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Five tips on what to wear at your destination wedding

Long and formal or short and swiny? Though the decision to get married in a tropical destination quickly takes care of many wedding planning details, what to wear remains a big decision for the bride-to-be.

"There are considerations a bride might not have at a wedding at home," says Tara Soloway of Toronto-based Luxe Destination Weddings, which specializes in organizing sophisticated destination weddings. "Not too many brides here have to worry about salt water and sand when posing for photographs!"

With that in mind, here are some tips from Luxe on how to choose and prepare the attire for that special day:

- 1) Go with light, flowy material which will breathe well, preferably without long sleeves, says Soloway. Avoid heavy fabrics like velvets. Bridal boutiques such as Queen Street West's Lowon Pope can suggest appropriate fabrics and styles.
- 2) Consider going to shorter or cocktail length. Salt and sand can play havoc with fabrics, especially when you are walking close to the water's edge. "If you're a bride with your heart set on a full-length gown and train, be prepared for it to show some wear and tear!" counsels Soloway.
- 3) Speaking of dress length, you must also consider footwear. High heels might not be appropriate as the terrain might be uneven, or you will be walking on long stretches of beach or lawn. Consider low-heeled sandals, cute flip flops, classic ballet flats or even the barefoot look.
- 4) For many brides, keeping the dress a secret until the big day is important. Most resorts will hide it away for you, and many will steam it as well.
- 5) And for him? Think whites and beiges, linens and light cottons. It's best to avoid black tuxes, formal morning suits, and heavy sports coats, all of which can be unbearably hot in a tropical climate.

To inspire brides-to-be in their choice of a gown for a destination wedding, Luxe has partnered with Lowon Pope, an elegant bridal boutique at 779 Queen West in Toronto. Their window is currently featuring a tropical theme courtesy of Luxe, and staff are showcasing gowns appropriate to sun, sand - and celebration.

For more information on Luxe Destination Weddings, visit www.luxe-events.com or call 416-536-7422.

Editors note: a host of electronic destination wedding photography is available at www.luxe-events.com

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