

Weddings in Rethymnon | Crete Greece

MUNICIPAL FEES

Weekdays External Venues | 300.00€

Weekends External Venues | 400.00€

At The Town Hall | 150.00€



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Civil Wedding Requirements

For a legal wedding which will also be accepted in your home country, following any valid civil wedding accepted in your country of origin, the following documents have to be presented to the Greek local authorities in order to conduct your ceremony.

- A Scanned Copy of a Passport or Valid Identity Document from Both The Bride And The Groom.
- Full Birth Certificates of Both Parties (originals) – Long Form Certificates with Both Parent's Names and City of Birth are Required. **Shorter Versions Are Not Accepted.**
- A Certificate Of Non Impediment To Marriage From Both The Bride And Groom.

Explanation To The Required Documents

PASSPORTS AND IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

We require a copy of a **valid Passport or Identity Document** sent via email to our agency. No Apostille stamp is required. The originals must be presented on the day of the wedding to the representative of the municipality.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

The **Birth Certificates** must be presented either in originals or true copies that are issued not more than six (6) months prior to the wedding date. *Apostille stamp from your local authorities where required.

CERTIFICATE OF NON IMPEDIMENT TO MARRIAGE

The **Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage** verifies that you have never been married before and that you are allowed to marry by your local authorities. This document is sourced from your local registry and must be issued three (3) months before your wedding date. Please note that similar documents must be given, one for each party.

*Apostille stamp from your local authorities where required

SPECIAL CASES

Divorce certificates / Decree Absolute: In case of a divorce, the divorce certificate must be obtained.

Adoption certificates: Adoption papers / name change or death of spouses.

** Apostille stamp from your local authorities where required

In order to make your dream wedding come true all documents must be verified by an “Apostille” or “The Hager Apostille” to verify legality. Without this verification, no wedding procedure can be completed legally in Greece. Two witnesses are required to complete the wedding process.

In order to accomplish legalities all documents must initially be sent to us scanned by email six (6) weeks prior to the wedding in order for them to be translated in time for the wedding and so that we can receive verification from the Municipality that the documents are sufficient and right.

Couples must extend their stay in Crete for at least one working day (not a holiday) after the wedding ceremony in order to complete and sign all legal documents in the local city hall.

**Please note that no wedding certificates and documents can be returned following the wedding as they needed to complete the registration.

Additional Information and Legal Restrictions

For citizens from Canada, Hungary, Estonia, France, U.S.A., Russia and Bulgaria, their no impediment certificate to get married is sourced only from their embassy or consulate in Greece. Then the certificates must be certified by the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and translated into Greek (no validation is required for French and Estonian Consulate).

Certificates issued in countries that have signed The Hague Convention should bear an Apostille of The Hague Convention by the issuing foreign authority, on the original foreign document and not in the translation form. Certificates issued in Austria, France, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Turkey, are accepted without an APOSTILLE stamp.

Certificates issued in countries which have signed The Hague Convention, but Greece has raised objections to their membership (e.g. Albania, Georgia) should bear legalization of the Greek consular authorities abroad for the authenticity of the signature of the foreign authorities. The validation in this case is done on the original and not a photocopy. The objections that Greece has raised to Albania have been resolved with the document no 12008/27-02-2018 issued by the Ministry of Interior of Greece and they don't exist.

Certificates issued in countries that have not signed The Hague Convention should bear legalization of Greek consular authorities abroad or the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs as to the authenticity of the signature of the foreign authorities. The validation in this case is done on the original and not a photocopy.

Marriage licenses that have been issued in accordance to the Munich Convention 05.09.1980 (CERTIFICAT DE CAPACITE MATRIMONIALE) from the following countries: Germany, Austria, Spain, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland, Turkey and Moldova are accepted without validation.