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Congratulations on your engagement! This is an exciting time filled with wonderful possibilities—and perhaps a few questions about where to begin. BC Wedding Guides is designed to make planning your special day easier, more enjoyable and less overwhelming.

Our wedding directory brings together a wide variety of trusted **BC wedding venues, photographers, florists, caterers, bridal boutiques, beauty professionals, entertainment, transportation, accommodations, décor specialists and other wedding professionals** all in one convenient resource. Whether you are just starting to dream about your wedding or are putting the finishing touches on your plans, BC Wedding Guides can help connect you with the professionals who can bring your vision to life.

A Valuable Resource for Engaged Couples – Instead of searching endlessly for wedding services, couples can use BC Wedding Guides as a planning companion—discovering local businesses, gathering ideas and inspiration, comparing services and finding wedding professionals who specialize in making celebrations memorable.

Keep your guide close throughout your planning journey and use it as a resource whenever you need inspiration, information or a trusted wedding vendor.

Our goal is to bring couples and wedding professionals together – creating a valuable resource for couples while helping local businesses reach their ideal wedding clients.

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12-MONTH *planning* COUNTDOWN:

Everything you need to plan your perfect wedding — one month at a time.

planning your wedding should be exciting, not overwhelming!

Now that you have set the date, use this countdown to stay organized, make decisions at the right time, and keep your wedding plans moving forward.



PREFERRED DATE

ALTERNATIVE DATE

CONFIRMED DATE

12+ MONTHS TO GO

— let the planning begin...



- ☐ Set your wedding budget
- ☐ Attend Wedding & Bridal Shows
- ☐ Choose your wedding date
- ☐ Create your preliminary guest list
- ☐ Decide on your wedding style, colours and overall vision
- ☐ Research & book your wedding venue
- ☐ Book your wedding planner or coordinator
- ☐ Research ceremony options & officiants
- ☐ Research photographers & videographers

11 MONTHS TO GO

— build your dream team...



- ☐ Book your photographer
- ☐ Book your videographer
- ☐ Book your wedding officiant
- ☐ Research & book your caterer, if required
- ☐ Research DJs, bands & entertainment
- ☐ Begin shopping for your wedding gown
- ☐ Start researching florists & décor
- ☐ Research transportation options

10 MONTHS TO GO

—*find your style...*



- ☐ Choose your wedding gown
- ☐ Begin shopping for bridesmaid dresses
- ☐ Start planning your floral design
- ☐ Choose your wedding décor style
- ☐ Book your DJ, band or entertainment
- ☐ Book your florist
- ☐ Reserve hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests
- ☐ Start planning your honeymoon

9 MONTHS TO GO

—*details start coming together...*



- ☐ Order bridesmaid dresses
- ☐ Choose groom & groomsmen attire
- ☐ Book hair & makeup services
- ☐ Book transportation
- ☐ Choose your wedding cake or dessert provider
- ☐ Research invitations & stationery
- ☐ Consider a photo booth or specialty entertainment
- ☐ Begin planning ceremony music & readings

8 MONTHS TO GO

—*save the date...*



- ☐ Order and/or send save-the-dates
- ☐ Select your wedding invitation design
- ☐ Finalize your wedding colours
- ☐ Meet with your florist to discuss flowers
- ☐ Finalize décor and rental requirements
- ☐ Book your wedding cake
- ☐ Plan your reception entertainment
- ☐ Continue honeymoon planning

7 MONTHS TO GO

—*make it personal...*



- ☐ Order wedding invitations
- ☐ Choose ceremony readings
- ☐ Select special music
- ☐ Plan reception entrance & special dances
- ☐ Choose wedding favours
- ☐ Select guest book
- ☐ Begin planning signage & stationery
- ☐ Book dance lessons if desired
- ☐ Review all vendor contracts & payment schedules



THE COUNTDOWN CONTINUES...

6 MONTHS TO GO

—half way there!



- ☐ Confirm your wedding menu
- ☐ Finalize cake/dessert selections
- ☐ Choose wedding rings
- ☐ Purchase wedding shoes & accessories
- ☐ Schedule your first dress fitting
- ☐ Confirm groom & groomsmen attire
- ☐ Finalize ceremony details with your officiant
- ☐ Arrange guest accommodations
- ☐ Review honeymoon plans & travel documents

5 MONTHS TO GO

—let the countdown begin...



- ☐ Finalize invitation wording & details
- ☐ Order wedding favours
- ☐ Order signage & printed items
- ☐ Finalize floral selections
- ☐ Finalize décor & rentals
- ☐ Confirm transportation provider
- ☐ Confirm hair & makeup services
- ☐ Create your wedding-day timeline

4 MONTHS TO GO

—get organized...



