

Some Ideas & Tips

for the **“Well Dressed Groom”** at your Beach Wedding:

Most often the Bride looks gorgeous on her wedding day, having spent weeks and months pondering her wedding dress, hair, jewels, flowers and other choices. Sometimes however we simply forget the Groom. Maybe we assume he's fashion savvy or that he will give equal thought to what to wear and how to look handsomely groomed.

The simple fact is that most guys don't spend much time thinking about those things, it's just much less important to them.



So, our suggestion is that in order to have the most beautiful wedding pictures (and experience of course), always have the Bride dress the Groom.

Here are our main Tips:

- Make sure he's tidy and neat looking - don't forget a hair cut & shave.
- If the groom is wearing white, make sure it's a tone that's matched to your dress. Sometimes the bride will wear a shade of "off-white leaning towards cream", and a crisp white (more blueish hue) in the grooms shirt will clash in the photos.
- Make sure his pants look young & hip, which means not too baggy (like from the 90's). Skinny pants are in!
- Don't have the groom wear shorts.
- Don't have the groom wear heavy Birkenstock looking sandals or hiking sandals.
- Don't be tempted into having him wear a bright Hawaiian shirt because it'll look really distracting in your photos (it's too much of a good thing... haha).
- Keep it simple and elegant.

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Your Choice of Clothes make a huge difference in your Photography!

Ever wondered why some pictures look better than others?
Sometimes it could be as simple as the clothes, and styling of the couple.



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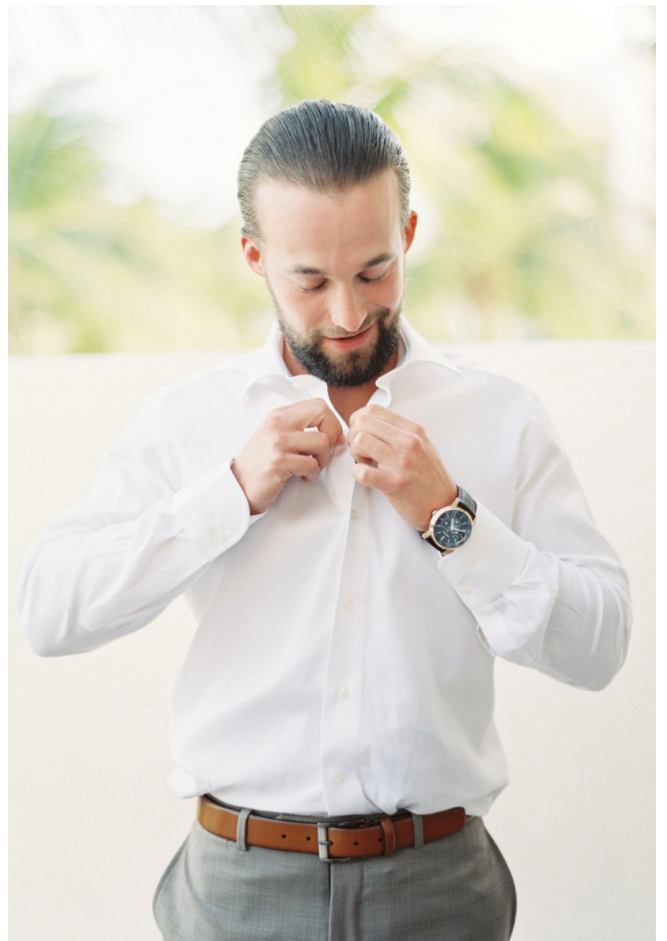


Today's groom suits are fitted and well tailored.

Linen is a popular choice for a tropical setting, think lighter colors rather than the traditional darker ones for a more casual, but still polished look.

You can get away with not wearing a tie at a beach wedding, or even go without a jacket if you fear you may get too hot. But keep it simple... slim... and light & airy.







We hope you're getting the idea....

We're aware that most of us are not models, or super skinny, or may not even be in our prime anymore...
But choosing a well fitting suit or pant & shirt combination can only accomplish one thing:
Enhance your wedding photos.

Now, let's look at some real couples on the beach...
Some of the pants/suits are still too baggy... but these couples did quite well.





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Let's have a look at *What Not to Do*.

This is strictly meant for educational purposes...

No judgment intended, we all do the best we can, but here are some things to avoid.



Though you may be tempted to wear shorts, they are simply not festive enough for your wedding. The same is true for the beach sandals. If you don't want to wear dress shoes on the beach it would be better to be barefoot in the photos.





Though not terrible, it's best to avoid 90's style baggy pleated slacks...they're just out of style now!

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Plus...

There's a lot going on with the flowers in this photo. Nothing matches, and it's simply a bit too much. You can see that the bride tried, both she and groom are nicely dressed, but their colors don't match. Then on top of that we have a whole assortment of flowers that don't go together in color, and the groom's blue & black tie only adds to this confusion.

Tip 1:

Keep it simple and elegant. Match your whites! Either choose bright white for both of you, or an off white / creamish white...but make sure that's what **BOTH OF YOU** are wearing. Don't just tell the groom to wear slacks and a white shirt. There are different shades of white, as strange as that sounds.

Tip 2:

Have your fragrant beautiful flowers and wear them in your ceremony... you are in Hawaii after all! But then, take them off for your formal wedding photos.

This way you have the best of both worlds!





Though not terrible, shorts feel too casual for a wedding... even on the beach. Don't you agree?





Again, though not terrible, pay attention to the groom's shirt. Just tucking it in will make it look a little more formal, more suited to the event.

Too much pattern or color, or both, are not necessarily a good thing, and can be distracting. Again this may be too casual for your event.



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See you soon!

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