BEACH WEDDING CEREMONY OPTIONS

(Embassy Suites Requires a Reception Following in order to utilize the Beach Access for a Ceremony)

Ceremony Décor is provided by "It's a Perfect Day Weddings and Florist"

The Essentials Ceremony Package

Hotel Beach Site located Across the Street, and Indoor Atrium Patio as a Back-up Location \$500.00 (Beach Site/Atrium Back-up Fee) Includes Hotel filing for Outdoor Event Permit through Walton County 4 Post Bamboo Arbor with White Sheer Fabric Draping 30 White Folding Chairs (Additional Chairs \$7 each) Choice of: 6 Non-Floral Decorative Aisle Markers, OR, Colored Sashes Placed on the Aisle Chairs and Back Row

(Package is subject to a taxable 22% service fee and 7% tax) \$1,100.00 (Billed Through Hotel)

Add a Ceremony Officiant and/or Wedding Coordinator

\$300.00 (Based on availability) billed through It's a Perfect Day Weddings. Price includes officiant present for rehearsal. (add 7% tax). \$500.00 Wedding Coordination Services Starting at \$500.00 (Based on availability) billed through It's a Perfect Day Weddings (add 7% tax).

*You must designate someone or hire a wedding coordinator for your rehearsal and wedding day events. The hotel staff does not provide wedding coordination services.



From March through October -Ceremony Start time suggested no earlier than 5:30pm, 6pm is ideal allowing the beach services staff time to clear the beach of the daily beach chair and umbrella rentals; they start tear-down for the day at 5pm. From November through February you may start a beach ceremony earlier, as we do not have beach services chair and umbrella rentals set-up on the beach daily that time of year.







WEDDING BANQUET ROOM RENTAL

Wedding Event Space for 30 up to 50 Guests with Large 15 x 15 Ft. Dance Floor = \$600.00 Wedding Event Space for up to 100 Guests with Large 19 x 19 Ft. Dance Floor = \$700.00 Wedding Event Space for up to 200 Guests with Large 19 x 19 Ft. Dance Floor = \$800.00 Wedding Event Space for 300 Guests with Large 19 x 19 Ft. Dance Floor = \$900.00 (Add taxable 22% service fee and 7% tax to rental prices)

Includes: Table and Chair Set-up/Tear-down, Professional Wait Staff, White Dishware, Silverware, and Glassware. White Linen Table Underlays, White Satin Finish/Poly Table Overlays (Displayed in a Subtle Wave Pattern), Choice of White or Black Napkins. (Chocolate Brown Table Overlays with Beige Napkins are also available)









DÉCOR PROVIDED BY: It's a Perfect Day Weddings and Florist

Ceremony Decor

Additional White Folding Chairs are \$7.00 each

White and Brown Wooden Benches available for seating instead of Chairs \$40.00 per Bench (seats 5)

Added Non-Floral Decorative Aisle Markers \$10.00 each

Small Seasonal Floral Bouquet Aisle Markers \$15.00 each

Hanging Acrylic Container Aisle Markers with Seasonal Floral Bouquet Inside \$18.00 each)

1 Bridal Bouquet and 1 Boutonnière starting at \$175.00 per set - Bridal Bouquets alone starting at \$125.00 each

Bridesmaids Bouquets starting at \$40.00 each

Groomsmen Boutonnières starting at \$14.00 each

Heavy Draping added to Package Arbor \$125.00

Handcrafted Wood and Acrylic Keepsake Sand Ceremony Box starting at \$50.00 each

Petals in Aisle way – light cover (2 gallons) \$45.00 each

Petals in Aisle way – heavy cover (5 gallons) \$125.00 each

One Seasonal Floral Arrangement on Arbor starting at \$75.00 each

Chandelier on Arbor \$35.00 each

2 Decorative Lanterns at Ceremony Aisle Entry or near Arbor placed on Sand \$45.00 each

Ceremony and Reception Decor

Café Lighting for Atrium Patio \$375.00

Solid Color Chair Sashes \$3.00 each

Chalkboard Wedding Ceremony or Reception Signage \$45.00 each

Reception Decor

White Spandex Chair Covers with Solid Color Sash \$7.00 each Chair

Colored Napkins \$1.10 each (Embassy Suites Provides, White, Black or Golden Beige Napkins)

Table Centerpieces starting at \$30.00 each, and up

Table Runners \$12.00 each, and up

Table Overlays \$14.00 each, and up (Embassy Suites Provides White or Chocolate Brown)

Rectangle Tablecloths \$18.00 each

Specialty Linens \$22.00 each, and up

Ballroom Ceiling Draping:

\$175.00 for One Chandelier Section.

