



ESPERANZA
An Auberge Resort

WEDDING GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

At the end of a continent lies the beginning of an unforgettable experience. Esperanza is a magical retreat that truly captures the spirit of Baja. The resort's quaint charm and attention to detail will assure a memorable experience unlike any other.

Esperanza is one of Mexico's most prestigious boutique resorts, offering a unique environment of natural beauty and luxurious accommodations. Spread across 17 lushly landscaped acres, overlooking the Sea of Cortez, the resort offers an incomparable natural setting just four miles outside the town of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. 57 ocean view casitas and suites are exquisitely appointed with original Mexican artwork and hand crafted furnishings and the finest amenities. Sun-splashed beaches, an award-winning spa, and inspired cuisine complete the experience.

Our ocean-view space can accommodate everything from small intimate gatherings, to lavish beach front weddings. Our attentive staff can help you plan the ceremony of your dreams, from flowers to music and everything in-between. Whether your wedding includes a group of 100 or just the two of you, you will delight in our breathtaking ocean view backdrops with a variety of ceremony locations followed by an unforgettable reception with Mediterranean influenced cuisine and customized menus from our culinary team.



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WEDDING DOCUMENTATION

There are certain forms which must be completed in order for the ceremony to be performed by a Justice of the Peace, from Cabo San Lucas, Baja California Sur, Mexico. Please carefully read the following information to ensure that all the requirements are met.

Required Documentation for the Legal Ceremony:

A Civil Ceremony changes your marital status from single to married. Your marriage will be recognized as legal throughout the world. A Spanish speaking judge performs the ceremony along with an English translator. By law, you must have a translator present to assist with the ceremony. In a civil ceremony, the wording, including the vows you will exchange, are set by the State and cannot be changed.

- Certified copy of birth certificate
- Four Laboratory Tests are required and need to be dated and signed by the physician. Laboratory tests should be taken 30 days prior to the scheduled date of ceremony and may be taken in the United States of America. These tests should be submitted 21 days prior to the ceremony to the Events Department at Esperanza. Please send via fax to: 011-52-624-145-6499.
- 4 Laboratory Tests are:
 - 1: HIV
 - 2: Rubella
 - 3: Syphilis
 - 4: Blood Type
- Tourist card, which is given to every passenger on the plane coming into Los Cabos. This documentation will be requested upon arrival at the resort by the Events Department.
- If either the bride or groom has been divorced or widowed, a certified copy of divorce decree or death certificate must be provided.
- Marriage application completed correctly and witnessed by 4 people.
- In the event that either the bride or the groom is adopted, a certified copy of the adoption papers will be needed.
- Signed prenuptial agreement, which will be provided by the Justice of the Peace.



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Mexican Regulations, for previously married couples:

Mexican law requires that a minimum of at least one year time to have elapsed from the date of one of the following:

- Final dissolution of marriage, for example divorce. This action must be certified with a copy of the final divorce decree.
- Death of a spouse. A death certificate is needed to verify.

Esperanza Resort Requirements:

The resort will require that copies of the above stated documentation be provided, in order to ensure that all requirements are met. The resort staff should receive these copies no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the ceremony date. Please send the following documentation upon confirming wedding date: Birth Certificates, Marriage Application, and divorce and/or adoption certificates (if applicable).

In addition, both the bride and the groom must be in Cabo San Lucas two full working days prior to the ceremony, with all documentation papers in order. Unfortunately, weekends are not considered working days.

A late charge may be assessed for every day after the twenty-one (21) day period that the paperwork is not received by the local office. If the hotel does not receive the documentation at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the ceremony, a late fee of \$100.00 will be assessed. Failure to provide the proper documentation on time as outlined above will result in delay of nuptial ceremony and loss of deposit for wedding fees, reception and facilities.

Non-Denominational Ceremony:

A Non-Denominational Ceremony does not change your marital status anywhere in the world. If you wish for your wedding to be recognized as legal around the world, you must get legally married in the US or have both a Non-Denominational Ceremony and Civil Ceremony in Mexico. By selecting a Non-Denominational Ceremony, you may participate in the creation of your entire wedding ceremony including vows, ring exchange, prayers, songs, readings, etc. Paperwork and lab work not required.



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Locations:

Esperanza Resort offers a variety of breath-taking venues to choose from for your wedding ceremony and reception. Ceremonies may be held on Esperanza's private beach, the Seaside Terrace, the Upper Pool Terrace or the lawn of the Luxury Suite. Receptions may take place on the private beach, the Seaside Terrace or the Land's End Room & Terrace.

Ceremony Locations

Maximum Capacity

Private Beach	125
Seaside Terrace	90
Upper Pool Terrace	90
Lawn Luxury Suite	40

Reception Locations

Maximum Capacity

Private Beach	125
El Restaurante	125
Seaside Terrace	90
Land's End Room & Terrace	60
Lawn Luxury Suite	40

*Land's End Room can be used as an area for dancing for up to 90 guests.

*Must be staying in the Luxury Suite to utilize the lawn area.

*All areas can hold only one function at a time

Reception Services

Dining Options

Private Beach	Buffet, Family Style
El Restaurante	Sit Down, Family Style
Seaside Terrace	Sit Down, Family Style
Land's End Room & Terrace	Sit Down, Family Style, Buffet
Lawn Luxury Suite	Sit Down, Family Style

Making Arrangements:

Our Wedding Coordinator will be pleased to assist you in making arrangements for the following services:

- Vendor selection to include photographer, florist, music/entertainment, etc.
- Make up artist and hair stylist along with additional spa services
- Information about local activities and services available

All the above services incur additional charges and each vendor will provide you with their own pricing and estimates.



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Menu Tasting and Selection

Menu tasting should be completed and final menus should be chosen no later than forty-five (45) days before the date of the ceremony. Food tasting date and selections must be scheduled with your wedding coordinator at least seven (7) working days in advance. Menu tasting is offered on a complimentary basis as such:

- a.) Hors D'oeuvres (3 choices)
- b.) Appetizers (2 choices)
- c.) Entrees (3 choices)
- d.) Cake flavors (2 choices)

Single portions will be served to the center of the table for presentation then divided into individual servings for guests attending the tasting.

2 – 65 guests attending wedding reception, 2 guests are welcome for menu tasting
66 – 120 guests attending wedding reception, 4 guests are welcome for menu tasting

For any additional guests attending food tasting, there will be a \$125.00 plus 11% tax and 15% service charge per person.