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North Island is the perfect, idyllic setting for a wedding. While we do not offer a "Wedding Package," in keeping with our flexible philosophy, we prefer to handle and arrange each couple's request individually and personally, thus tailor-making specific requirements.

It is our aim to provide a wedding service for our guests, where the only extra costs incurred will be in the set-up of the couple's choice.

All arrangements can be made by North Island. All extras will then be included in the overall package then paid to North Island, as the Island will take care of all arrangements.

The following legal documents are required:

- Birth certificates (certified copy or extract of an original copy)
- Passports
- Details of name, address and occupation of both parties and their parents
- If previously married, the decree absolute or death certificate of the former spouse
- Divorce document if one of the parties is a divorcee
- Two witnesses (provided by the bride and groom, or North Island staff members)
- Document to show that there is no impediment or lawful hindrance to the intended marriage. (If this cannot be obtained, an affidavit has to be signed in Seychelles after a solemn declaration has been made to that effect.)
- All documents to be translated into English or French
- All documents to be originals or certified before departure from one's home country

The above documents are to be faxed to North Island prior to arrival and a confirmation from the Civil Status office is only given upon receipt of these documents. The latest time for submission is one full working week prior to the date of the ceremony. Ceremonies can be held on any day of the week; there is a slight extra charge for weddings held at the weekend.



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THE SETTINGS

Our favourite locations are either West Beach (recommended for late afternoon weddings, leading into sunset for photographs) or on the beach in front of the couple's villa. This is dependent on the time of the year and the beach movement and is best decided and discussed with the couple once on the island.

We have also utilised the magnificent Villa North Island (Villa 11) for a beautiful lunchtime ceremony overlooking the ocean and island. This is perfect for couples staying here and preferring an alternative to the beach-style wedding.

For either location, our set-up is very "island style:" using the palm available built into either an arch or a pergola and decorated accordingly with flowers. We surround the area with many tropical flowers, creating a fairly simple but very natural look. While we require an idea of the extent of set-up the couple requires, it is best to work this out with the bride and groom once they are on the island, and then adding an element of surprise... we have yet to disappoint!

THE FLOWERS

Flowers for the general set-up are an extra charge, and include a large number of frangipanis mixed with spider orchids, birds of paradise and any other flowers available in the Seychelles at the time.

We mix the flowers that are purchased with flowers grown on the island and are able to add colour to the overall green of the palm set-up, such as colours of deep orange, dark pink and reds. For those couples wanting specific flowers we are always happy to arrange a quote for this. However, as they will need to be imported, the cost will be considerably higher, due to seasonal availability.

THE CEREMONY

The ceremony is conducted by a Registrar from the Civil Status Office. This can follow the more traditional format or couples are more than welcome to make this as relaxed and informal as they wish. A signed wedding certificate, which can be written in either English or French, will be ready a couple of days after the ceremony. Our staff in Mahé will collect it and bring it to the island for the couple to take home with them.



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Vows can be a simple "I do", or they can be more personal and written by the guests themselves. After the ceremony we also invite the couple to participate in a sand ritual as a sign of their love and unity. This is a very special ceremony and sometimes preferred over the legal one!

We are also able to perform a typical "island style" ceremony but this will not carry any legal or official recognition, more appropriate for renewing vows or a ceremony after the couple have just been to a registrar's office in their home country.

WINING AND DINING

Prior to the ceremony, and to calm a few last-minute nerves, we invite the groom (and other members of the party if present) for a cocktail either at the Sunset Beach by Chef Akira Back or in their villa.

After the ceremony, we offer champagne (from the reserve wine list) and suggest that this is the time to cut the wedding cake. We are happy to provide the cake at no extra cost and the couple can discuss their thoughts with our Executive Chef prior to their arrival or even once on the island. Wherever the couple decide to get married, we then offer them a very private dinner to celebrate.

West Beach offers one of our top exclusive locations for this. Couples (and other guests if present) can enjoy a sumptuous private BBQ with such dishes as lobster, beef fillet and freshly-caught fish all prepared and cooked in their presence.

Our Sommelier will be on-hand to suggest the wines to compliment the menu chosen for the evening.

However this is by far not the only option. We typically offer a "spoil, surprise, personalise" concept on North Island and the couple's requirements will always be discussed with the Executive Chef on their arrival.

We will then design a menu based on what is available and fresh on the island at the time, which can be delivered to the couple's preferred dining venue for their 'reception' dinner – anywhere from their villa to a dining venue around the front areas. Again, this is best discussed and decided once on the island.



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PHOTOGRAPHER

At present we suggest using a professional photographer who is based in Praslin. His work is of a very high standard and his rates include shots pre, during and post-ceremony. He is also available for video work at an additional cost. All work is in digital format and a couple of days after the ceremony, the couple will receive a professionally edited DVD with high resolution photos, including the same shots in a tastefully composed moving slide show for viewing while on island.

Some North Island staff can also be available to take some digital photographs to be downloaded on to a CD, but bear in mind that they are not professional photographers.

HAIR AND MAKE-UP

Our spa therapists are not trained in either hair or make-up, but are prepared to help out, depending on the bride's specifications. We can provide some accessories for hairdressing; however it would be advisable for any decorative items to be provided by the bride. Unfortunately we are unable to provide any make-up and again this would need to be carried with the bride, should she require our assistance. If something particular and detailed is required, we can suggest hairdressers from Mahé to come across to North Island and we would quote on this individually depending on requirements.

Normal spa rates apply.



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