

What To Wear To A Beach Wedding

White Tie means...

The MOST formal of all events! A white tie wedding (whether it's on the beach or not) means glamour and bling.

For Her: Consider a full length ball gown complete with dramatic jewelry, glamorous makeup and hair style - the whole 9 yards.

For Him: Consider a formal tuxedo with tails, black shoes and those fancy cufflings you rarely wear!

Black Tie means...

For Her: You can wear a long evening gown if you like or just a cocktail dress - which if you're on the beach may be more comfortable. Jewelry and hair style can be slightly more casual as well.

For Him: A tuxedo can still be worn but you can just wear a jacket - no tails needed. But - a nice suit is also welcomed in black tie affairs.

Cocktail Dress means...

For Her: You can skip the long gown and be totally appropriate with a cocktail dress or even just a dressy type of outfit. Something you would wear out to a very nice dinner date.

For Him: A nice suit and tie would be suitable here. Of course, if you are the type of person that never wears a tie - don't feel obligated. A nice jacket over a crisply ironed shirt will be perfect.

Beach Formal means...

For Her: A nice sundress with sandals works perfectly at beach formal weddings. You can even skip the jewelry and go with the bare minimum. Same goes with makeup and hairstyle. Keep it simple but pretty and elegant.

For Him: A simple suit made of light fabric is ideal for men at beach weddings in Florida. No need to wear closed shoes either if you don't want to. Sandals will work just fine.

Dressy Casual means...

Essentially - dressy casual means the same as beach formal. A nice summer dress with sandals for her. Either nice lightweight pants or shorts with untucked summer shirts are just fine paired with either closed shoes or sandals.

Casual or Daytime means...

For Her: A nice dress or skirt would work here. You can even get away with Bermuda shorts as long as they're paired with a nice shirt and shoes. Think of something you would wear out to a lunch at a nice restaurant. Not fancy but not McDonalds!

For Him: Almost anything goes here. A nice pair of pants and a shirt, shorts and a shirt, a light jacket, sandals or shoes. Pretty much whatever you would feel most comfortable in at the beach (except for your bathing suit of course).

Tips For Female Guests

1. When planning on how to dress for a beach wedding, the motto is comfort!
2. Wear light-colored dresses or skirts and blouses that will keep you cool on a humid day, yet will cover your shoulders and protect you from sunburn. Linen pants will also keep you cool and you won't have to worry about the breeze blowing your skirt or dress up.
3. Ballet flats, sandals without a heel, or dressy flip flops work best on the beach. They will protect your feet from the hot sand during the day and you won't have to worry about them if you are close enough to the water to get them wet. Shoes with a heel will get stuck in the sand, so avoid them!
4. Bring a shawl or a jacket to protect you from the sun and keep you warm if the water off the ocean is too cool.
5. Beaches can be breezy: Sugar Beach Weddings suggests keeping your hair style casual or reinforce an updo with extra hairspray and pins.
6. Wear sunscreen!
7. Minimize the jewelry and accessories such as scarves. It can get very windy on the beach.
8. Be careful of dresses that can flare up in the wind. You don't want to be constantly holding your dress down throughout the ceremony and/or reception.

Tips For Male Guests

1. Dress for comfort – a polo shirt or button-down shirt is best, with a sport coat for an evening wedding.
2. Wear flat shoes that will be comfortable on sand and won't get ruined if they get wet.
3. Beach weddings are casual, so you probably don't need a tie, but, if you choose to wear one, use a tie clip or tie tack to hold it in place in the ocean breeze.
4. Wear sunscreen!