

## **Happy Hawaiian Weddings**

## **Information Pack**

# For the Personal Paradise Wedding Experience

## Without the Paradise Price Tag!

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## **Introduction**

Aloha I'm Rosie, welcome to my information pack and congratulations on your engagement! I was born here in the UK. I grew up in Yorkshire and moved to Morecambe Bay in May 2000 with my 4 children so that I could study at Lancaster University. I have10 years experience finding and booking holidays for family and friends as well as working within the travel industry.

Here at Happy Hawaiian Weddings I am more interested in helping you plan your perfect paradise wedding not how much money I will make from it! I will personally help you get exactly what you want from an intimate beach wedding ceremony for just the two of you to an extravagant church wedding with family and friends on the paradise island of Oahu. I will work very closely with you finding out exactly what your desires are. I will then arrange everything for you from your flights out of the UK to your actual wedding on Oahu, nothing will be too much trouble for me. Upon arrival you will meet with Leah, your personal wedding co-ordinator who will take you through every step of the whole ceremony. And in the very unlikely event you do have a problem while on the island, unlike the high street travel agent, I will be available 24 hours a day to sort out anything that troubles you, even if its something small like the hotel have not given you towels that day! I will only ever be a phone call or email away. If this should happen I will be more than happy to call you back so you incurr very little expense. I understand the fears and worries of getting married in another country and that is why I will not rest on my laurels.

On the following pages you will find a full list of services available, which of course can be changed to suit any requirements, and if there is something you would like but cant find it here, please ask, I'm about making your wishes and dreams come true. Happy Hawaiian Weddings takes pride in offering a very personal service and nothing is beyond your dreams so take a look and get in touch for a free no obligation quote.

## Why Was Happy Hawaiian Weddings Born?

After many years of very extensive travel and arranging and booking holidays over the internet for family and friends, my then boyfriend proposed. We did not want to pay the huge price tag of £22000 for the average wedding in the North West of England, but we could not decide where we wanted to get married. We decided to ask my youngest son where he would most like to go in the world if money was no object, and whatever he said we would go there to get married (quite a risk). He answered he would go to Hawaii. We gulped thinking there was no way we could afford that!! Nevertheless, we faced the situation and looked into it with a pleasant surprise. Before we knew it, we were jetting over the seas to the Paradise Island of Oahu, Hawaii to become husband and wife! There I fell in love with the beautiful island that has so much on offer – it has breath taking beaches the most famous of all Waikiki beach, that I had only dreamed of before, a culture that is very diverse, the wonderful city of Honolulu that has something for everyone and of course the very moving memorial of Pearl Harbour . This truly was a dream come true for us, we had finally landed in Paradise and best of all we were going to get married there!!! Then on our return, I got to thinking about how much we had paid for it, did a lot of extensive research, and found we had paid way too much! I thought long and hard about how many people were not having their dream weddings due to the price tag attached to UK weddings and indeed attached to the high street travel agent so **Happy Hawaiian Weddings** was born!



## How Much Does It Cost?

This is the all important question and we are happy to say we can offer it to you for a fraction of what we paid. Because despite the fact I had over 10 years of experience booking holidays for us as well as family and friends and the fact I have worked in the travel industry with no problems I was too scared of something going wrong if I did book this myself. This was our wedding, I wanted to be sure if something went wrong it wasn't my fault and I had someone to blame as well as someone to claim compensation from if the unthinkable were to happen. Therefore, we booked through a travel agent – it cost us a fortune! But still cheaper than the average wedding in the North West of England. However, we at Happy Hawaiian Weddings can offer you the following from as little as £3995:

- Return flights from Manchester to Honolulu Airport
- Return transfers from Honolulu Airport to your hotel
- Two weeks in Aqua Aloha Surf Waikiki Hotel on Bed and Breakfast basis
- O'hana Wedding Package
- The services of your personal wedding co-ordinater

The above quote is priced based on prices as of October 2011 and are subject to change.