- ☐ Send wedding invitations
- ☐ Track RSVPs
- ☐ Schedule hair & makeup trials
- ☐ Schedule dress fittings
- ☐ Finalize ceremony music
- ☐ Schedule Dance Lessons
- ☐ Confirm reception entertainment
- ☐ Plan speeches & toasts
- ☐ Begin working on your seating plan
- ☐ Purchase gifts for wedding party & parents

3 MONTHS TO GO

—finalize the details...



- ☐ Follow up on outstanding RSVPs
- ☐ Finalize your guest list
- ☐ Confirm menu & catering details
- ☐ Confirm venue requirements
- ☐ Finalize seating arrangements
- ☐ Confirm all vendor details
- ☐ Review your wedding-day timeline
- ☐ Finalize ceremony readings & vows
- ☐ Confirm transportation schedules



... THE DETAILS COME TOGETHER

2 MONTHS TO GO

—final checks...



- ☐ Confirm final guest count
- ☐ Finalize seating chart and place cards
- ☐ Confirm vendor arrival & setup times
- ☐ Complete final dress fitting
- ☐ Pick up wedding rings
- ☐ Finalize speeches
- ☐ Prepare wedding-day emergency kit
- ☐ Confirm honeymoon reservations
- ☐ Prepare final vendor payments & gratuities
- ☐ Share your wedding-day timeline with your wedding party & vendors

TWO WEEKS TO GO

—time to hone the details...



- ☐ Confirm final guest count to caterer/venue
- ☐ Confirm rehearsal dinner guest count
- ☐ Begin packing for honeymoon
- ☐ Break in wedding shoes at home scuff the bottom, walk around in them
- ☐ Begin to make final payments to vendors (payments due from this point up to wedding day)
- ☐ Finalize seating plan
- ☐ Prepare an “emergency kit” for wedding-day mishaps
- ☐ Meet with photographer and videographer; submit list of must-take shots

1 MONTH TO GO

—you're almost there...



- ☐ Obtain marriage license
- ☐ Confirm every vendor
- ☐ Confirm final menu
- ☐ Confirm flowers and décor
- ☐ Confirm transportation
- ☐ Pick up wedding attire
- ☐ Prepare ceremony and reception items
- ☐ Organize place cards, signage & guest book
- ☐ Prepare vendor contact list
- ☐ Prepare envelopes for final payments & tips
- ☐ Take a moment to breathe and enjoy the excitement!



READY TO SAY "I DO"...

THE LAST WEEK!

— *the home stretch...*



- ☐ Attend your wedding rehearsal
- ☐ Confirm final setup with your planner/coordinator
- ☐ Prepare emergency kit
- ☐ Eat, hydrate and enjoy your family and friends
- ☐ Deliver personal décor & wedding items to the venue
- ☐ Give rings to the appropriate person
- ☐ Attend final grooming/beauty appointments
- ☐ Call/email venues and all vendors to finalize arrangements, delivery times, and any final details
- ☐ Give your wedding-day timeline to key members of your wedding party
- ☐ Pack a bag for the wedding day
- ☐ Pick up tuxedos for groom, groomsmen, and fathers. Try on tuxedos - confirm all articles of clothing and accessories have been supplied
- ☐ Finalize packing for honeymoon
- ☐ Confirm travel arrangements; if travelling abroad, purchase small amount of local currency

THE DAY BEFORE

— *this is it...*



- ☐ Hand over remaining accessories to wedding planner, church coordinator, or other organizer
- ☐ Attend rehearsal dinner/breakfast
- ☐ Present attendants with their gifts at the rehearsal dinner
- ☐ Go to bed early so you will be well rested for the amazing day that lies ahead of you

THE BIG DAY

— *trust your team...*

... *enjoy every moment.*



- ☐ Your vendors have been working with you for months to make your wedding day special.
- ☐ Let your planner, coordinator, venue team and wedding party handle the details so you can focus on what matters most:
- ☐ Get beautiful
- ☐ Get dressed
- ☐ Switch your engagement ring to your right hand
- ☐ Marry your love and have a great day!

POST-WEDDING



- ☐ Send gown for cleaning & preservation
- ☐ Complete and mail thank you cards
- ☐ Thank your parents and attendants (by phone call and/or note)
- ☐ Thank your vendors (by phone call and/or note)



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STAYING WITHIN YOUR WEDDING BUDGET

One of the first and most important steps in wedding planning is setting a realistic budget. Wedding costs in British Columbia can vary considerably depending on your location, guest count, venue, season and the level of service you choose.