\$150.00 for Added Second Chandelier Section.

\$125.00 for Added Third Chandelier Section.

(Flowers are seasonal, specific flower requests may be an added cost depending on market conditions)

(All prices are subject to a 7% Sales Tax)

(All items billed directly through It's a Perfect Day Weddings and Florist)

Please note: Although Embassy Suites recommends It's a Perfect Day Weddings and Florist,

You are not required to book this vendor for your floral and reception décor needs.

Visit "It's a Perfect Day Weddings and Florist" Facebook Page for photos of their fantastic work! https://www.facebook.com/lts-A-Perfect-Day-Wedding-Florist-178161765621927/photos stream?tab=photos albums







BANQUET AND CATERING POLICIES

Hotel requires a guest count estimate from your group one (1) week prior to the first event date. Final guest counts are due three (3) business days prior to function date and <u>all balances are due at that time</u>. The guaranteed guest count or the actual amount served if higher will be used for billing purposes.

Food and Beverage menu selections must be finalized two 2 weeks prior to function date. All buffets have a guest count guarantee minimum for service. Plated options are always available for parties with fewer guests.

Audio visual and set up requirements are due one (1) week prior to function date. Audio visual equipment ordered within one week of the event date may incur a late order fee to cover rush delivery.

7% tax will be applied to all food/beverage, room rental, equipment rental, service fees, and any other additional banquet items on order. Alcoholic beverages are taxed at 7.01%.

A 22% (taxable) service charge will apply to all room rental, equipment rental, set-up items/fees, and labor fees such as: chef fee and/or bartender fees. 22% gratuity (non-taxed to group) will apply to all food and beverage items on order.

All food and beverage must be supplied by the hotel and cannot be removed from the function room, with the exception of wedding cakes. The hotel does not provide wedding cakes. Maximum duration of food service is 2 hours. To-Go boxes are not permitted for catered events.

Legal Disclaimer: Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness.

Our Chef can prepare Gluten Free and Vegetarian options. Please consult the Director of Catering when booking.

The hotel is aware that normal wear and tear does occur within a facility, if deemed that the group has caused damage to property above the acceptable normal wear and tear, damage fees will be charged to the group to cover the cost of clean-up and/or repair. Nails, tacks, tape and screws are not permitted to be used on the banquet walls, please ask banquet staff for assistance in hanging banners (fees may apply).

Confetti or items resembling confetti are not permitted, If used group will be charged a \$75.00++ cleaning fee.

Advance shipment of meeting materials may incur a charge, please ask the Director of Catering about shipping guidelines.

Music during an event must be turned off at 10pm. Bar Sales must end at 10pm as well.

You must be 21 years of age to purchase, consume, or possess alcohol in the State of Florida. All local and state laws apply within the event space. I.D. cards may be requested by Hotel banquet staff for alcoholic beverage service at any time. Hotel banquet staff has the right to refuse service if I.D. is not presented when requested, or if deemed necessary, or at their discretion according to the Law. Outside beverage is not permitted in the event space, to include our restaurant, bar, ballroom, and boardroom space. The alcoholic beverages in these areas must be supplied by the hotel.

Candles are permitted when following guidelines; please make sure there is something under each candle for the overflow of candle wax. If excessive candle wax drips on the table linens an additional cleaning fee may apply. No candles with non-living flowers.

Items thrown on the beach must be of live organic plant material, artificial petals, paper lanterns; paper confetti, etc. are not permitted, they are considered litter. If any décor is left on the beach, an additional clean-up fee will be charged to your bill. Furthermore, the Walton County Sheriff's Dept. may impose a littering fine. Please work with us to protect our coastline and keep it free from non-organic material. Dogs are not permitted on the beach unless locally licensed by Walton County, or if they are a Service Animal. Glass containers are not permitted on the beach. Walton County Beach Code Enforcement monitors these beach laws. If 100 guests or more are present on the beach; couple is responsible for hiring security.