## Why choose Happy Hawaiian Weddings?

Because we are offering a unique service – We give a very personal service, nothing is too much trouble for Happy Hawaiian Weddings. We have seen or stayed in every hotel we have on offer. We have experienced and improved the service we are offering you. We believe you, our client, should be treated as the special people you are not just another person booking a holiday. After all it is a very special occasion and we at Happy Hawaiian Weddings are happy to go the extra mile. We can personally recommend what Oahu has to offer. However, more importantly unlike a travel agent we will point out the not so good bits as well as the dream come true bits. Because we only have the one paradise, destination we can spend more time and money investing in making sure it is 100% a dream come true for each and every couple who book with us.

## What About Our Family And Friends?

We here at Happy Hawaiian Weddings can also put together packages for family and friends who would like to accompany you on your special journey, and we will do that at a very reasonable price too! Therefore, family and friends can also have a taste of paradise and have the privilege of being a part of your very special day. However, it would be impossible for everyone to go to paradise with you so the answer is having a Wedding Reception on your return to the UK. It means you prolong the happy occasion, you get to wear that beautiful gown at least twice, you can still celebrate your marriage with family and friends, but there is no chance of the great British weather ruining your day!

## Could I Arrange It All Myself?

Yes, of course you could. However, you would not have the same level of insurance that we at Happy Hawaiian Weddings have. Like all other agencies selling any component of travel we have to be protected for the very unlikely event of "when things go wrong" We at Happy Hawaiian Weddings are fully T-ATOL protected and also carry public liability insurance for added peace of mind. So in the very unlikely event of anything going wrong you can rest assured that we are fully insured.



## Do Happy Hawaiian Weddings Arrange Vow Renewals?

Yes, we will be happy to arrange the renewal of your wedding vows. You will need to choose a wedding package and any add items you wish to add on from the Ala Carte Menu and we will arrange it all for you. What better way to celebrate that special wedding anniversary? It is just the same cost with the same personal service as for a wedding.

## Can Happy Hawaiian Weddings Arrange Just Our Honeymoon?

If you decide, you want to be married here in the UK but would like to go to Oahu, Hawaii for just your honeymoon than that is no problem at all. Although we cannot arrange honeymoons for any other destination, we would be happy to arrange your honeymoon on the beautiful Island of Oahu.



#### What About Special Interests?

If you have a special interest in something such as diving, bird watching, walking, golf ect just let us know in advance and we at Happy Hawaiian Weddings are dedicated to making your wedding and honeymoon on Oahu very special. We will be tailoring your wedding and honeymoon to your needs, so we will be happy to do the research for you. Before you leave for your flights, we will ensure you are armed with all the information you need to pursue your interests while away on the Paradise Island of Oahu. We feel sure there is nothing you could come up with that we cannot find the contact and information for it before you leave!

## Wedding Packages

## <u>O'hana</u>

Planning

Instruction in obtaining Hawaiian marriage license and filing the papers afterwards. Officiate Coordinating

Music

Keepsake Certificate

Your choice of – professional photography: a minimum of 25 photos in a small album, with negatives and photo CD **OR** Professional videography: one professionally edited DVD, shot with two cameras, with titles, music, and effects. £395

## <u>Nani</u>

Planning Instruction in obtaining Hawaiian marriage license and filing the papers afterwards. Officiate Coordinating Music Keepsake Certificate Professional photography - a minimum of 25 photos in a small album, with negatives and photo CD Professional videography – one professionally edited DVD, shot with two cameras, with titles, music, and effects. £595

## <u>Aloha</u>

Planning

Instruction in obtaining Hawaiian marriage license and filing the papers afterwards. Officiate

Coordinating

Music

Keepsake Certificate

Flowers – Brides bouquet and buttonhole for the groom or two leis.

