

Weddings in Croatia for foreigners

Civil Ceremony

If you choose to have a civil service as your Croatia wedding ceremony it can be conducted in the town hall of the town where you are staying or in any outdoor location of your choice, provided it has approval from the Registry Office. If you have, for example, wedding on San Marino island then is Registry Office Novi Vinodolski.

A civil ceremony takes approximately 25 minutes and is conducted in Croatian. If either of the couple does not speak Croatian a court-appointed translator or Court interpreter for your language must be present to translate your ceremony. The cost of this is paid by the couple.

Required Documentation

All documentation is required to be original or certified copies and translated into Croatian by the relevant authorities.

Your Certificate of Freedom to Marry must not be older than 3 months (90 days).

All documentation must be submitted to the Registrar at the Town Hall 30 to 45 days prior to your wedding taking place. If you are using a wedding planner they will organise this on your behalf. However, if you are organising your own wedding you will need to make provisions to ensure your documentation is correctly submitted and lodged on time.

But if you can't come in period 30-45 days before wedding then you can have certificate from company where you are working that you will use vacation because your wedding and in that case you can do all documentation 7 days before. You can't make reservations for wedding day, you will do that when you make Record that 30 days before or 7 days before wedding.

To make Record it is necessary that Court interpreter for your language is present. When you make Record in the Registry Office, for example Novi Vinodolski, with all documentation then you decide what time you want to start ceremony.

The following documentation for both the bride and groom is required to be presented when applying for a marriage licence in Croatia.

- Certificate of Freedom to Marry bearing the stamp apostille
- Full passport with minimum validity of twelve months.
- Photocopies of the picture page of the passports of the bride and the groom.
- Photocopies of the picture page of the passports for your two witnesses, listing their name, address.
- Full Birth Certificate (showing mother and fathers names), bearing the stamp apostille or just Internacional Birth Certificate bearing the stamp apostille
- If you are divorced – Decree Absolute and previous Marriage Certificate.
- If you are a widower – Death Certificate of previous spouse and previous Marriage Certificate.
- Confirmation that marriage will be accepted also in your Country

In this moment prices for marriage on island San Marino are like this:

- on Saturday between 16 and 20 hours approximately **5.900,00 kn + 140,00 kn for stamps that you need for Record**
- on Friday between 16 and 20 hours approximately **3.300,00 kn + 140,00 kn for stamps that you need for Record**

Those prices are not fixed, they are approximately because of the contract between two States (Croatia and Hungary). Although, the prices want be much higher.

For Ceremony and also for making Record in Registry Office there must be Court interpreter in your case for EU citizens and they have their prices so that will also be the cost that you need count on.

For any futher informations feel free to ask.