Beach Ceremony Arbors or Free Standing Structures must be set-up by a licensed and insured business in the state of Florida and must be an approved vendor by the hotel. The hotel is not liable for incidents occurring from freestanding objects on the beach that are not secured properly.

The hotel is not responsible for Wedding Coordination, Officiant, DI/Entertainment, Wedding Cakes, Extra Décor and Photography. The hotel is solely responsible for your event set-up, tear-down, and meal and bar service. We will secure and facilitate your event but these details are the sole responsibility of the client. The hotel will have a member of management or a supervisor on staff during your wedding but they are not responsible for wedding coordination.

LOCAL VENDOR INFORMATION

*Vendors who are Highly Recommended

Florists/Decor

It's A Perfect Day Weddings Décor and Florist-Patty or Amber - 850.496.2911 (www.perfectdayweddingflorist.com) *

Friendly Florist – 850.244.5387 (www.ftwaltonfriendlyflorist.com)

Destin Floral Design - 850.837.5656 (www.destinfloraldesigns.com)

Florals By The Sea – 850.650.6687 (www.floralsbythesea.com)

Music - Live Music, Bands, DJ's

Gulf Coast Entertainment and Productions – 850.896.3403 (www.gulfcoastentertainmentandproductions.com) DJ*

Rock The House – Shane Keller-850.582.9725 (www.rockthewedding.com) DJ*

Epic and Elegant Entertainment – Kevin O'Hare -850.499.0049 (www.eeedestin.com)

Chuck Lawson – 850.496.7230 (www.chucklawson.com) Musician and DJ

B-Boy Productions- 888.825.0655 (www.bboyproductions.com) DIs, Musicians*

DJ HoloQuest - 850.797.8040 (http://www.djholoquest.com/) DJ*

Gulf Talent Services (GTS) Entertainment – 850.747.0903 (www.gulftalentservices.com) DJs, Musicians, and Live Bands*

Absolute First Class Sounds – Ian Fullerton - 850.232.6243 (www.1stclasssounds.com) DJ

Everything & the Wedding Too - 850.304.4943 (jollyroger33@hotmail.com)DJ

Vaughn Vanamburg – 850.276.5640 (vaughnvanamburg@gmail.com)DJ

Grand Band Entertainment – 251.621.0234 (www.grandband.com)Live Bands

American DJ Productions – DJ Zoran- 850.217.5710 (zoranbythesea@aol.com) DJ

Cakes/Desserts

Bake My Day - 850.269.0763 (www.bakemydaydestin.com)*

The Cake Destination – 850.424.3806 (www.thecakedestination.com)*

Absolutely Cakes - 850.271.5799 (www.absolutely-cake.com)

Sweet Henrietta's – 850.420.4566 (www.sweethenriettas.com)

Kim's Cakes - 850.267.1571 (https://www.facebook.com/kimscakesdestin)

Kakes n'Konfections – Kristina 850.226.6090 (www.kakesnkonfections.com) email: kakesnkonfections@yahoo.com*

A Cupcakery by the Sea – 850.362.6244 (www.acupcakerybythesea.com)

Creative Celebrations - 850.315.0969 (www.creativecelebrations.org)

Publix Bakery (Grande Boulevard Location) - 850.622.2326 (www.publix.com)

Sweet for Sirten -850-236-9277 (http://www.sweetforsirten.com/contact.htm)

Please note: Above vendors are simply recommendations not endorsements. You are not required to book these vendors.

Wedding Rentals

It's A Perfect Day Wedding Décor and Florist – 850.496.2911 (www.perfectdayweddingflorist.com)* RSVP – 850.837.6595 (www.rsvpdestin.com)

The Big Day Event Rentals – 850.862.3176 (www.thebigdayrentals.com)

Showtime Events – 850.622.4087 (www.showtimeevents.net)

Nationwide Tents 'N' Events – 850.515.2750 (www.nationwidetents.com)

