

# The Ultimate Wedding Planning Timeline

## From Engagement to "I Do"

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12

months +

- ☐ Meet with wedding planner to discuss vision, budget, and guest list
- ☐ Choose a wedding date
- ☐ Tour and reserve your venue
- ☐ Begin pre-marital counseling
- ☐ Start wedding dress shopping

9-12

months

- ☐ Invite your bridal party to participate
- ☐ Research and book key vendors (photo, video, floral, catering, stylists)
- ☐ Determine who needs styling services
- ☐ Create your wedding website and review stationery or save-the-date options
- ☐ Research and secure guest accommodations

9

months

- ☐ Secure your photo/video team, officiant, caterer, florist, and entertainment
- ☐ Order your wedding dress and schedule hair/makeup trials
- ☐ Send Save the Dates and complete your gift registry
- ☐ Discuss transportation, review rental & lighting, & design a preliminary layout
- ☐ Schedule engagement photos and research your honeymoon

6-8

months

- ☐ Secure entertainment, transportation, rentals, lighting, and restrooms
- ☐ Confirm bridal party attire and book your stylist
- ☐ Finalize menu and service plans; choose dessert vendors
- ☐ Order invitations and start planning your rehearsal dinner or welcome party
- ☐ Host a vendor walkthrough and finalize your honeymoon plans

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4-5

months

- ❑ Complete dress fittings, order menswear, & schedule your stylist
- ❑ Secure dessert vendors, photo booth, getaway car, and night accommodations
- ❑ Address & mail invitations with an RSVP deadline 6 weeks before the wedding
- ❑ Choose music, discuss personalization with officiant, & finalize your rentals
- ❑ Complete rehearsal dinner/welcome party plans, send invitations, & begin dance lessons.

2-3

months

- ❑ Break in your wedding shoes and confirm your rehearsal or welcome party outfit
- ❑ Approve all day-of signage, favors, and décor elements
- ❑ Confirm who will participate in the ceremony and who will give toasts
- ❑ Finalize your transportation schedule and secure any post-wedding brunch plans
- ❑ Begin creating your seating plan

5-6

weeks

- ❑ Contact anyone who hasn't RSVP'd & complete your seating plan
- ❑ Write your vows & any toasts
- ❑ Conduct a final venue walkthrough & review backup (weather) plans
- ❑ Finalize your music list and confirm honeymoon details
- ❑ Organize thank-you notes & gifts for your wedding party and family

3-4

weeks

- ❑ Confirm all vendor balances and prepare final payments
- ❑ Confirm the wedding day schedule with your planner, vendors, & wedding party
- ❑ Provide your final guest count to the caterer, venue, and rental vendors
- ❑ Final dress fitting, confirm hair/makeup schedules, & any last-minute attire
- ❑ Assemble décor, signage, favors, & any items to be delivered to the venue