Professional photography - a minimum of 32 photos in a small album, with negatives and photo CD Professional videography – Deluxe edited DVD, shot with two cameras, with extended footage following the ceremony to departure. £795

## <u>Ali'i</u>

Planning Instruction in obtaining Hawaiian marriage license and filing the papers afterwards. Officiate Coordinating Music Keepsake Certificate Flowers – Brides bouquet and buttonhole for the groom or two leis. Professional photography - a minimum of 45 photos in a larger album, with negatives and photo CD Professional videography – Deluxe edited DVD, shot with two cameras, with extended footage following the ceremony to departure. Limousine – A beautiful white stretch limousine with JUST MARRIED sign to take you to and from the wedding site.

Sparkling wine or cider. £995







#### Design Your Own Package

For this option, you can choose one of the standard packages then choose whatever you like from the Ala Carte Menu and together we will turn it into the perfect wedding package that has been specially created just for you!



#### Ala Carte Menu

**Wedding Dress Steaming -** No need to worry about your beautiful wedding gown being creased during your flight to Hawaii. Your gown will be collected, steamed, and then delivered back to your hotel room. £45

Tuxedo Hire – You can hire Tuxedo for the groom and his wedding party from £40

**Hair and Make Up** – Hair and Make Up artist will come to your hotel room and perform her magic £60 for each or both for £115

Officiate - Male or female non-denominational minister, priest or civil style officiate £110

**Coordinating** – includes planning, instructions in obtaining a Hawaiian marriage license, on site coordinating and keepsake certificate £110

**Personal Assistance At The License Bureau** – Photographer meets you at the license bureau and takes photos of you getting your license. These photos are then used as the first photos in the wedding album to mark the beginning of your married life together £40

**Videography** – Professionally edited DVD including preliminaries, ceremony and extended footage of the couple from arrival at the wedding site to departure £280. DVD with your picture on the front, taken directly from the edited master. This DVD will last for generations and allow you to make as many copies of your wedding as you life for family and friends without losing any of the quality £25.

**Photography** - 45 photos in an album with negatives including preliminaries, ceremony, formals, glamour shots, and candids. CD also included of all photos taken £280



**Black and White or Colour Photos** – An extra minimum of 25 photos, these are portraits of the couple and their entourage printed in either colour or black and white £100

Flowers – Cascading bridal bouquet and buttonhole for the groom £70 Hand tied bridal bouquet and buttonhole for the groom £50 Traditional Hawaiian maile lei for the groom and pikake lei for the bride £30 Bridal head wreath known as a haku lei £25 Orchid or other seasonal lei £8 each Ring of flowers for the couple to stand in as they marry £15 Hawaiian ti leaf circle for the couple to stand in as they marry £85



Transportation-Beautiful white stretch limousine with JUST MARRIED sign for 2 hours £110



Beverage – Sparking wine or cider £10 per bottle

Keepsake Glasses – Champagne glasses with your names, date of wedding and Hawaii engraved on them £35

**Sand Ceremony** – Two different colours of sand in two vials, which represent the bride and groom. You pour the sand into one vial. This is a tradition in Hawaii and just as you can never separate the grains of sand may the two of you never be separate again. The vial is engraved with your names, your wedding date, the word Hawaii and 2



dolphins. This is truly a unique keepsake! £45

Musician – Musician or singer to perform Hawaiian wedding songs as well as other selections £100

Harpist – Harpist plays your choice of traditional and/or contemporary selections £140

White Dove Release – Bride and groom release doves from baskets after the ceremony – 2 doves £100, 10 doves £150

**Chairs, Tiki Torches, Birds of Paradise, Floral Pathways** – Any of these are available depending on choice of wedding site. Please ask for a quote.

