

# What Wedding Can You Afford?



Save Money with All-Inclusive Wedding Packages

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# 5 Ways to Stay on Budget for your Destination Wedding

## 1. Design a realistic working budget

- Take time and research locations that offer discounts on travel, and resorts.
- Be sure to book around off season rates.
- Location can be the biggest expense. Search for venues and resorts that specialize in Destination Weddings and offers [all-inclusive packages](#), discounts, and preferred vendors.

The Knot Budget Calculator – This will tell you how much you should be spending on your wedding, as well as tracking all your payments, and due dates.

## Hidden Costs

### 2. Be prepared for hidden costs and extra's –

- Be diligent about being aware of all the upfront costs, as well as asking about any hidden costs.
- Do not forget tax, set-up and delivery fees, permits, tipping and gratuity, overtime fees. No one works for free. Just one-hour overtime will include paying extra for the photographer, DJ, caterer, venue, manager, and others.

3. Tips – Your wedding vendors work very hard to make your day perfect. Be sure to budget showing your appreciation with gratuity!

4. Buyer Beware – Trials are not free! Hairstyles, and make-up, and florist demos, are not free. Be sure to factor this in.

### 5. The devil is in the details – Do not forget the costs of the little things. The extras will add up fast!

- The cost of postage for your Save the Date cards
- Marriage License
- Permits for public beach access

## Factor in a Budget Cushion

Just like it is wise to build an emergency savings account, make a goal to save 5 percent of your wedding budget for any hidden costs, extra's, or for going over in any area of your overall budget.

## Use Credit Cards

- Search for credit cards with rewards to benefit from your expenses, as well as keeping track of all your expenses.
- Use one account for your wedding budget
- Allocate your wedding funds in one account
- Separate from your daily checking account. This will be easier for you to keep track of your expenses to budget better.

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