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Destination Weddings for the Contemporary Bride



Brides today love the idea of going to faraway lands for their weddings. If you think you are one of them you should first consider all the factors before embarking on any theme or destination wedding. Style is everything. It must fall appropriately within the concept and type of event. Here are some ideas that you may consider.

BEACH WEDDINGS: FOR THE CHIC BRIDE

When choosing your ensemble, it is important to keep your location and the climate in mind. A tropical locale or beach wedding is the desired destination for many contemporary brides. If this is your calling then you should opt for lightweight fabrics that pack well and won't easily wrinkle. Avoid excessive embroidery that is often done with metallic threads and beads, and heavy-weight fabrics like banarasi and dupion. Instead, go for breezy wrinkle-resisters such as silk tulle, organza, chiffon, Charmeuse, georgette or light laces.

You'll also want to forego trailing doppattas or sari ends that may blow around in ocean breezes, and choose to wear a light dress instead. Whatever dress style you select should be comfortable and flatter your figure. Sheaths, mermaids, A-lines with layers of sheer ruffles are all appropriate when



made with the right fabric. You want to look sharp but also show your curves. You can also invest in a classic full length with high

slits or low back which will make you look like a diva. A sari can also be worn, especially ones that are sheer and soft which will

accentuate your body nicely, requiring very little accessories, only a killer blouse. For a more modern twist, go for a headpiece with floral designs.

Have fun making a strong style statement with your accessories. A dramatic bead necklace or dangling pearl earrings will glam up a simple yet beautifully tailored dress. Or choose tropical hues for your jewellery and wear bright turquoise or coral accents. Your headpiece, whether hair combs, a tiara or fresh flowers in your hair, should complement your dress or sari and add to your personal style. Also, make sure your shoes allow you to walk on sand or uneven ground – consider wearing low-heeled wedges, sandals, or even kitten heels if you want a bit of lift. You should never settle for predictable styles or done to death colour schemes. Stick to fresh summery tones and colours that echo the landscape around you.