

LEGAL WEDDINGS IN *THE ISLANDS of TAHITI*

Overseas visitors intending to get married in *The Islands of Tahiti* are required to select the date of the ceremony as well as the commune where they would like their marriage to be celebrated. The below documents must be sent at least 45 days prior to the ceremony to the City Hall of the commune where the wedding will take place.

A sworn translator will be appointed by the future spouses to provide translation services during the wedding ceremony (fees to be confirmed).

Determine eligibility to get married in The Islands of Tahiti:

- Both spouses must be at least 18 years old
- Both spouses cannot be already married
- Cannot be related by direct lineage
- Cannot be of French origin or have French residential status in France or its territories
- The bride and the groom must each choose a witness (who must be 18 years of age or older – please note, if the chosen witnesses are not present, the mayor will appoint a witness).

Required Documents:

- The « *Marriage of Foreign Citizens in The Islands of Tahiti* » must be completed.
- A dated and signed letter from the future spouses addressed to the Mayor of the municipality chosen for the celebration of their marriage on a specified date, requesting the application of Article 58 of Law No. 2009-594 of 27 May 2009.
- A copy of the passport or visa (or of the visa application, where applicable), if a visa is required to stay in the relevant French overseas collectivity or in New Caledonia, depending on the nationality of the persons concerned.
- A full (long-form) copy of the future spouses' birth certificates, bearing an Apostille, issued no more than six (6) months before the date of the marriage.
- Translated and legalized copies of the birth certificates, in accordance with the legal requirements applicable to the country of origin.
- Proof of residency for both of the future spouses (a utility bill or any bill noting names and physical address will suffice). A photocopy of bills for both spouses is acceptable.
- The following information regarding the future spouses' parents: last name and first name(s), date and place of birth, address and occupation
- A photocopy of each witness's passport (one or two witnesses per future spouse), together with the following information: address and occupation
- A Certificate of Customary Law, translated and legalized (setting out the provisions of the applicable foreign law on which the person concerned relies. Please consult the diplomatic or consular authorities of the relevant country.)
- A Certificate of Single Status, translated and legalized (please consult the diplomatic or consular authorities of the relevant country) or a Certificate of Legal Capacity to Marry, translated and legalized (please consult the diplomatic or consular authorities of the relevant country).

Send All Materials to The Islands of Tahiti:

- Expedite all materials to the Mayor's office of the commune in which the spouses are getting married in at least 45 days prior to the ceremony. After submission of the application file, the Mayor's office will post a Non Opposition to Marriage document ("*publication des bans*").
- The mayor's office will then contact the spouses to advise of the approved date and time of the wedding!

The Ceremony

- On the day of the ceremony, the future spouses guests and the witnesses go the City Hall.
- The Mayor (or an appointed representative from the Mayor's office) will perform the ceremony, in the presence of at least two witnesses and the language chosen by the spouses.
- After the ceremony, the mayor will give the spouses a Marriage Certificate ("*Certificat de celebration de Mariage*"). This certificate will be dated and signed by the mayor's office of the commune in which the marriage takes place and will allow the spouses to prove that the marriage was legal when going back to their country of origin.