Current 2026 estimates suggest that many BC weddings fall in the \$30,000–\$45,000 range, while weddings in Metro Vancouver and other higher-cost markets can reach \$45,000–\$65,000 or more.

Remember: *there is no “right” amount to spend on a wedding. Your budget should reflect what is comfortable for you as a couple.*

START WITH YOUR NUMBER

Before booking your first vendor, determine:

- ☐ What you can comfortably afford
- ☐ How much you have already saved
- ☐ How much you can save each month before the wedding
- ☐ Whether parents or family members are contributing
- ☐ What expenses you want to include
- ☐ Whether your honeymoon and rings are part of the wedding budget
- ☐ How much you want to keep aside for unexpected expenses

A GOOD RULE OF THUMB

Set aside approximately 5–10% of your total budget for unexpected expenses. Taxes, gratuities, alterations, additional guests, transportation changes, décor upgrades and last-minute purchases can quickly add up.

KNOW WHERE YOUR MONEY IS GOING

FOR MANY COUPLES, THE LARGEST PORTIONS OF THE BUDGET WILL BE:

venue & catering... Your venue, food and beverage service can represent one of the biggest expenses of the wedding.

photography & videography... These are the services that preserve your wedding memories long after the celebration is over.

entertainment... DJ, live music, ceremony musicians and specialty entertainment can all affect your final budget.

flowers & décor... Consider which floral and décor elements are most important to you and where you can simplify.

attire & beauty... Remember to budget for alterations, shoes, accessories, hair and makeup—not just the initial purchase price.

stationery & signage... Invitations, postage, menus, seating charts, place cards and signage can become a larger expense than expected.

transportation... Include transportation for the wedding couple, wedding party and guests if required.

cake & desserts... Consider your guest count, wedding cake design, dessert table and delivery/setup fees.

WEDDING BUDGET WORKSHEET

WEDDING EXPENSE	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL COST	DEPOSIT	BALANCE DUE
Ceremony Venue				
Reception Venue				
Catering / Food				
Wedding Cake				
Liquor Licence /Beverages				
Marriage License				
Ceremony/Officiant				
Wedding Planner				
Event Coordinator				
Photographer				
Videographer				
Wedding Favours / Gifts				
DJ / Band / Entertainment				
Dance Lessons				
Entertainment / Games				
Photobooth				
Florist				
Décor & Rentals				
Wedding Dress				
Alterations				
Foundation Garments				
Shoes / Accessories				
Groom's Attire				
Wedding Party Attire				
Hair & Makeup				
Invitations & Stationery				
Website/Social Posts				
Transportation				
Wedding Ring /Jewelry				
Accommodation / Travel				
Rehearsal Dinner				
Other Events				
Honeymoon				
Gratuity & Taxes				
Miscellaneous				
TOTAL				

Estimated Guest Count: _____

Targeted Wedding Date: _____

Total Wedding Budget: \$ _____

Amount Already Saved: \$ _____

Family Contributions: \$ _____

Your wedding budget is one of the most important planning tools you'll have. Before booking vendors, decide what you are comfortable spending and then keep track of every deposit, payment and additional expenses.

MAKING YOUR BUDGET *count*



DON'T LET YOUR WEDDING EXPENSES BECOME A SOURCE OF STRESS.

Your wedding doesn't have to be the most expensive day of your life to be the most memorable

Prioritize the things that are meaningful to you, compare vendors carefully, understand the complete cost before signing a contract, and leave room for unexpected expenses.

ways to save without sacrificing your vision...

1. GUEST COUNT MATTERS

Your guest list is one of the biggest factors affecting your overall wedding cost. Catering, bar service, rentals, stationery and favours are often calculated per person. *Before adding another guest, see the flowchart on page 34.*

2. CONSIDER YOUR WEDDING DATE

Saturday weddings during peak wedding season are often in highest demand. Ask your venue and vendors about Friday, Sunday, weekday and off-season dates. Current BC estimates suggest that non-Saturday and off-season dates can sometimes offer meaningful savings.

3. PRIORITIZE YOUR MUST-HAVES WITH THREE LISTS:

MUST HAVE — The things you absolutely cannot imagine your wedding without.

WOULD LOVE — Things you would like if the budget allows.

NICE TO HAVE — Extras that can be added if money remains available.

This simple exercise can prevent spending money on details that aren't important to you.

