



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Why do I need a wedding planner?

Hiring a wedding planner is an investment in a carefree wedding day! There is a lot to consider when organizing your wedding, especially if you are getting married abroad. Think of arranging the wedding location, photographer, bridal bouquet, hairstyling and make-up, paperwork, managing all companies and suppliers, coordination on the day itself, and more. Where do you start? BanKasa is there to help and advise you. We take care of everything for you and arrange your wedding down to the last detail, so that you can enjoy the preparations and of course your wedding day stress-free.

### 2. I already have a master of ceremonies; can I also hire a wedding planner?

Yes, definitely! Normally, the wedding planner also fulfills the role of master of ceremonies at the wedding, but it is very common to ask an acquaintance to help during the wedding. We are happy to coordinate tasks with the master of ceremonies, but by taking over the stressful moments we also ensure that your master of ceremonies can enjoy your wedding day.

### 3. How early should we start planning our wedding?

Most bridal couples start between a year and a half and a half year in advance. There is then plenty of time to list your wishes and ideas and to arrange everything for your dream wedding.

Have you chosen a special date? Please let us know as soon as possible to avoid that the date may already be taken.

Do you want to get married last minute? Ask us about the possibilities!

### 4. What form of payment do you accept and do you have a payment plan?

To hold the wedding date, we ask for an initial down payment. No later than 8 weeks prior to the wedding day, the remaining balance need to be paid. Payments need to be done by a wire transfer, we do not accept credit cards or PayPal.

### 5. Can same-sex couples get married in Curaçao?

Unfortunately, as a same-sex couple it is not (yet) possible to get married by law on Curaçao. However, we have a lot of experience in organizing symbolic weddings and we can make the ceremony feel like a real wedding in everything.



**6. Do we first have to give notice of marriage in our home country?**

The application for your marriage, or the notice of marriage, is made at the Civil Registry office in Curaçao, so that you do not have to do this in your home country. After approval, the wedding date and time are definite for you wedding. After the wedding, you will receive the marriage certificate from us, with which you register your marriage in your home country.

**7. Is it possible to bring our own minister?**

A legal marriage may only be performed by a marriage officiant of the Civil Registry of Curaçao. It is not allowed to bring your own minister to perform your whole wedding, but in consultation with the officiant of Curaçao, your minister can speak during the ceremony to give it a more personal touch. And if you are not getting married by law? Then you can provide your own speaker to do the ceremony, or we can arrange a so called 'blessing' minister.

**8. We will not bring any guests, what about the witnesses that we need?**

When you are getting married with just the two of you, BanKasa can arrange the witnesses that are legally required. These witnesses will be present at an appropriate distance during the ceremony so that you wedding is truly private.

**9. Can we bring our own decoration?**

BanKasa is a full-service wedding planner and we also take care of the decoration on your wedding day. But of course, it is nice to give your wedding a personal touch by adding extras. Examples are a cake topper, personalized fans, your own menus, or bubble blowers in your theme or style. If you bring your own pens for the witnesses to sign the marriage certificate, make sure the ink is black, not blue.

**10. Can you also provide a welcome party or other activities around the wedding day?**

Getting married in Curaçao is often accompanied by a whole week (or longer) of fun. This provides the perfect opportunity to spend a lot of time with your guests and plan multiple activities around the wedding day. We know the best spots for drinks and the best (group) activities on the island. Share your ideas with us, we are happy to advise you!