

HO'OKIPA WEDDING

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Cultural Questions

What is the significance of the Sand Ceremony?

The Sand Ceremony, thought to have originated in Hawaii is similar to the traditional Unity Candle Ceremony. It represents unity of two lives bonding as one. Two small containers of colored sand are poured together into one larger container.

What is a Haku lei?

The Haku lei is a braided flower lei normally worn on the top of the head.

Are Hawaiian elements offered in your ceremony?

Flower lei exchanges, blowing of the Conch shell to initiate a ceremony, the traditional Sand Ceremony, Hawaiian Prayers, and Hula are some of the things you may opt for in your wedding. Please inquire for more details.

What is a Maile lei?

The Maile lei is a multi-stranded, long and open ended lei made from the green stems of the Maile stems and leaves.

What is a Kukui Nut lei?

The Kukui nut is a quarter-sized nut which is strung together to create a lei which worn around the neck.

What is a Holoku dress?

More simple in design than a mu'umu'u the holoku is a long white gown used for special occasions. Ideal for outdoor weddings.

Practicality Questions

Can we use a rent-a-car to get to any of the wedding locations?

As a rule, yes. Depending on your familiarity with the roads, traffic patterns, availability of parking, etc., it is a viable option. However, there are many very good limousine and taxi possibilities which I can help arrange.

Does weather become an issue for beach weddings?

Weather rarely necessitates postponement of a wedding in town. Occasionally during the winter months there is substantial rain but normally within a short period of time plans can be resumed. I can discuss with you alternative plans.

Legal Questions

Can you perform non-religious weddings?

I am licensed to perform Christian weddings. If an officiant is needed to perform a non-religious ceremony I can refer you to someone.

Are permits required for public venues?

Permits are required for public use of certain designated areas. These permits may incur a nominal fee. There may also be a permit and fee required for **professional photography**. The controlling jurisdiction varies from location to location. I can assist in procuring the permit. Please inquire for more details.

Are Hawaii weddings recognized overseas?

As a general rule they are recognized by most jurisdictions, however it is advised that you consult any pertinent authorities.

Is it difficult to procure a Hawaii wedding license?

Not at all. The contact and procedure can be found by clicking here. If any additional assistance is needed please contact me in that regard.

What are Hawaii's marriage license requirements?

A **Hawaii State marriage license** is required unless you have been married in another jurisdiction. Licenses are granted by the **Hawaii State Department of Health** in Honolulu (Kinau Hale Bldg., 1250 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 – telephone (808) 586-4544). The Marriage License Bureau is open from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, except local and federal holidays. If assistance is needed please inquire.

Do you offer all included wedding packages?

I have chosen to give you the option of selecting exactly the elements of your choice. I believe you'll find the totals comparable to current packages elsewhere.

What is your payment policy?

I ask a \$100 deposit on placing the reservation and the remainder at least one week prior to event.

Can you arrange receptions?

Yes. Depending on the location I can arrange a reception at the wedding site. Please inquire as to details.

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