

# Month planner for your wedding



## 12 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Set a wedding date
- Book a venue for the ceremony and reception
- Begin a Pinterest board or inspiration file
- Decide on a budget
- If you want to hire a wedding planner, do it now
- Start a guest list
- Have an engagement party



## 10 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Send out save the dates
- Do research for decor
- Decide on a caterer if it's not included in the venue and start planning
- Do research on wedding extra features (photo booth, mobile bar, food trucks)

## 11 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Book a photographer
- Book a videographer
- Finalise your guest list
- Book a DJ and/or entertainment
- Book a florist
- Start choosing a wedding dress style
- Choose your bridesmaids, groomsmen, flower girl & page boy

## 9 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Start organising your honeymoon
- Choose outfits for the bridesmaids and flower girl
- Order your dress
- Book a minister or marriage officer
- Set up an exercise routine
- Set up a skin routine

## 8 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Do research on thank you gifts if required
- Do research on accommodation (if the venue cannot accommodate all the guests)
- Book a hair and makeup artist for the bride and bridesmaids



## 6 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Decide what the groom will wear
- Decide what the groomsmen will wear
- Update your passport if necessary
- Order/buy wedding rings
- Do cake tastings and order your wedding cake

## 4 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Decide on the programme for the event
- Start choosing the playlist
- Book a venue for the rehearsal dinner
- Make or buy thank you gifts for guests if required

## 7 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Organise transport
- Do research on wedding invitations (website, email, physical invites)
- Contact rental companies for anything not included in the venue hire and finalise it
- Choose and book an MC

## 5 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Decide where you will have a gift registry and compile your list
- Buy your wedding shoes (and take them with you when you go to dress fittings)
- Buy your going away outfit and clothes for the honeymoon



### 3 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Choose people who will give speeches
- Buy underwear
- Finalise the flowers
- Let the caterer know how many people you are expecting
- Finalise the menu
- Design & order stationery (invites, place cards, menus)
- Send invites out
- Inform your suppliers of the timeline of your wedding day
- Book trials for make-up and hair



### 1 MONTH BEFORE WEDDING

- Go for a final dress fitting (take your maid of honour with you so she can see how to help you with your dress)
- Let the bridal party try on their outfits
- Confirm honeymoon arrangements
- Make a list of people who still need to RSVP and follow up

### 2 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Work out seating at tables
- Book appointments with your hairdresser, beauty therapist and make-up artist
- Attend dance lessons if necessary
- RSVPs should come in
- Meet the photographer to discuss specific people, photos and places you want to be photographed

### 2 WEEKS BEFORE WEDDING

- Organise with your bank to use your credit cards overseas and for forex if necessary
- Let your venue know if the vendors have any special requests
- Book the first night in your hotel
- Go for your final haircut and colour
- Send the final guest count to your caterer
- Finalise table plans/seating charts
- Send final playlist to your DJ
- Break in your wedding shoes
- Choose a go-to person for the wedding



## WEEK OF THE WEDDING

- Finalise dates, times and final arrangements with vendors
- Give the programmes, menus, place cards etc to the venue manager
- Have a spa day
- Pick up your dress
- Delegate wedding day and post wedding day chores (eg who's going to take home the gifts or return hired items)
- Make sure the bridesmaids' and groomsmen's outfits are ready
- Pack for your honeymoon
- Make final payments to vendors
- Organise snacks and drinks for dressing rooms for the bride and groom
- Prepare an emergency bridal kit
- Send the wedding schedule to the photographer, videographer and DJ

## EVENING BEFORE WEDDING

- Do a practice round of the ceremony
- Introduce the venue manager to the go-to person for any comments or problems during the ceremony
- Make sure everyone who gives a speech is prepared
- Put wedding outfits out
- Go to bed early

## WEDDING DAY!

- Give the rings to the main groomsman/ page boy
- Have a nice breakfast
- Go through the wedding schedule
- Stay calm
- Enjoy your big day!

