

OREGON COAST JOURNEY · FREE GUIDE

Oregon Coast Wedding & Honeymoon Guide

Say “I do” on the beach — and start the honeymoon steps from the sand.

How to plan a beautiful, low-stress coast wedding: the best settings, the permits and timing that trip people up, and how to roll it right into a dreamy honeymoon.

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A coast wedding, made simple

Dramatic, romantic, and more doable than you'd think — here's how to plan it.

There's nothing quite like marrying on the Oregon Coast — sea stacks, golden light, and the sound of the surf as your soundtrack. Whether it's an elopement for two or a small gathering, this guide covers the settings, the practical must-knows, and how to flow straight into an unforgettable honeymoon.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Start with the setting, sort the practical stuff (permits, timing, backup plan), then plan the honeymoon. And remember: I can help arrange the getaway that follows — free.

What's inside

- 01 **Choose your setting** — beaches & venues
- 02 **The practical must-knows** — permits, timing
- 03 **Into the honeymoon** — romance on the coast
- 04 **Ready to plan** — and a cruise idea

SECTION 01

Choose your setting

The coast offers a backdrop for every style.

ICONIC

Cannon Beach

Haystack Rock as your witness — the coast's most photographed spot. Dramatic and unforgettable.

ELEGANT

Bandon

Sea stacks, golden dunes, and world-class resorts — romance with a touch of luxury.

INTIMATE

Samuel H. Boardman

Secret coves and cliff-top overlooks near Brookings — breathtaking for an elopement.

CLASSIC

Depoe Bay / Newport

Charming towns with venues, lodging, and easy logistics for a small guest list.

GOLDEN HOUR IS REAL

The hour before sunset gives you that warm, glowing coast light. Plan the ceremony around it — and scout the tide, so the beach is actually there when you say your vows.

SECTION 02

The practical must-knows

A little paperwork and timing homework keeps the day stress-free.

- **Marriage license** — get your Oregon license ahead of time; there's a short waiting period, so don't leave it to the last minute.
- **Beach permits** — Oregon beaches are public; organized ceremonies often need a State Parks special-use permit. Apply early.
- **Time the tide** — check the tide table so your ceremony spot isn't underwater; aim for a lower, outgoing tide.
- **Have a weather backup** — book a covered space or tent option; coast weather is beautiful but unpredictable.
- **Tell your guests to layer** — evenings turn cool and breezy; a wrap or blanket basket is a thoughtful touch.
- **Hire coast-savvy vendors** — a local photographer and officiant know the light, the tides, and the best quiet spots.

LITTLE TOUCHES

A basket of [cozy wraps](#) for chilly guests and a simple [beach-friendly sandals](#) for the sand photos go a long way — comfortable, beautiful, and very coast.

Into the honeymoon

You're already in one of the most romantic places on earth — lean in.

Stay close, stay dreamy

The coast is a honeymoon in itself: oceanfront suites with fireplaces, couples' spa days, long beach walks, and candlelit seafood dinners. Bandon, Cannon Beach, and Depoe Bay all shine for a romantic few nights right after the wedding.

Or set sail from here

Many couples marry on the coast and then step aboard a cruise for the honeymoon — Alaska's glaciers, the Mexican Riviera's beaches, or the Hawaiian islands. It's the ultimate romantic follow-up, and it's exactly what I love to arrange.

Let me plan the getaway — free

Tell me your dates and dream, and I'll design the honeymoon: oceanfront coast nights, a cruise, or both. No planning stress on the best trip of your life.

Ready to plan your happily-ever-after?

A few easy next steps — and how I can help.

DREAMING OF A CRUISE, TOO?

Honeymoon on the open sea

A cruise is the classic honeymoon for a reason — romance, zero logistics, and a new island or glacier each morning. I plan honeymoon cruises for free — let's dream it up.

[See Today's Cruise Deals »](#)

Let me plan it for you — free

Whether it's a coast getaway or a cruise, tell me your dates and who's coming and I'll build you a simple plan at the best price. No fee, no obligation.

[Help me plan our coast wedding »](#)

Or just reply to any email from me — I read every one myself.

Refer a friend — you both win. Know someone planning a coast trip or a cruise? When they book with me, **you both** get a thank-you. Just have them mention your name.

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