

Weddings

Weddings by Centara

Your wedding should be the most beautiful day of your lives and at Centara Hotels & Resorts, we strive to deliver a unique, personal and unforgettable experience.

We offer many kinds of wedding events that are both unique and memorable for you and your family. At Centara, you can rest assured you will not be part of any "conveyor belt marriage program, as we guarantee your wedding will be the only "special day" on any individual day.

From the moment you arrive, our wedding coordinator will take personal care of your every need, working with other departments to deliver perfection. You on the other hand, can immediately start to enjoy your stay with us, safe in the knowledge that your wedding day and all the planning is in excellent hands.

Choosing the destination and wedding ceremony is the first step. Herewith, you will see our "at a glance" review of the packages available. Naturally, tailor-made wedding programs can be created at any hotel or resort.

Choose a Centara right for you

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Information at a glance

Package features	Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Krabi	Centara Grand Beach Resort Samui	Sofitel Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Hua Hin	Centara Villas Samui	Centara Villas Phuket	Centara Karon Resort Phuket	Centara Kata Resort Phuket	Centara Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	Centara Grand at CentralWorld	Bhundhari Spa Resort & Villas Samui, A Centara Resort	Centara Grand Island Resort & Spa Maldives	Centara Grand Mirage Beach Resort Pattaya	Centara Chaan Talay Resort & Villas Trat	Siripanna Villa Resort Chiang Mai, A Centara Resort
A choice of wedding venue														
Poolside	♥		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥		♥	♥	♥
Beachfront	♥	♥	♥	♥						♥	♥		♥	
Gardens	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥			♥	♥		♥	♥	♥
Indoor venue	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥
Rooftop									♥					
Royal suite oceanfacing	♥	♥	♥						♥	♥				
Beachside												♥		♥
Grand Ballroom									♥			♥		
A choices of wedding style														
Thai ceremony	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥		♥	♥	♥
Western ceremony	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥		♥	♥	♥
Tropical Island Style											♥			
Lotus Lanna Wedding		♥						♥		♥				
Optional items														
Photography / DVD & Video options	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥
Dress hire	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥				
Private functions & Personalised receptions	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥		♥	♥	♥
Exclusive entertainment	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥				♥
Make-up & hair dressing	♥	♥	♥		♥	♥			♥	♥		♥	♥	♥
Wedding registration	♥					♥						♥	♥	
Additional corsage for guests	♥	♥			♥					♥		♥	♥	
Neck garlands for guests	♥											♥	♥	
Ceremony set-up arrangements	♥		♥									♥	♥	

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Getting Married in Thailand

Information you need to know

You will need the following documents

- A certification document from your home consulate, which confirms
 - Both applicants are in full compliance with the requirements of Thai law for Legal marriage (see below)
 - Applicants occupation and annual income.
 - Marital status (both current and previous) of both applicants. Any and all alimony payments and outstanding private debts must be fully disclosed.
 - The names and addresses of two contact persons, resident in the same area as the applicants.

This document must be translated into Thai and subsequently be certified as being accurate by the Thai Foreign Ministry.

- Your passports (originals)
- Divorce documents if previously married.

Conditions of eligibility for marriage according to the Thai Civil Law Statute 2529 Buddhist Calendar (1986 Ad)

- Applicants must be aged 17 years of age on date of marriage registration. Written parental consent is required if aged below 20 years.
- Applicants must not have been judicially adjudged mentally incapacitated so as to negate consent of marriage.
- Applicants must not be close or direct relatives, including sharing a parent. Albert through marriage.
- Applicants must not have the same adoptive parents.
- Applicants must not be currently married.

Thai ceremony special information

In respect to Thai culture and custom, the bride, groom and well-wishers, will be requested to observe the following conditions during the ceremony.

- No shoes to be worn during the ceremony
- Events and sequence may be changed without notice by the presiding monks or sheriff performing the ceremony.
- There is no speaking during any of the praying ceremonies
- Proper dress code is required during the ceremony i.e. no short, bare arms or mini-skirts etc.
- Please do not sit cross legged when facing the monks.
- When addressing a monk please ensure your eye height is lower than theirs.

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Weddings in tropical climates

You have chosen a tropical destination for your special day. During certain months the destination can experience rain and showers. When you select an out door venue for your wedding location, the resort or hotel will provide a back-up in-door location in the event of bad weather. There is no extra charge to you for this back-up venue, however by booking an outdoor venue you agree to this back up option with no recourse to the property. Weather is beyond the control of the company. To help limit this situation, it is strongly recommended that you remain flexible with your actual Wedding day during your stay. On arrival the wedding co-ordinator will discuss with you the weather forecast and agree an appropriate date if needed.

Right to change

Whilst every effort is made to coordinate your wedding plans before arrival and thus allow you, the time to enjoy your stay, we do appreciate that sometimes, once on-site, you may want to make changes. To facilitate this, our wedding coordinator will meet with you early in your stay to review the arrangements. At this time and subject to availability, you may change your venue and add any optional item to your wedding. It is with regret that pre-booked items can not be cancelled and services within the wedding packages are non-refundable.

In the event you cancel your plans completely, the deposit is non-refundable outside 30 days. Inside 30 days 50% of the total cost will be lost.

View before you go

Our wedding information, location images and additional optional extra items can all be viewed at our website. Visit www.centarahotelsresorts.com/wedding and follow links to your chosen destination and resort.

Confirming your wedding plans

After completing your quotation form and receiving an appropriate response, securing your wedding is subject to a non-refundable deposit of 10,000 Baht. Weddings can be booked directly with the hotel, however it is recommended that you book via your chosen tour operator/ travel agent. In this way you can verify all technical items related to your nationality and avoid any local government issues.

The balance of your wedding or blessing event is due 30 days prior to arrival. A pro-forms invoice will be issued in good time to arrange payment by bank transfer or credit card.

Marriage blessings by Centara

What better combination that the unique Thai culture and an idyllic location to celebrate your union. Increasingly popular, couples look to celebrate their marriage milestones with a combined blessing and superb holiday. At Centara Hotels and Resorts we have created this collection of Blessing Ceremonies which can be conducted either Western or Thai style. Choose between our comprehensive inclusive package or a tailor-made program to suit your personal wishes and desires. Either way, it is a unique experience you will cherish for the rest of your lives.

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Marriage blessings are available at all Centara locations listed below

Choose your location:

- ♥ Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Krabi
- ♥ Centara Grand Beach Resort Samui
- ♥ Centara Grand Mirage Beach Resort Pattaya
- ♥ Bhundari Spa Resort and Villas Samui, A Centara Resort
- ♥ Centara Villas Samui
- ♥ Centara Villas Phuket
- ♥ Centara Kata Resort Phuket
- ♥ Centara Karon Resort Phuket
- ♥ Centara Chaan Talay Resort & Villas Trat
- ♥ Centara Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai
- ♥ Centara Grand Island Resort & Spa Maldives
- ♥ Sofitel Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Hua Hin
- ♥ Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld

Blessings by Centara include:

- ♥ Choice of blessing location (see wedding locations)
- ♥ Floral decoration of chosen location
- ♥ Choice of Thai or Western denomination ceremony
- ♥ Choice of floral garlands or bouquet and button hole
- ♥ Bottle of champagne
- ♥ Celebration cake
- ♥ SPA Cenvaree treatment (1 hour) for two
- ♥ Celebration candlelit dinner for two
- ♥ Souvenir photograph

Option extras:

Photography 36 pictures

PAL / NTSC Video (120 minutes)

Upgraded venue to Royal suite ocean facing at selected locations (includes overnight stay)

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White Orchid Wedding

Western wedding ceremony

Baht 72,450 (nett) inclusive tax and service

Included features:

- In-house guests, room decoration with flowers and Thai traditional decoration.
- Wedding registration.
- Decoration of selected wedding venue.
- Thai traditional long drum parade from guest room to hotel lobby.
- Corsage for the Bride & Groom.
- Bridal bouquet.
- Special Thai neck garlands for the Bride & Groom.
- Photography of the wedding (36 pictures).
- Elaborate wedding cake.
- Bottle of champagne for toasting.
- Romantic candlelit dinner for Bride & Groom in the Sala Thai ocean front location.

Sequence of the wedding ceremony: (suggested timings)

- 16.30 : The priest arrives at the venue.
- 16.40 : Guests are lead in procession from their room and banquet manager to escort the couple to the wedding ceremony location. (may be separate arrivals if required).
- 17.0 : The Bridal couple arrives at the venue where they are greeted by the hotel management, friends and well wishes.
: The couple is decorated with garlands and the Groom presents a bouquet to the Bride.
: Banquet manager briefs the couple on the ceremony that is about to commence.
: Start wedding ceremony.
: Rite of marriage.
- 17.50 : Blessing and exchange of rings.
: Nuptial blessing.
- 18.30 : Open champagne, cut the cake and it is picture time.
(pictures can be taken throughout the ceremony if required).

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Lotus Thai Wedding

Thai wedding ceremony

Baht 72,450 (nett inclusive tax and service).

Included features:

- In-house guests, room decoration with flowers and Thai traditional decoration.
- Wedding registration.
- Decoration of selected wedding venue.
- Thai traditional long drum parade from couples room to hotel lobby.
- Corsage for the Bride & Groom.
- Bridal bouquet.
- Special Thai neck garlands for the Bride & Groom.
- Photography of the wedding (36 pictures).
- Elaborate wedding cake.
- Bottle of champagne.
- Donation for monks and temple attendants.
- Gifts for the monks (Sun-katarn).
- Romantic candlelit dinner for Bride & Groom in the Sala Thai oceanfront location.

Sequence of the wedding ceremony: (suggested timings)

- 9.30 : Guests are led in procession from their room by long drum parade and the banquet manager, who escorts the couple to the wedding ceremony location (Sala Thai in the garden, by the beach).
- 9.40 : The Bridal couple arrives at the venue where they are received and greeted by hotel management, friends and well wishes.
: The couple is decorated with garlands and the Groom presents a bouquet to the Bride.
- 9.50 : The Bridal couple and entourage are seated.
: The Bridal couple is invited to light the candles and joss sticks.
- 10.0 : The blessing from the Buddhist monks commences.

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Sequence of wedding ceremony: (suggested timings)

- 10.30 : The holy thread is placed on the couple's head, symbolizing their joining together, and their foreheads are marked with power in the form of a triangular mark, for good luck and prosperous future.
: At the end of the blessing they offer the "Sung-katarn" to the monks.
: The couple and the guests then receive a final blessing of holy water from the monks as the ceremony comes to a close.
- 10.50 : The Bride and the Groom then proceed to be seated at the Thai style wedding altar, where they are subsequently blessed by everybody in attendance.
: Each guest pours spiritual water over their hands and wishes them well for the future. (At this point of time, the couple may decide they wish to exchange wedding rings.)
- 11.00 : Time to cut the cake and open champagne!!!

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Lotus Lanna Wedding

Thai Lanna wedding ceremony

Baht 92,000 (nett) inclusive tax and service.

Marriage is the tie that bonds a man and a woman together. Nearly every one is aware of this definition, but like most definitions it is inadequate. The very essence of marriage is the personal relationship between a man and a woman... not just a social bound. Marriages around the world differ in customs, traditions and practices, but this basic concept remains the same.

Thai Lanna wedding has its unique feature. Northern or Lanna people regard this function as an old tradition as well as a social gathering.

The highlight of the spectacle is the "Pook Mue" or sacred cord tied around each wrist of the Bride & Groom by the guests. Both of them seated on the wedding chair or kneel and their arms rest on large pillow. Guests line up to tie the wrists with string which is made of 3-9 threads of cotton or yarn at about 10-12 inches wide. The sets of sacred cords are prepared in a tray and handed by the helpers to guests while approaching the Bride & groom. All the guests take the opportunity to congratulate couple with sincere wishes for their future happiness, financial prosperity, promising business, good employment, wonderful health, and to have healthy children.

