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Hello all! We're Kimberly & Jeff Jacoby, Professional Travel Advisors, and owners of Romantics Travel, in Fort Worth. We're a boutique, luxury travel agency that was born from our own Travel Love Story of traveling together as a way to grow, recharge and connect in our own relationship.

We use travel as way to grow and prioritize our relationship as well as escape from life's daily pressures. Our passion for travel and the desire to help others stay connected and "in love" led us to create Romantics Travel, a couple focused agency.

Between my design, systems, and organizational skills, and Jeff's knack for back office, research, and quick wit, we are helping busy couples plan and experience amazing getaways. We'd love to put our expertise to work for you!

**Hi, We're Jeff & Kimberly Jacoby.
Nice to meet you!**

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10 Wedding Insider Secrets That Save Time, Money and Stress

Planning a wedding can be stressful for everyone involved. Sure, there are plenty of books, pamphlets and guides available that claim to be helpful, but sometimes they aren't realistic. It takes a wedding professional, someone who has worked with hundreds of couples, to really identify the common pitfalls that can occur on your wedding day. These mistakes can lead to stressful situations, awkward moments and hurt feelings.

Here are 10 insider secrets that only someone who creates wedding magic for a living can share. Following them will ensure that your wedding day is full of love, happiness and good vibes.

1. Check calendars for conventions, parades, holidays, and other events that may interfere with hotel/resort arrangements before setting an official date for your wedding.

There is nothing worse than planning your wedding and then finding out that your loved ones can't get hotel rooms because everything is booked up or double the cost due to a local event or holiday.

investigate local events on your wedding day well in advance. Call hotels/resorts to see if availability is limited due to an event or conference. If so, choose another weekend for your festivities.

You should also check local tourism calendars for charity walks, marathons, parades, or other big events that could affect traffic and room availability. This way you aren't caught unaware.

2. Get the buy-in of the Most Important People in Your Life

When orchestrating a destination wedding, ensuring that your nearest and dearest are fully on board is paramount. Imagine the picturesque backdrop, the gentle ocean breeze, and the joyous celebrations—all made even more magical by the presence of your loved ones. Their support and excitement can truly

amplify the beauty of the moment. However, it's crucial to have candid conversations early on to align expectations, especially if having your parents or grandparents present is a non-negotiable. Their absence could significantly impact your plans, so it's essential to address any concerns or hesitations upfront. It's also helpful to hash out what it would look like if your parents are divorced, or separated, especially if they do not get along. You'll want to iron out these details as soon as possible of how your dream wedding day will look. With everyone in sync and sharing in the anticipation, your destination wedding journey promises to be a wondrous and unforgettable experience for all involved.

3. Save Money on Florals

There are several ways to save money when it comes to florals. First – create a realistic flower budget. Don't rely on Pinterest to give you an idea of what things cost.

Skip the florals down the aisle, as well as random areas that guests will never miss. Make your flowers do double duty! The best part about your ceremony flowers and your bridesmaids' bouquets is that they're already arranged and they fit the color palette, so you can repurpose the flowers for your reception. Or dual purpose the flowers on the arch as the centerpiece for the head table. Focus on more cascading greenery, stick to 3 or 4 different types of blooms, and make sure your flowers are actually in season for the best pricing.

If you still need to trim further, you can skip the boutonnieres and corsages all together, or make them yourself.

4. Book your honeymoon travel in your maiden name rather than your married name.

I know, you're anxious to show off your brand new Mrs. However, this might mean you end up with no honeymoon at all!

It can take several weeks to get a new passport and social security card in your married name. When arranging flights and international travel plans for your

honeymoon, reserve everything in your maiden name, which should also match the name on your passport exactly.

Another thing to keep in mind is your name change itself. In some states there is a required waiting period between applying for and receiving your marriage license. This can delay the date on which you are able to be legally married. This can vary depending on where you live, so be sure to look up local statutes and get your license well in advance.

5. Keep track of your guests by numbering your guest list and coordinating your RSVP response cards with those numbers.

When it comes to invitations and reply cards, you can keep better track of them by numbering the reply cards to correspond with your guest list. For example, if Great Aunt Elsie and Uncle Gene are the fifth people on your list, write a small number five discreetly on the back of their reply card or in the corner by the stamp.

This tip is helpful in case you receive an RSVP that lacks a name, meal choice or number of guests attending. (Believe me, this will happen to you.) It's also quite useful for those guests with illegible handwriting. This way you won't need to call every one of your guests to retrieve the missing information. You can save time and aggravation by going straight to the number on your list.

As a bonus, you can reward the guests who responded the fastest. One couple, who both happened to be accountants, gave the centerpiece at each table to the person who was the first to RSVP. It was the perfect way to reward their prompt guests and showcase the couple's slightly obsessive compulsive personalities. In fact, if you set up this contest when you send out your invitations, you will receive your responses much faster.