Bridal Salons/Tux and Suit Rentals

Simply Elegant – 850.862.3334 (www.sebridals.com) Fort Walton Beach

Destin Bridal Affair - 850.792.4322 (www.destinbridalaffair.com) Destin

Men's Warehouse – 850.837.7447 (www.menswarehouse.com) Destin

David's Bridal – 850.208.3181 (www.davidsbridal.com) Pensacola

Photographers/Videographers/Photobooths

Forever Young Images-850.321.4816 (http://fyimages.com/)*

Gwyne Gray Photography - 850.259.2179 (www.gwynegrayphotograhy.com)*

Sandprints Photography 850.225.5514 (www.sandprintsphotography.com)*

Angela Frances Photography – 850.321.2914 (www.angelafrancesphotography.com)

Kelly Marquez Photography – 850.603.7409 (www.kellymarquezphotography.com) –Husband is Officiant

Bobby Wagner 30a Wedding Videography- 805.499.4366 (www.30aweddingvideography.com)*

Amy Little Photography - 850.625.8670 (www.amylittlephotography.com)

Davista Photography, Shanna Magnuson - 507-319-8393 davistaphotography@me.com

Sunset Images – 850.642.0605 (www.sunsetimagesphotography.com)

Personal Touch Photography – 850.830.1208

Tay Gray Photography – Taylor Gordon -850.499.3422 (www.taygrayphotography.com)

Tom Warriner - 850.803.1161 (www.photocrafttom.com)

Wedding Media Group (Videographer) - 251.209.4949 (www.weddingmediagroupnorthwestflorida.com)

Daniel Ingram VOW Cinema (Videographer)214.534.9542 (http://destin.videoourwedding.com/)

Smile Y'all Photobooths - 850.608.3038 (www.smileyallphotobooth.com)

B-Boy Productions- 888.208.3439 (www.bboyproductions.com) Photobooths

Destin Beach Photography Company 850-424-3277 (www.destinbeachphotographycompany.com)

Beauty Salons

Jackie Rosario with The Change Salon (Destin)-615.775.0382 cell*

La Fleur Salon and Spa- 850.684.1907 – (www.lafleursalonandspa.com)*

Karin Petersen with La Renaissance Salon (Destin) – 850.460.5540 cell (www.larenaissancesalon.com)*

Brava Hair Studio & Day Spa (Fort Walton Beach) – 850.833.3003 (www.bravahairstudio.com)

Frankie's A Salon (Fort Walton Beach) -850.315.2100 - (www.frankiesasalon.net)

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Beauty Salons Continued

As You Like It (Fort Walton Beach) – 850.664.2954 (www.asyoulikeitsalon.com)

Fusion Spa and Salon AVEDA-(Sandestin) 850.654.2444 (www.fusionspasalonaveda.com)

Pure and Couture (Destin) – 850.424.3935 (www.pureandcouture.com)

Destin Mobile Makeup Box (Destin)-850-865-9698 (destinmobilemakeupbox.com)

Officiants

It's A Perfect Day Weddings -- 850.496.2911 -Mr. Stoney Bilbo or Mrs. Amber Price*

Weddings by Drew 850.630.7476 (www.weddingwire.com/weddingsbydrew)*

Gulf Talent Services (GTS) Entertainment – 850.747.0903 (www.gulftalentservices.com)*

Kim Cannon 850.217.3716 (http://www.kimcannonmusic.com/#!weddings/crll)

Simple Destin Weddings -850.725.2598 (Michael and Lara)

*Optional photography package available (www.simpledestinweddings.com)

Elegant Beginnings – 850.814.PLAN (www.elegant-beginnings.com)

A Warner Wedding – 850.654.6555 (www.awarnerwedding.com)

Marie T. Di Giovine – 850.376.7240 (www.weddingceremonybymarie.com)

Judi Fraser - Notary Public (www.destinnotary.com) email: jfrasernotary@yahoo.com

Florida Nuptials- 850.835.5125 (www.floridanuptials.com)

Wedding Planners/Coordinators

It's a Perfect Day Weddings -Coordination "Day of" or Starting 30 days out from Wedding Date) -850.496.2911*

Make my Day Special -Kelly Henderson -850.588.4394 (Kelly@makemydayspecial.com)*

Angela Maloy (Rehearsal & Day of Coordination) – 850.902.2577 (angela.maloy@yahoo.com)*

Kristi – Kiss the Bride Destin -850-376-8272 (kristi@kissthebridedestin.com)*

Savoir Faire Weddings - Stephanie Tate - 850.499.6336

Kaley Walls – (Coordination from Start to Finish, or Starting 1 Month Before, or Rehearsal and Day of Coordination)