Wedding Cakes – Triple layer white wedding cake, decorated with fresh flowers £35 Triple layer pina colada wedding cake, rum butter crème frosting, decorated with edible seashells £80

Two tier white wedding cake with butter crème frosting, decorated with fresh flowers £125

Ennouncements – Why spend a fortune sending out announcements of your marriage when it can be done for you while you continue to enjoy the beautiful paradise island? The photographer will take the best photo of you, incorporate your names, the date of your wedding on the Island of Oahu and email them to your loved ones, friends and associates, by the time you get home the congratulations will be there for when you arrive home £35



## **Flights**

We at Happy Hawaiian Weddings use a variation of airlines to enable us to find the best flight times and cost for you, in this way, we can usually keep the whole cost of your wedding and honeymoon package down to a wonderful price, but still enabling us to give you the best on offer. We book economy seating as standard, however on request; economy plus, business and first class are available at an extra charge. All our flights depart from Manchester. You will have a 23kg luggage allowance as well as 1 item of hand luggage and 1 personal item (handbag ect). Usually we can arrange for your wedding gown to go as a concession and fly with you in the cabin so long as it is in a dress bag. You will need to be at the airport at least 3 hours prior to flight departure to give yourself time to check in and find which gate you will board from. There is usually good in flight entertainment and complementary food and drink is available free of charge on flights to mainland USA, however once you take your domestic flight from the mainland across the pacific ocean to reach your final destination of Honolulu food and drink then becomes chargeable on all airlines. Unfortunately, most American airlines will only accept card payment for onboard purchases so please are aware of any charges you may incur from your bank.

## **Transfers**

When you arrive at Honolulu airport feeling really tired after your long flights we have just the thing – A proper Hawaiian welcome now awaits you – You will be met by one of our Hawaiian transfer representatives who will give you the wonderful Hawaiian welcome you deserve – with a Hawaiian Lei, this will be hung around your neck – this is a Hawaiian tradition and represents the welcome of Hawaii to you. Our representative will escort you to collect your bags then take you to your awaiting transport – shared shuttle, unless you would prefer to book a private transfer at a little extra cost.

## <u>Hotels</u>

We at Happy Hawaiian Weddings want you to be 100% happy with the hotel you choose. For that reason, we only have a small selection of hotels for you to choose from. This is because either we want to give you the assurance that we, personally, have stayed at your choice of hotel or we have personally been to inspect it and can recommend it as a good standard of hotel. Unlike travel



agents because we specialise only in weddings on the paradise island of Oahu, Hawaii, we return every year at least once to make sure the hotels are still operating at the high standard we at Happy Hawaiian Weddings expect for our clients comfort. Each of the hotels we use offers the following amenities as standard:

- Air Conditioning
- In room refrigerator
- In room safe
- Coffeemaker
- Iron and Ironing board
- Clock radio
- Phone and voicemail
- Cable TV
- Pay per view movies
- High speed wireless/cable internet access
- Daily housekeeping
- All guest rooms are non smoking
- Complimentary toiletries
- Complimentary tea and coffee

All rooms featured are standard moderate rooms, other rooms are available on request, and quotes will be given for moderate rooms unless otherwise requested.

#### Aqua Palms and Spa

The Aqua Palms and Spa is the hotel we used the first time we went to Oahu and it was our good luck the travel agent found it. As the name suggests it has a wonderful Spa for all those relaxing beauty treatments you require before your wedding day. We found the rooms very spacious, clean and the staffs are very helpful and welcoming.



However, it has to be said the wardrobe space is somewhat small in the standard rooms. Each room has its own lanai for those who want to sit and relax with a glass of wine in the evening, with the city lights in the distance. This hotel is in a great location for the beach and away from all the hustle and bustle of down town Waikiki. It is situated right across the street from The Hilton Hawaiian Village, great place to do a little shopping and pass the time away with many restaurants, cafes, and shops. Just a 5 minute walk through the Hilton Hawaiian Village and you are on the beach. Just a couple of doors away are Wainlana Coffee House great diner for breakfast, lunch, and even dinner if you are not fed up of it by dinner! We had some wonderful breakfasts there. This hotel is a 3 star hotel and also hosts its own coin operated laundry where you can do all your holiday washing before you return home.

