### Requirements for a legal wedding in Greece

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#### Dear Bride & Groom,

Congratulations on your decision to tie the knot in Greece!

The Legal requirements for a wedding in Greece are relatively simple, however you must ensure that you follow the right process and meet certain requirements.

Before you collect or print any documents you need to contact and advise us. The very first thing we need to know is your nationality, as every country issues different documents. Nevertheless, please keep in mind that when you are getting married in Greece, everything must be done according to the Greek legislation.

Documents issued from one country cannot be simply considered valid in another foreign country. This is why an Apostille stamp is required. Apostille stamp certifies that a document is a true and valid copy of the original and signifies its legal authenticity for international use.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any question or clarification, on the contact info found above. We will gladly guide you right throughout the whole process.

### Both Passport copies

### **Both Full Birth Certificates**

### Both Certificates of Non Impediment to Marriage – C.N.I -

This document confirms that both of you are single and free to marry each other, always referring the name of your future husband or wife.

If you are planning a Religious wedding, the C.N.I shall be issued by the parish/church you belong to.



### the process

6 months prior to the wedding Start collecting your documents. Please be aware the C.N.I can take up to 30 days to be issued.

4 months prior to the wedding Scan and send us all the documents that you have collected via e-mail, to check them and inform you about the next steps.

2 months prior to the wedding Once you get an Apostille stamp for each original document, you shall send us again all paperwork via e-mail for a final check. After that, you post your documents to our office by registered post and provide us with the trucking number.

## PLEASE NOTE

- All documents except from passports' copies shall be accompanied by the Apostille stamp
- The following countries are excluded: Austria, France, Italy, Spain, Cyprus, Luxemburg, Poland, Portugal, and Turkey.

### Decree Absolute (if any)

If any of you has been married and divorced at the past, please provide a Certified Copy of the Decree Absolute.

### Official Document about changing your name (if any)

If one of you has changed his / her name at the past, an official document must be obtained. This document includes divorced parties that have reverted to their maiden name.

### **Baptism Certificate**

This Certificate is only needed if you wish to proceed with a Religious wedding.

### Marriage Certificate

If you wish to proceed with a religious wedding but you are already married in a civil wedding, then you need to provide us with a certified copy of your Marriage Certificate instead of the C.N.Is

- Your names on the C.N.Is shall be as they appear on your passports & Birth Certificates.
- The translation of the documents must be done in Greece by authorized translators, to be though as official Greek documents. Documents that are translated in your country are not accepted.
- Documents must not be collected before a 6 month period, as some of them (such as the CNI), have an expiration date.

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