

Spanish Weddings

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A Traditional Spanish Wedding

A traditional Spanish wedding usually follows Catholic traditions. Many options for a church wedding and a reception afterward. The amount of guests ranges from a small reception with close friends and family to big gatherings with 200+ guests.

It depends on the couple's choice on whether they have the ceremony morning or night. But the party usually goes on into the early hours of the morning. Spanish weddings involve a lot of dancing, after all!

The Wedding Party

At a traditional Spanish wedding, arrangements for bridesmaids and groomsmen are quite different.

In Spanish weddings, couples have a godmother and godfather standing by their side. Their chosen godparents have typically known them their entire lives. Some even choose their parents to take on this role.

And that's it...No flower girls, no page boys, no maid of honour, and no best man!

Which hand for Wedding ring in Spain?

Another Spanish wedding tradition that may differ from back home is that Spanish women wear their wedding ring on their right hand. But the engagement ring is on their left hand. Also, most wedding bands are simple in style and made of pure gold.



Same Surnames

At a Spanish wedding, you may notice that their names don't change after marriage. Wedding traditions in Spain dictate that when a baby's born they get two last names, their mothers maiden name and their father's last name. And they keep that name their entire life, even when they get married.

Confetti Time

As the couple leaves the ceremony, guests line up outside to throw dried rice or rose petals. This symbolizes both fertility and prosperity for the newlyweds.





Bye Bye Tie

Another Spanish wedding traditions is to cut the grooms tie or brides garter up into pieces and sell to the guests. The tradition was originally to raise funds for the newlyweds. But now many just do it for fun!

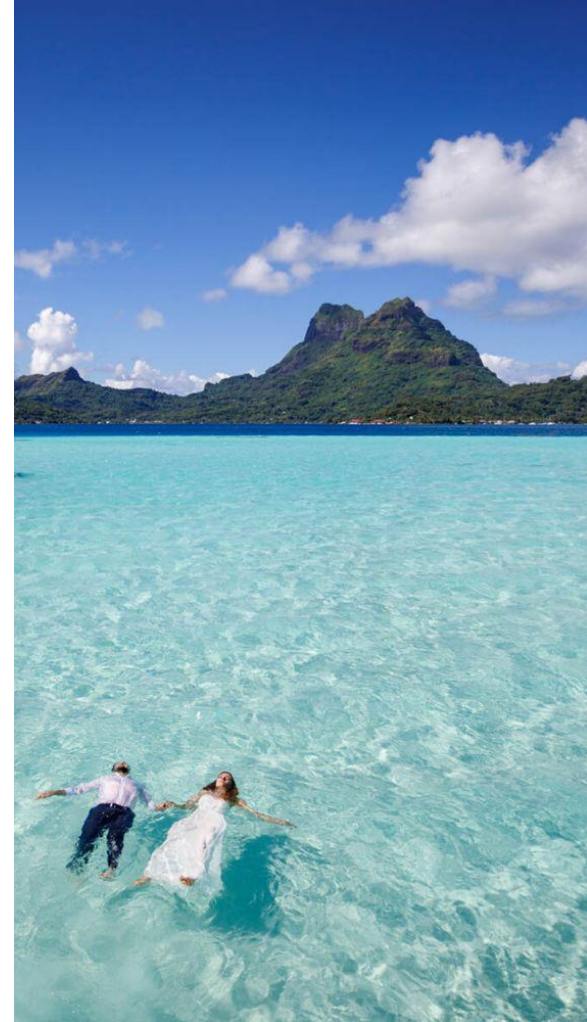
Cut the Cake

Spanish wedding cakes aren't as fancy as the 12 tier cakes you find in the US. But the way they cut the cake may surprise you. Instead of a humble knife, they use a huge sword instead!



Getting Paid for Your Honeymoon

One of the best Spanish wedding traditions you'll have total envy for is the time off they receive for their honeymoon. By law, they get 15 days of paid honeymoon leave!



The End