## Aqua Waikiki Wave

The Waikiki Wave is situated in down town Waikiki at the back of the International Market Place. It is in a great



location for everything with Waikiki beach being only 2 blocks away. The rooms are very spacious with fantastic wardrobe space. It hosts 2 restaurants, business suite, fitness centre, swimming pool with sun terrace and loungers for guest use, free local calls, and free daily newspaper. Because this hotel is situated in down town Waikiki noise can be a problem. However the hotel do provide really good, soft ear plugs that once we used, the noise could not be heard at all and a good night's sleep was had. The surrounding area is great for shopping and entertainment. The International Market Place provides some interesting gift ideas including a Christmas shop, where you can buy personalised Christmas decorations. There are also lots of cheap places to eat within the Market Place as well as some good entertainment in the evenings. Continuing through the Market Place, you come to the main road in Waikiki. This is where all the banks and designer shops such as Armani, Chanel and Macy's are located. There are more great bars and restaurants also located here such as Hard Rock Cafe and The Cheese Cake Factory. You will also find the many shopping malls really good food courts that are great for a stop off lunch when your too busy shopping to stop for a proper lunch.

#### Best Western Coconut Waikiki

Although this is a "Best Westen" Hotel, it still comes under the Aqua umbrella and is managed by Aqua Hotels and Resorts, therefore you are assured of the Aqua standard. The Coconut is situated in a quieter area of Waikiki but still very close to the centre of town where all the fun is going on. World famous Waikiki beach is only 3 blocks away so still well within easy walking distance. This hotel hosts as well as a fitness centre a small pool and sun terrece, where you will also find a bar-be-cue for guest use. So you can easily kick back and have a poolside bar-be-cue. As well as all the usual amenities the Coconut also offers a complementary hot breakfast served in the lobby area, as well as offering complementary tea and coffee in the lobby area 24 hours a day.



This is one of our more popular hotels, which features fun, bright modern furniture all with the usual amenities. Choose from rooms with a view of Diamond Head and the Koolau Mountains for relaxation or a room with a view into the action packed city view of Waikiki. As with all our hotels this one also has a private lanai for relaxation.

## Aqua Bamboo Waikiki

This hotel features a japanese theme throughout the lobby and extends into the salt water pool area complete with exotic sun deck. On entrance you really feel like you've arrived in paradise. Drink in the wonderfully relaxing smell of incense throughout the lobby, where Bamboo staff will be awaiting to welcome you.



Each room has its own private lanai with the moderate rooms overlooking Waikiki; however, with room upgrades you receive more room amenities, please ask for details. Situated just minutes from Waikiki beach and very central in Waikiki your never far from all the action. This hotel offers free use of beach towels, as well as a very beautiful and tropical pool area with cabanas. It also hosts a coin operated laundry room so you have no need to take all your holiday washing home dirty if you choose to do it before you return to the UK. There is also a business centre for guests to use which does have a moderate charge as well as barbecue grills for guest use.

## Aqua Waikiki Pearl

This hotel is one of our budget hotels, situated right in the heart of Waikiki, with the International Market Place and all it has to offer just a stone's throw away. This hotel still offers all the great amenities listed for all hotels and will be great for those on a tight budget or who are taking family with them. The standard rooms of this hotel do not offer a lanai but all other rooms do.



As always the staff of this hotel are very helpful and friendly and will be only too pleased to help with anything you need, all you have to do is ask. This hotel although doesnt have the added advantage of our other hotels, it does feature Legends Sports Bar, so if you like to keep up with whats going on in the sporting world Legends is the place to be, enjoy your favourate drink and kick back with the latest sports on the TV monitors around the bar. I personally stayed at this hotel on my recent business trip to Oahu and found it totally satisfactory for my needs, therefore I can recommend it as a budget hotel. If you arent too worried about luxury then this is the place to stay, no frills just good basic accommodation at a good basic price too!

