

# The Ultimate Beach Wedding Checklist

## Permits

- Does the beach require I obtain a permit to have my ceremony?
- If there is a permit, how much does it cost and are there any other fees?
- How is the permit structured? per-hour, per day? What exactly does it cover?
- How far in advance does the permit need to be submitted for approval?
- What area does the permit cover?
- What liability insurance is needed?
- How many people are covered in the permit?
- Does the photographer need any additional insurance or permit?

## Ceremony Logistics

- Are chairs, aisle, arches, or any other decorative elements allowed?
- Are there any days that weddings aren't allowed on the beach?
- Is there ample parking for guests?
- Are there public restrooms nearby? Or is a getting ready site nearby?
- Is the ceremony site handicap accessible? Does it need to be?
- Can the site be sectioned or roped off?
- How early can we setup before the ceremony start time?

## Beach Wedding Restrictions

- Is amplified sound allowed?
- Are outlets nearby or can we bring a generator?
- Or can my sound system be portable? Is it charged?
- Is alcohol allowed?
- Are pets allowed?
- Does the beach allow for bonfires or open flames?
- Is there a canopy size restriction?

## The Weather

- When is high tide?
- What is the tide like the week of?
- What's the forecast?
- How windy will it be?
- How hot will it be? Is there any shade? Can I provide any?
- How crowded will the beach be?
- What's the bug situation?

## **The Reception Logistics**

- Is a reception allowed on the beach?
- Is cooking permitted on the beach? If so, how are you storing the food?
- Can a caterer bring the food in?
- Are there table decor restrictions? No glass? - remember leave no trace principles
- Is there a curfew?

## **Preparing Your Guests**

- Create a website with details about your day. - eg. high tide, wind, weather forecast, and laws or rules they might need to know

## **Other Things to Consider**

- Optimize your timeline for the best lighting - photographer should definitely already be on top of this
- Does your getting ready space have a LOT of natural lighting? - it should if possible
- Keep tan lines to a minimum - Sunblock for your guests?
- Do you have a back up plan for if the weather doesn't cooperate?
- Can your flowers withstand the salt air?