6. Assign someone the important task of wrangling out of town guests on your wedding weekend.

It's your wedding day. You have better things to worry about besides figuring out how to get your lost Uncle Bernie to the ceremony on time. Yet if you don't plan ahead, everyone will be calling you with their numerous questions and problems.

Solve this by designating a contact person. Make sure this person isn't a member of the wedding party because they have enough to do on your wedding day. Besides, the last thing you need is for your pictures to be delayed because your Best Man is too busy giving directions to your second cousin twice removed!

Instead, designate one person, a parent or responsible family member, as the contact person who will help guests on your wedding day. Slip that person's cell phone number with a note in your wedding invitations for your out of town guests. Ideally, this person should know your local area backwards and forwards, or just be really good with their smart phone GPS and map apps. He or she can be your point man for all questions, giving you one less thing to worry about. And if you have Romantics Travel plan your destination wedding team, that contact will be us, and we'll be available 24/7 while you and your guests are traveling!

7. Honor the special women in your life by inviting them to create an impromptu bouquet for your ceremony or reception.

If you have close friends or relatives who are not in the bridal party, this is a meaningful way to include them in your ceremony. Ask 10-12 women (close friends, mentors, sisters, aunts or grandmothers) to bring a flower or two of their choice to your wedding ceremony. Once they arrive, designate a close friend to gather all of the flowers and bind them with florist wire and ribbon. Just before you walk down the aisle, pick up your newly completed bouquet. You can then have your minister or officiant explain the significance behind the mismatched bouquet, or you can explain it later at your reception.

Not only does this add meaning to your wedding bouquet, it pays homage to the women who have touched your life in a significant way. You can also use this bouquet as your "throw", or simply a keepsake.

8. Travel Assistance: Offer travel tips, wedding day itinerary, and transportation details to help guests navigate the destination easily. A little guidance goes a long way.

Navigating the ins and outs of a destination wedding can be as exciting as it is daunting for your guests, but fear not! Providing travel assistance is like handing them a treasure map to a seamless experience. Imagine sharing insider tips on hidden gems to explore, a wedding day itinerary, so everyone is in on the plans, hassle-free transportation options to whisk them from the airport to the hotel, and destination guides to tie it all together. With a sprinkle of guidance and a dash of local know-how, you'll set the stage for your guests to embark on a journey filled with discovery and delight. Unsure about all of this? No worries, this is our expertise and exactly what we specialize in! Let us handle all the details so you can concentrate on the most important things.

9. Interactive Experiences: Organize group activities or excursions for guests to bond and explore the destination together. It adds a fun and memorable element to the wedding weekend.

When it comes to engaging your wedding guests with interactive experiences, the possibilities are as vast as your imagination. Picture this: a wine tasting tour for the connoisseurs, a group yoga session at sunrise for the wellness enthusiasts, or a beach bonfire with acoustic music for those craving a cozy evening under the stars. What about a catamaran cruise where you and just your loved ones set sail to a magical destination? These activities not only bond your guests but also create unforgettable moments that transcend the typical wedding experience. Consider organizing a cooking class featuring local cuisine, a snorkeling adventure to explore marine wonders, or even a guided city tour for history buffs. Each interactive experience adds a layer of excitement and camaraderie, turning your destination wedding into a lively and engaging celebration that leaves a lasting impression on all who attend. Not sure about ideas or how to make it happen? Yep, this is where we come in as well!

10. Create thoughtful welcome bags with essentials and local treats to greet your guests upon arrival. It sets a warm and inviting tone for the entire event.

When it comes to guest welcome bags for your destination wedding, think of them as delightful surprises waiting to greet your loved ones upon arrival. Fill these bags with a mix of essentials and local treats that capture the essence of the destination. From sunscreen and maps to snacks and souvenirs, each item is a thoughtful touch to kick off the celebration in style. Consider adding personalized notes or itinerary details to guide your guests and make them feel right at home. These bags not only set a warm and inviting tone but also show your appreciation for their presence, making them feel truly cherished as they embark on this special journey with you. Need some ideas on what to put in welcome bags? Visit our destination wedding blog for a number of tips and get the answers to your most need to know questions!

Planning a wedding isn't easy; it takes time, effort, and a whole lot of patience. With these ten insider secrets under your belt, your planning will be off to a great start.

At Romantics Travel, Destination Wedding Planning is our expertise and we're here to turn your dream celebration into a reality. From selecting the perfect wedding destination and resort that speaks to your heart's desires, to guiding you on the ideal timing for sending out those all-important save the dates, to ensuring you and your guests have a seamless travel experience and more. We've got your back every step of the way. Picture us as your trusty compass, navigating the seas of wedding planning with enthusiasm and precision, ensuring that every detail is thoughtfully curated to reflect your love story, and helping you navigate it every step of the way. Let's embark on this journey together, creating memories that will last a lifetime in the most enchanting settings imaginable.



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