



Catholic Destination Wedding Planning Timeline

12+ Months Before the Wedding

- Choose Your Destination & Chapel – Research Catholic chapels in Cancun and select one that fits your vision (e.g., Nuestra Señora del Carmen).
- Confirm Church Requirements – Contact the church to understand required paperwork, pre-marital courses, and timelines.
- Hire a Destination Wedding Planner – Work with a professional (like Destinations by Amy) to assist with the process.
- Select Your Resort/Venue for Reception – Choose an all-inclusive resort for accommodations and reception.
 - Set a Budget & Guest List – Determine your estimated costs and how many guests you'll invite.

9-12 Months Before the Wedding

- Book Your Church & Priest – Secure the date with the church and confirm the officiant.
- Start Marriage Preparation Course – Begin Pre-Cana or required marriage classes through your home parish.
 - Gather Required Documents – Request your Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation certificates, and letter of permission from your parish.
 - Secure Travel & Accommodation for Guests – Send save-the-dates with travel booking instructions.

6-9 Months Before the Wedding

- Submit Required Paperwork – Ensure all documents are properly prepared, notarized (if required), and submitted to the church.
- Plan the Ceremony Details – Choose readings, music, and confirm any special traditions.
 - Schedule Dress & Suit Fittings – Begin shopping for wedding attire.
 - Finalize Reception Plans – Work with the resort's coordinator on menu, décor, and entertainment.

3-6 Months Before the Wedding

- Book Flights & Finalize Guest Accommodations – Encourage guests to secure their travel plans.
 - Confirm Wedding Timeline – Work with the church and resort to set a schedule for the ceremony, cocktail hour, and reception.
- Plan Welcome Events & Excursions – Arrange welcome parties or group activities for guests.
 - Obtain a Civil Marriage License



2-3 Months Before the Wedding

- Send Invitations – Include final details about the wedding, travel, and any required guest paperwork.
- Review Church Guidelines – Confirm dress code, photography rules, and required fees/donations.
- Confirm Vendors – Ensure florist, photographer, and entertainment are all set.
 - Schedule Final Dress Fitting – Ensure alterations are complete.

1 Month Before the Wedding

- Pack Documents & Essentials – Bring copies of all required paperwork for the church and resort.
- Confirm Guest Arrivals – Ensure everyone has booked travel and knows the schedule.
- Finalize Ceremony & Reception Details – Double-check all arrangements with the priest and resort coordinator.

1 Week Before the Wedding

- Travel to Cancun – Arrive early to relax and ensure final details are in place.
- Meet with the Church & Coordinator – Go over the ceremony and rehearse if needed.
 - Enjoy Pre-Wedding Events – Welcome your guests and enjoy excursions.