850.862.3176 (kaley.bigdayrentals@gmail.com)

Transportation Services

654 Limo - 850.654.LIMO (www.654limo.com)*

Bay Limousine - 850.269.1200 (www.bay-limo.com)

Zimmer Airport Shuttle 850.978.0978

Sunshine Shuttle - 850.650.6333 (www.sunshineshuttle.com)

The Beach Party Bus – 850.687.7302 (www.beachpartybus.com)

Hunnicutt Limousines - 850.582.LIMO (www.582Limo.com)

The 5 Ride - 850.424.7442 (https://www.facebook.com/The5ride)

Childcare Services

Precious Ones Nanny Care – Emily Carvallo – 850.376.7704 (www.preciousonesnannycare.com)*

My Beach Sitter – Candy Huml - candyhuml@gmail.com – 850.502.7299(www.mybeachsitter.com)

Master Sand Sculptor

Sand Odyssey – Mark Flynn - 850.830.6752 (www.sandodyssey.com) -Sculptures for Proposals, Weddings, and Sand Sculpting Lessons



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- O: How late can our reception extend?
 - A: The reception may last until 11:00pm. However all Dl's/bands must stop at 10:00pm and last call for an event bar will be at 10pm, due to the location of our guest rooms noise must be kept at a minimum after 10pm.
- **Q**: Do we need an appointment for a site visit?
 - **A:** Appointments are not mandatory, but are strongly recommended. By scheduling an appointment, we can ensure someone is available to meet with you and show you our facilities.
- Q: Does the hotel decorate the banquet room for the wedding reception?
 - **A:** The hotel includes table/chair set-up, service ware, white table underlay linens and white table overlays, white or black napkins and white skirting. Anything additional can be ordered through an outside décor company.
- **Q**: Does the hotel offer space for outside receptions?
 - **A:** Embassy Suites is an interior hotel boasting a beautiful indoor atrium, but unfortunately we do not offer outdoor receptions. We do utilize our atrium for cocktail hours and small receptions which have an open concept feel without the stress of inclement weather.
- **Q**: Do you offer a changing room for the bridal party?
 - A: Due to our high occupancy levels we are unable to offer a changing room. We do have 2 boardrooms each available for a rental fee of \$200.00++ per day.
- Q: Will our beach ceremony be private?
 - **A:** We offer exclusivity at our hotel and book one ceremony per night, however the hotel cannot close the beach to other guests, thus there may be others present on the beach and boardwalk. We cannot rope off any area due to emergency related ordinances.
- Q: Are group discounts available if all our guests stay at the hotel?
 - A: Group discounting generally starts at 15 guest rooms or more, however we do offer some discounting for groups of 10 or more (some blackout dates for group rates may apply). We initially block up to 10-15 guest rooms (pending availability) for most weddings. You will need to contact the Group Sales Dept. (850-337-7065) to block off the guest rooms. Once the signed booking agreement is received it will take up to 3 business day to enter it into the system and then your guests can start making reservations. There is no pre-payment or credit card guarantee due from you for your guest room block, as we obtain the guests' credit card at time of booking so there is no liability to you. Please ensure callers advise the reservationists that they are with your group by giving the group name or group code assigned at booking so that they will get the applicable rate. Should all of the rooms be picked-up in the original block, we will add to the block prior to the contracted cutoff date, based on availability at that time. Group rates on shoulder dates (pre/post contracted dates) are based on availability.
- Q: How long before we have to give you our final count for our banquet meal?
 - **A:** An estimate is due seven (7) days prior to the event date. The final/guaranteed guest count number is due three (3) business days prior to the event date. This final count (guarantee) is the number you will be charged unless you exceed your guarantee number, then you will be charged for the number of guests actually attending the event.
- Q: If we are having our ceremony on your beach, will an alternate location be reserved in case of inclement weather?
 - A: You will be able to utilize your reception room or our indoor atrium patio for your wedding ceremony.
- Q: Where do we park for our wedding?
 - A: Hotel parking is complimentary for our guests. Guests may also park in the parking lot across the street from the hotel.
- **Q:** What time can I setup for my ceremony and reception?
 - A: Setup times vary depending on the time of year; please speak with your Director of Catering for your specific setup time.

Q: Can we bring in our own caterer to cater our wedding?

A: No. The hotel has its own in-house catering/banquet department and outside catering is NOT permitted, with the exception of wedding/groom's cake(s).

Q: What is the earliest we can check-in to our guest room?

A: Check-in time starts at 4:00 p.m. and is strictly enforced when the hotel is at high occupancy levels. In situations where the hotel is operating at a lower occupancy, an earlier check-in may be available. Please make a request for an early check-in when making your reservation, but note that requests are NOT guaranteed.

Q: What is your wedding deposit(s) and payment policy?

A: In order to secure the banquet space for your wedding a \$1,500.00 non-refundable deposit is due. You may pay the initial deposit by credit card, money order, cashier's check or cash. If a credit card is used, the balance will be charged to the card three (3) business days prior to the function date. Should you be paying cash for your balance, the balance must be paid in full five (5) business days prior to the event day. Please note that any form of a check is NOT accepted within three (3) weeks of the event date.

Q: Can we give our wedding attendees a welcome bag upon arrival?

A: Yes, but please note that we have a mandatory handling fee of \$50, plus tax and service charge to have *them distributed at the front desk.* There is a fee to have the bags delivered to the guest rooms: 1-10 bag/baskets: \$1.00 per bag, 11-20 bags/baskets: \$1.50 per bag, 21-50 bags/baskets: \$2.00 per bag, 51+ bags/baskets: \$3.00 per bag. ALL BAGS MUST BE PROPERLY LABELED WITH THE GUEST NAME THAT IS REGISTERED AT THE HOTEL.

Q: Does the hotel provide the officiant, extra décor, wedding cake, DJ, photographer or a wedding coordinator?

A: The hotel is not responsible for these items/details. The hotel is responsible for your event set-up, meal and bar service. We will secure and facilitate your event but these details are the sole responsibility of the client and the vendors they hire.

Q: Can we have a live band in your banquet room?

A: Yes. (Note that all music **must** end at 10:00pm). We do need to know, in advance, the number of pieces/members in the band to ensure enough space is allotted and that electrical requirements are sufficient.

Q: Can I reserve your beach site for a ceremony only?

A: The hotel requires that a reception be confirmed at the hotel following your ceremony in order to utilize our beach site. We cannot book a ceremony only.

Q: May I use confetti, glitter, small plastic jewels, sand, etc. as decoration at my reception?

A: If you choose to accent your tables with any type of the above, a cleanup fee will be applied to your final bill. Please clear this with the Director of Catering first.

Q: What if a few of my guests have a food allergy; require gluten free or vegetarian meals?

A: Specialty food items are available for your guests with special dietary needs. You will need to make your Director of Catering aware of any special menu items during the time you finalize your menu.

Q: I am not from the area, so how do I know what vendors to contact for my wedding?

A: Please refer to the included local vendor list for these items. You are not required to use vendors from the list, they are simply recommendations.

Q: Can the Director of Catering or Food and Beverage Manager act as the wedding coordinator?

A: The Director of Catering's and F&B Manager's obligation is to your reception (setup and food/bar service), and will not be available at all times for your ceremony. You must designate or hire a wedding coordinator for your rehearsal, ceremony and reception.

Q: Do you have a wheelchair ramp to access the beach?

A: Unfortunately, Embassy Suites-Destin does not have a wheelchair ramp to access the beach. The boardwalk access to our beach site is a stairway. The nearest non-stair access point to the beach is located about a mile west on Scenic Gulf Drive at Whales Tail-Seascape. The Walton County Sheriff's office can be hired to escort disabled guests to the ceremony site.

Q: Can the hotel staff or It's a Perfect Day Weddings assist me with my own personal wedding décor that I bring with me?

A: The hotel staff is not responsible for your personal décor items that you bring with you. Any décor items you bring into the event space will be your responsibility to set and pick-up after the duration of your events. It's a Perfect Day Weddings will not set or pick-up your personal décor unless this is arranged in advance with a wedding coordinator you have hired through them. Décor fees for setting or picking up your personal décor items may apply through their business. All décor items that you do order through It's a Perfect Day Weddings will be set and picked up by their company.



