



Let the Countdown begin to...

...your Wedding Day!

Although some super-organised couples can plan their weddings in just a few months, we have found the average planning time to be 12 to 18 months. With that in mind, we have created our Wedding Countdown to help you keep on top of your To Do List!

12 Months before the Wedding

- Announce your engagement!
- Set a budget
- Decide on the approximate number of guests
(*this may impact your choice of venues*)
- Decide whether to get married at home or abroad
- Select your ceremony venue
- Research reception venues
- Set a wedding date
(*remember to ensure that your ceremony and reception venues are both*)
- Book reception venue
- Decide what type of wedding you want – *do you want a theme, colour scheme, black tie, etc.*
- Choose your bridesmaids, best man, groomsmen and ushers
- Book photographer
- Book videographer
- Book ceremony musicians
- Book band, DJ for the reception
- Choose your wedding dress

9 – 12 Months before the Wedding

- Choose bridesmaids' dresses
- Book vans / transport
- Book florist
- Research honeymoon destinations

6 – 9 Months before the Wedding

- Book hairstylist
- Book make-up artist
- Book honeymoon
- Arrange hair and make-up trials
- Select invitations
- Order wedding cake
- Plan hen & stag parties
- Book groom's and groomsmen's suits
- Book pre-marriage course if necessary

3 – 5 Months before the Wedding

- Organise the legalities – give at least 3 months' notice to registrar
- Give at least 3 months' notice to the Catholic Church
- Organise paperwork for church – Pre-Nuptial Enquiry
- Baptismal Cert, Confirmation Cert, Letters of Freedom
- Decide on prayers, readings, and music for mass booklets
- Ensure passports are in date for honeymoon (or order new ones!)
- Arrange travel vaccinations if necessary

6 – 8 Weeks before the Wedding

- Send invitations
- Attend dress fittings
- Choose wedding rings
- Select gifts for bridal party, parents

3 – 5 Weeks before the Wedding

- Follow up any unreturned RSVPs
- Finalise guest numbers
- Contact reception venue with final menu details, approximate numbers
- Arrange the table plan for the reception
- Contact suppliers to check final arrangements
- Attend final dress fittings

1 – 2 Weeks before the Wedding

- Attend rehearsal
- Collect dresses
- Pack for the honeymoon
- Order foreign currency for honeymoon

The Final Week

- Confirm final numbers and dietary requirements with reception
- Make last minute changes to table plan if necessary
- Get manicure, massage, waxing and fake tan applied
- Do full dress rehearsal from underwear to veil
- Pack an overnight bag for the reception
- Organise money to be paid to suppliers on the day

The Day Before

- Ensure the cake is collected from cake shop and delivered to reception
- Collect groom and groomsmen's suits
- Go to bed early and get a good night's sleep!

The Big Day!

- Relax!
- Get flowers delivered to the bride's house
- Allow plenty of time to get dressed, and have hair and make-up done
- Eat properly
- Enjoy the day!



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