL.