

Schedule for a Destination Wedding

A cigar station, a pre-rehearsal dinner barbeque, three separate bands . . . this destination wedding was as elaborate as they come. With so much being planned long-distance, you need to make sure you're covering all your bases. It's all about the details.

THE WEDDING OF

Lianne Tocklas and Jed Pastek

GREEN PALMS RESORT, CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO

JUNE 11, 2005



TUESDAY, JUNE 7

Lighting arrives in Mexico

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

Wedding planner arrives in Mexico; will bring linens, cocktail napkins, seating cards, table numbers, leather folder for ceremony notes and vows, walkie-talkie radios

7:00 a.m. Bahia #3 room available for storage

8:00 a.m. Truck arrives in Mexico with fabric, furniture, floral supplies, and lighting equipment
Images Light Co. and Mark's Garden florist to check truck and begin unloading

Part of ballroom available for florist setup (Hotel to set up plastic on the floor and set with work tables, [8] 6-foot-long tables)

2:00 p.m. Lianne and Jed arrive in Mexico

Tocklas and Pastek families arrive in Mexico

Hotel to have flowers sent to:

Mindy and Robert

Note to say:
Happy Anniversary
Love, Jed and Lianne

8:00 p.m. Dinner in C Restaurant—under bride's name

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

Welcome note delivered to hotel rooms

Photographer and videographer arrive

11:00 a.m. Discuss time of setup for welcome party
Hotel to set long tables on the beach with white folding chairs

2:00 p.m. Lianne and Jed to do blood tests for marriage license and meet with the translator

7:00 p.m. Green Palms to arrange transportation to pick up guests at Hilton Hotel

7:30–10:30 p.m.

Welcome party—beach BBQ

Shoe check-in setup

Guacamole station/margarita station

7:30–8:30 p.m.

Mariachis playing

Photographer—coverage for 2 hours

Tequila tasting

8:30–10:30 p.m.

Aqua Trio—3 Bolleros playing

10:30 p.m. Green Palms to arrange transportation to take guests back to Hilton Hotel

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Hair and makeup arrive

Hair: Eric B.

Makeup: Renee P.

8:00 a.m. Setup begins in the ballroom:
Fabric installed
Lighting installed

10:00 a.m. Golf for 24 people—Arroyo/mountain
Surfboards at Costa Zaul for Jed
Tee Times

Group 1: Larry, Matt, Pete, Jed

Group 2: Jerry, Andrew, JJ, Chris

Group 3: Tommy, Peter, Matt, Greg

Group 4: Alex, Carl, Steve, open

10:30 a.m. Spa day for Lianne and bridesmaids
Deluxe continental breakfast set up in spa for girls

Since people will be arriving on different flights, they'll be trickling in. Bring everyone together to kick off the festivities.

Since the florists were doing the arrangements on-site, we needed to cover the floor to protect it from water damage.

Don't forget to celebrate other people's special days—they will be so touched that you remembered.

This beach BBQ was barefoot, so we staffed an area where guests could check their shoes. We even gave them shells with painted-on numbers as claim stubs; and at the end of the night, we provided damp hand-towels so they could wipe the sand off their feet.

Manicure and Pedicure Schedule

	Manicure	Pedicure
10:30 a.m.	Lianne & Lisa	
11:00 a.m.		Cara & Laura
11:15 a.m.	Allyson	
11:45 a.m.		Lianne
12:00 p.m.	Cara & Jill	
12:30 p.m.		Lisa & Heather
12:45 p.m.	Leslie	
1:15 p.m.		Jill

Be specific where there's room for confusion.

- 12:00 p.m. Set up rehearsal dinner
 Blue linens with green florals
 Use hotel's plain white folding chairs
 Hotel to set up microphone for speeches
- 4:00 p.m. Hotel to set up 2 rows of chairs for ceremony rehearsal on South Lawn (9 chairs in each row)
- 4:30 p.m. Eric and Renee to do hair and makeup for Lianne and Marie
- 6:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal: South Lawn
- 6:30 p.m. Green Palms to arrange transportation to pick up guests at the hotel
- 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal dinner at Vista Point
 Photographer—coverage for 2 hours
- 8:00 p.m. Guests invited to be seated
- 8:15 p.m. Welcome by Allyson
 Buffets ready
- 9:00 p.m. Toasts begin
 During rehearsal dinner—hotel to deliver chocolate chip cookies and milk to all wedding guest rooms
- 10:30 p.m. Transportation ready to take guests back to Hilton Hotel

Talk through the order with your best man or maid of honor; they should start the toasts and hand off the mike.

Hair and makeup will take a while when you have a large bridal party, so it's nice to feed everybody.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

- 8:00 a.m. Setup continues in ballroom
- 9:45 a.m. Breakfast delivered to Allyson's hotel room
 Bagels, muffins, orange juice, coffee, and water for 7 people

Hair and Makeup Schedule

	Hair (Eric)	Makeup (Renee)
9:45 a.m.	Jill	Lisa
10:25 a.m.	Lisa	Jill
11:05 a.m.	Cara	Leslie
11:45 a.m.	Leslie	Cara
12:25 p.m.	Heather	Allyson
1:00 p.m.	Allyson	Heather

Hair and Makeup Schedule continued

1:40 p.m.	Renee and Eric to move to Lianne's Room	
2:00 p.m.	Diane	Marie
2:30 p.m.	Marie	Lianne
3:30 p.m.	Lianne	
4:00 p.m.		Lisa
4:30 p.m.		Diane

- 11:00 a.m. Massage for Lianne and Marie
 Conf # R-30683 (in a double villa)

Ceremony area—South Lawn

- Begin setup of ceremony area
 Chair covers placed on hotel's white folding chairs
 Hotel to set reception tables and chairs
 10 chairs set in dinner area for wind/string orchestra

- 11:30 a.m. Reception linens placed
 Ivory satin underlays and lace overlays
 Ivory satin chair covers placed on ballroom chairs

- 3:00 p.m. Lianne's bouquet delivered to Lianne's room
 Bridesmaids' bouquets delivered to Allyson Pastek's room

- 3:15 p.m. Seating cards set up
 Menus and place cards put on tables
 Photographer and videographer arrive in Lianne's room for getting-ready pictures

- 4:30 p.m. Pictures begin with Lianne and bridesmaids
 Jed and Lianne not seeing each other for pictures before ceremony

- 5:00 p.m. Pictures begin with Jed and groomsmen
 Reserved cards set up in ceremony area
 Please set umbrellas over ceremony musicians

- 5:30 p.m. Family pictures—discuss locations
 Hotel to try to turn off fountain in courtyard
 Candles put in fireplace
 Ceremony area complete

- 6:00 p.m. All pictures complete
 Lianne to touch up hair and makeup
 Green Palms to arrange transportation to pick up guests at the Hilton

- 6:15 p.m. Prelude music begins—wind/string orchestra
- 6:30 p.m. Ceremony invitation time
 Waiters to tray pass white wine, lemonade, and water

- 6:50 p.m. Wedding planner to line up bridal party

- 7:00 p.m. Ceremony begins

It's good to note this so that everyone knows to keep the bride and groom separate.

This was a really noisy fountain!

Unless the ceremony is taking place in a church, I always plan to start a half hour later than the actual invitation time to give guests time to get there—but once it looks like everyone is there, you can just go ahead and start.

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Bride's Side (Left Side)—First Row

Anna Tocklas, Lisa Tocklas, Michael Tocklas,
Matt Tocklas, Diane Tocklas, Louisa Tocklas,
Peter Tocklas, Marie Tocklas, Larry Tocklas

Bride's Side (Left Side)—Second Row

Lisa Berman, Jill McNamara, Cara Evans,
Leslie Evert, Heather McDonald

Groom's Side (Right Side)—First Row

Kathie Pastek, Jerry Pastek

Groom's Side (Right Side)—Second Row

Andrew Pastek, Aaron James, John Salter, JT
Soon

Music—"Dances with Wolves"

Jed and groomsmen to walk out on side

Best Man—Andrew

Groomsmen—Aaron, John, JT

Walking Down Aisle

Lianne's grandpa—Larry Tocklas

Lianne's mom—Marie

Jed's mom—Allyson

Bridesmaids:

Jill

Lisa

Cara

Leslie

Heather

Ring bearers:

Michael—to ring bell

Joe—to ring bell (the bride is coming)

No pillow for ring bearer

Flower girl—Louisa

Music: Concerto for Clarinet in G—Mozart

Lianne escorted by her mom, Marie

CEREMONY

Recessional

After ceremony waiters to have trays of champagne, white wine, and water on the South Lawn

Witnesses to stay behind to sign the marriage license—Jill, Heather, JT, and Cara

7:30 p.m.

Cocktail hour begins

Wedding planners to assist with seating cards

Tray passing of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

Cocktail music playing—jazz quartet

Strings to be reset for dinner near fountain

Vendor meal set up in Palm Court suite

8:30 p.m.

Guests invited in to dinner

Strings are playing throughout dinner—Frank

Sinatra medleys

Waiters to take entrée order

8:40 p.m.

First course served
Wild asparagus risotto, Parmesan crisp,
truffle oil

8:50 p.m.

Best man toast—Andrew Pastek

9:10 p.m.

Second course served
Heirloom tomatoes, feta cheese salad, olive
and caper salsa, mixed greens salad

9:20 p.m.

Toast by Marie Tocklas

9:40 p.m.

Entrée Served
Pan-seared salmon, zucchini, tomato,
bouillabaisse

Or

Grilled aged prime New York strip,
caramelized red onion chayote

10:15 p.m.

Ballroom opens—band is playing
Cigar roller in this area

10:20 p.m.

First Dance: "Never Tear Us Apart"—INXS
Introduced as Lianne and Jed Pastek

Do-Not-Play list

"Come Away with Me"—Nora Jones

"YMCA"—Village People

Midsong, emcee to invite

Parents

Bridal Party

Then all guests

Followed by big dance set

10:55 p.m.

Dessert buffet opens

11:15 p.m.

Cake cutting

Lindsay and Jed to say something

11:25 p.m.

Father/daughter dance

Song: "The Way You Look Tonight"

Midsong, emcee to invite

Jed and his mom

Then all guests

Followed by dance set

1:00 a.m.

Strike begins

Emcee Never to Say Mr. and Mrs. Jed Pastek

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

9:00 a.m.

Hotel to deliver to all guest rooms orange
juice, muffins, and fruit

Vendors to load truck

MEXICO CONTACTS

Catering: Emma 555-555-1234

Band: Jorge 555-555-1245

Officiant: Juan 555-555-1111

This timing is unusual for my weddings. I prefer to have the couple enter and do their first dance before sitting down to dinner, but Lianne and Jed wanted all the dancing to be seamless.

This is a really short Do-Not-Play list.

Write this down so it doesn't get overlooked in the heat of the moment.

If you have to pay the musicians for a certain number of hours, get as much out of them as you can.

Don't forget—you have to feed the vendors.

Make a note of how you want to be announced, or that you don't want to be announced at all.

