Average Cost of an All-Inclusive Destination Wedding in Mexico

Planning your own wedding is super exciting, but it can also be overwhelming. I can't imagine doing it from afar, you're very brave!

The real trick is to get help from a destination wedding team but we'll get into that.

Do you want to know what an all-inclusive wedding in Mexico might cost? Here we go!

\$5000 to \$7000 is the Average Cost of an All-Inclusive Wedding
\$5000 wedding with 30 guests (4.5★ resort)
\$7000 wedding with 60 guests (4.5★ resort)
\$10,000 wedding with 100 guests (4.5★ resort)
\$15,000 wedding with 200 guests (4.5★ resort)
So are destination weddings in Mexico more expensive?

When you compare it to \$35,329 (the average cost of a traditional wedding in the USA) you're looking at saving a lot of money!

What does the package include? ceremony on the beach What's Included in an All-Inclusive Wedding Package? Breakdown of what's included:

Symbolic ceremony on the beach Private cocktail prior to the wedding Private buffet dinner on the beach--Sparkling wine for toast Reception area -Open bar!--Wedding cake --DJ, lighting

So that's generally what most all-inclusive resorts offer but it may vary from resort to resort.

Your wedding is included, so is a buffet for 30 guests, FREE accommodation for wedding couples staying 5-7 days but excludes accommodation for guests. You can spend more. The main difference between a \$5000 wedding and a \$10,000 wedding is the following: you'll be upgraded to an ultra-luxurious suite for your stay-live music for the ceremony

premium drinks-romantic candlelight dinner for a night of your choosing What you get really depends on the resort you choose and what you can negotiate. Your wedding package can be personalized and tweaked to your needs with "Extras", such as flowers, décor, furniture, lighting etc.. It can be as specific as you want it (extra costs usually apply).

You can also explore the best wedding packages in Mexico.

Wedding resort -Wedding Costs for Guests--First, your guests need to get to Mexico (:)

Flights from the U.S. are in the \$250-\$500 per person range.

I would say all-inclusive accommodations cost around \$100 / person per night for a 4 star+. This can vary depending on the season (we'll get to that in a bit).

A general rule to remember is that roughly 80% of wedding guests MUST stay at your Hotel.

Guests staying off-property will be able to purchase "Wedding Day Passes" which cost around \$50 – \$100 USD per person.

Your wedding package includes guests, so it's FREE for your guests to attend your wedding! (meals, drinks etc are included in your wedding package)

Cost Breakdown:

- \$250-\$450 per person for flights (USA)

- \$100 per person per night (4 Star resort)
- \$100 transportation to and from airport
- \$50 gratuities

So... \$800 is the average cost per person for guests to attend your destination wedding in Mexico.

That includes 4 days/3 nights in a gorgeous 4-star+ resort.

free room upgrade Save--Perks and Discounts

If you have 30+ guests stay at the hotel, the resort may offer you upgrades and \$ discounts.

You might be able to get anniversary nights for free or at very discounted rates if you get married at their hotel. Our destination wedding team can help you figure all that out.

You'll notice a BIG difference in the cost of Symbolic Ceremony vs Legal Ceremony.

Legal/Civil Ceremony:

Couples (and their witnesses) must arrive several days prior to the ceremony to finalize documentation, so this will incur extra nights booked at the Hotel. Bloodwork is needed for all Legal ceremonies in Mexico.

<u>Judge/courthouse fees</u>. These are extra and not included in the cost of wedding packages.

Translation and Apostille stamps for documents may be needed to validate the Wedding Certificate in your Country of Origin.

Symbolic Ceremony:Couples -get married in the Court House at home and have the event here.No extra costs of paperwork and blood work needed.

<u>Catholic Weddings</u>--If you are looking for Catholic Wedding, there are some allinclusive resorts with their official Catholic Chapel within the property. See our Guide to Catholic, Symbolic & Legal Marriages in Mexico

Indian Weddings -- Many resorts now offer Indian weddings.

Indian Weddings tend to be more expensive. This is because the celebration is spread over 3-4 days with various events each day (Sangeet / Mehendi / Ceremony / Gala Reception). Decor costs vary, particularly depending on guest count.

<u>Gay Weddings</u>--Gay marriages are legal in the Riviera Maya (state of Quintana Roo). See our best-rated resorts for Gay weddings.

ALL-INCLUSIVE WEDDINGS--High Season and Weather

We're lucky to have all year round sunshine in the Riviera Maya which includes Playa del Carmen, so Weddings take place every day. The month of MAY is the most popular month for weddings.

In May, it's cheap to fly in, hotels are decently priced, and the weather is still great (not too hot like summer months). May tends to book out quickly and far in advance since it's a popular month for weddings. (some hotels are close to being sold out for May 2018)

Can you believe that Hotels will even have different pricing depending on each day of the week?

They also price based on the Ceremony time.

4pm or 5pm is considered the most popular ceremony hour, as it's a little cooler. Rain on Your Wedding Day?

All of the hotels and venues have backup plans in case of bad weather.

During the rainy season (Sep, Oct, Nov) it can get unpredictable so keep away from those months.

As you can see, there's so much to consider when planning your Destination Wedding in Mexico.

You'll find over 100 hotels offering weddings in this region. It's VERY difficult to decide without some help.

Based on your vision we'll guide you to the right venue or resort and save you a bundle since we know the ins and outs.