## **Ilikai Hotel and Suites**

This hotel sits on the sands of Waikiki beach overlooking the Duke of Kahanamoku Lagoon. It is a classic Honolulu boutique hotel as well as a Waikiki Landmark. From this hotel you can have views of Waikiki, the refreshing Pacific Ocean and Diamond Head. It is situated right next to the Hilton Hawaiian Village in the more peaceful area of Waikiki. Some of the features of this hotel include a complementary fitness suite, Weekly Hawaiian Entertainment, Sarento's Italian Resturant, Aqua beach towels, Massage corner, Ilika bar and grill serving breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as a wonderfully relaxing pool area complete with sundeck.



All rooms are decorated in warm tropical tones and classical Hawaiian motifs, each room features the usual complementary amenities as well as a private lanai for your ultimate relaxation. This hotel is featured in the famous Hawaii Five- O series opening shot with Jack Lord standing on the penthouse balcony overlooking Waikiki beach. So if you really want to impress your friends this is the hotel for you! On arrival here you can be sure of a wonderfully friendly welcome from the staff who just cant wait to give you a real Hawaiian Welcome. Each evening at sunset you will be able to witness the Solemn Hawaiian Torch lighting Ceremony – as the sun goes down the tiki torches will be lit to aid the moon, light your way. It truly is a hotel made for romance!

#### Aqua Lotus Honolulu

Although this hotel is situated outside of Waikiki at the foot of Diamond Head it really is a real gem. This is one of our more luxurious hotels, with its Asian inspired decor and luxurious Hawaiian hospitality its a real winner with honeymooners. Nestled between Kapiolanai park and a spectacular white sand beach it provides the perfect location for a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of Waikiki.



Each room offers breathtaking views of Diamond Head and the Pacific Ocean, you can take in these wonderful views from your private lanai while enjoying a glass of wine or just sitting and feeling the peace of the island. Although situated outside of Waikiki it is very simple to get into town to find some action if you so wish. A simple trolley ride (very inexpensive) will get you to where ever in Waikiki you wish to be. So although you can enjoy the secludedness of the luxurious hotel your not cut off from all the action either. The rooms in this hotel, in addition to our usual complementary amenities also offers Movies on demand (local fee payable), DVD player, feather duvet and pillows ipod clock/radio dock station and smoking rooms are available on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor. This hotel also offers complementary daily wine service in the lobby, complementary use of beach cruiser bikes, complementary yoga classes and complementary use of beach chairs, umbrellas and towels. This hotel really is a retreat and perfect for a honeymoon or special romantic holiday away from it all.

#### The Modern

In this hotel you'll find innovated design meets barefoot luxury. The Modern promises a refreshingly new, brilliantly laid back experience. It is the home to the Iron Chef's Morimoto's celebrated new resturant Morimoto Waikiki. The Modern is posh without being pretentious, chic without being overdone, luxurious, yet brilliantly laid back. The rooms within this hotel mostly feature a private lanai where you can enjoy breakfast whilst taking in the breathtaking views of the harbour and the Pacific Ocean while still wearing your plush robe.



Here you will be offered twice daily housekeeping, 24 hour room service, plus day beds surrounding the pool, gardens designed by Deborah Nevins, luxurious imported linens, plush pillows and down quilts. While enjoying the comfort of your room you may want to take a stroll to one of the bars the hotel has to offer, or if your feeling energetic why not use the fitness centre, maybe you'd like to relax in the luxury spa and be pampered for a hour or so. In the evening the tiki torches will be lit to help you find your way around the grounds, while if you feel like talking into the small hours the hotel hosts a disco with complementary access for guests. The Modern is situated right next door to the Ilikai so your only a very short walk to the Hilton Hawaiian Village and your right on Waikiki beach side so going to the beach is a step out of your hotel. This is the most luxurious hotel we have to offer, but let us assure you, if you choose this hotel you will not be disappointed, it really is the height of luxury.