



### Budgeting for Your Destination Wedding

With summer here, there are countless couples planning to say "I do." But in these tight economic times, many future brides and grooms are opting to save money while tying the knot.



According to a recent survey by Destination Weddings & Honeymoons, the market for destination weddings will increase to \$16 billion this year, up from \$13 billion in 2008.

"These past two years we've seen an increase in couples having destination weddings—both to have the wedding and honeymoon of their dreams and to save money," says Nancy Williams, founder and managing director of

popular wedding site [HoneyLuna.com](http://HoneyLuna.com) and founder of [TheBigDay.com](http://TheBigDay.com).

Many international destinations offer free weddings with a honeymoon stay, she adds. "Feeding 60 guests in Mexico is far more affordable than 150 guests if they had the wedding in New York, Los Angeles," or some other large city.