Included features:

- Thai Lanna Buddhist wedding ceremony.
- Thai traditional long drum parade from the couple's room to hotel's lobby.
- Thai Lanna parade from lobby to Thai Lanna wedding ceremony hall.
- Honeymoon set up of guest room (if guests stay at the hotel) with flowers and Thai traditional decorations.
- Private candle light dinner for Bride & Groom.
- One bottle of French champagne.
- A fantastic wedding cake.
- Special Thai neck garlands for the Bride & the Groom.
- Bridal bouquet.
- Corsage for Bride & Groom.
- Thai Lanna wedding decoration of wedding venue.
- Floral decoration of wedding venue.
- Donation to three monks.
- Donation to the temple attendant.
- "Sun-katarn" (offering to the monks).
- Photography (36 pictures).

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Sequence of the Thai Lanna wedding ceremony: (suggested timings)

- 9.30 : The monks arrive at the Thai Lanna wedding ceremony.
- 9.40 : The guests are lead in procession from their room by long drum parade and Thai Lanna parade.
: The Banquet manager will escort the couple to the Thai wedding ceremony hall.
- 10.0 : The Bridal couple arrives at the venue where they are received and greeted by the hotel management, friends and well wishes.
: The couple is decorated with garlands and the Groom presents a bouquet to the Bride.
: The banquet manager briefs the couple on the ceremony that is about to commence.
- 10.10 : The Bridal couple and entourage are seated.
: The Bridal couple is invited to light the candles and joss sticks.
- 10.20 : The blessing from the Buddhist monks commences.
- 10.30 : A certain point in time the holy thread is placed on the couple's head, symbolizing their joining together, and their foreheads are marked with powder, In the form and triangular mark, for good luck and prosperous future by friends of the couple.
: At the end of the blessing they would offer the "Sun-katarn" to the monks.
: The couple and the guests then receive a final blessing of holy water from the monks as the ceremony comes to a close.
- 10.40 : The Bride & the Groom then proceed to be seated at the Thai Lanna wedding altar, where they are subsequently blessed by everybody in attendance. (At this point of time, the couple may decide they wish to exchange wedding rings).
: Guests line up to tie the wrists with string, which is made of 3-9 threads of cotton or yarn at about 10-12 inches wide.
: The sets of sacred cords are prepared in a tray and handed by the helpers to guests while approaching the Bride & Groom.
: All the guests take opportunity to congratulate couple with sincere wishes for the future happiness, financial prosperity, promising business, good employment, wonderful health, and to have healthy children.
: As a matter of fact, the elders or very senior guests, i.e. grandparents, parents, close relatives, respectful person and friends.
- 10.50 : Time to cut the cake and open champagne!!!

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Choice of venues: (all weddings)

- ♥ Sala Thai a Thai style house located within the gardens oceanfront.
- ♥ Gardens lush and green, a tropical oasis within the resort.
- ♥ Chaweng hall located off the lobby area (alternate option due to inclement weather).
- ♥ Royal suite overlooking gardens and oceanfront.
(Supplement of Baht 15,000 to include an overnight stay).

Optional items: (all items nett inclusive tax and service)

- More photography (36 pictures) Baht 2,800 per album
- DVD 120 minutes (PAL / NTSC) Baht 7,500
- Make-up and hairdressing Baht 5,500 per person
- Suit or dress hire (Thai or formal) Baht 5,500 per person
- Additional corsage or garlands for guests Baht 200 per person

Food and beverage packages:

- 1 hour cocktail reception (open bar house brands) Baht 750 net / person.
- Canapés Baht 440 net / person.
- Heavy cocktail food for Baht 500 net / person.
- Wedding dinners; Baht 1,050 net / person (set menu / buffet, a minimum of 40 persons is required for buffet set up)
- Thai classical dance show during dinner Baht 11,000 net (5 sets).

* Minimum of 12 persons.