4. COMPARE THE COMPLETE PRICE

When comparing vendors, don't look only at the advertised starting price. **ALWAYS ASK:** *"What will my final all-in price be?"*

ASK ABOUT: Taxes, Gratuities, Delivery fees, Setup and teardown, Travel fees, Minimum guest counts, Overtime charges, Service fees, Rentals, Additional hours, Cake-cutting fees, Corkage fees, Damage deposits

5. DON'T FORGET THE SMALL EXPENSES

Small purchases can become a large total.

BUDGET FOR: Wedding licence, Postage, Alterations, Wedding shoes, Accessories, Gifts, Favours, Guest book, Signage, Seating chart, Vendor meal, Gratuities, Transportation, Last-minute décor, Emergency purchases



REMEMBER:
*your wedding
is yours*

PLAN *smart.*

SPEND *wisely.*

CELEBRATE *big.*

A beautiful wedding isn't defined by how much you spend.

Whether you're planning an intimate celebration with 30 guests or a large wedding with 200 guests, the goal is the same: to celebrate your love with the people who matter most. Set a budget that feels comfortable, spend your money intentionally, and make choices that reflect you as a couple.

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YOUR WEDDING venue

Before you fall in love with the space, make sure you know exactly what is included.

Your wedding venue is one of the biggest decisions you will make. Use this checklist when touring venues and bring it with you to every appointment so you can compare your options.

DATE & AVAILABILITY

- ☐ Is our preferred wedding date available?
- ☐ Do you have alternative dates available?
- ☐ Do you offer Friday, Sunday or weekday weddings?
- ☐ Do you offer off-season or winter rates?
- ☐ How far in advance can we book?
- ☐ How long do we have access to the venue on our wedding day?
- ☐ When can vendors begin setting up?
- ☐ When must everything be cleaned up and removed?

PRICING & CONTRACT

- ☐ What is the total venue rental fee?
- ☐ Is there a minimum food and beverage spend?
- ☐ Is there a minimum guest count?
- ☐ What deposit is required to secure our date?
- ☐ When are the remaining payments due?
- ☐ Is the deposit refundable?
- ☐ What is your cancellation policy?
- ☐ What happens if we need to change our wedding date?
- ☐ Are taxes included in the quoted price?
- ☐ Are service charges or gratuities included?
- ☐ Are there additional venue or administrative fees?
- ☐ Is there a damage or security deposit?

IMPORTANT: Ask for a complete written estimate showing the final expected cost—including taxes, service charges, rentals and any additional fees.

STAFF & WEDDING DAY SUPPORT

- ☐ Will a venue coordinator be present on our wedding day?
- ☐ Who will be our main contact?
- ☐ Will someone be available throughout the reception?
- ☐ Who handles vendor deliveries?
- ☐ Who handles setup and teardown?
- ☐ Who handles emergencies or last-minute issues?
- ☐ Will venue staff assist with moving tables or décor?
- ☐ Is a wedding planner required?

IMPORTANT: Ask whether the venue coordinator is responsible for venue operations only or whether they provide actual wedding coordination.

BEFORE YOU SAY "I DO" TO THE VENUE...
ask questions.

READ THE CONTRACT. UNDERSTAND THE COMPLETE COST. THEN CHOOSE THE VENUE THAT FEELS RIGHT FOR YOU — NOT JUST THE ONE THAT LOOKS BEAUTIFUL IN PHOTOGRAPHS.

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the WEDDING cake

Your wedding cake can be one of the sweetest—and most photographed—details of your wedding day. Let it reflect your style.

CHOOSING YOUR PERFECT WEDDING CAKE: *start here...*

Before meeting with a cake designer, think about the overall look and style of your wedding. Your cake can complement your colour palette, flowers, invitations, décor or even your wedding dress.

CHOOSE YOUR FLAVOURS

Today's wedding cakes can feature almost any combination of flavours, fillings and frostings. Consider offering different flavours in different tiers so your guests have a choice!

POPULAR FLAVOURS: *Vanilla with fresh berries, Chocolate with chocolate ganache, Lemon with raspberry, Red velvet with cream cheese, Carrot cake, Coconut, Funfetti, Seasonal fruit flavours*

tip: Schedule a tasting before making your final decision. Your cake should look beautiful—but it should taste delicious too!

HOW MUCH CAKE DO YOU NEED?

Your cake designer can recommend the appropriate size based on your guest list and whether you are offering additional desserts. If you want a larger cake for the visual impact, you can also combine a smaller display cake with sheet cakes kept in the kitchen for serving.

CONSIDER YOUR VENUE

Know where the cake will be displayed. Your cake table should be in a location where guests can see it, but protected from damage

MIND THE WEATHER & SEASON

NUMBER OF GUESTS

CAKE FLAVOUR/S

FILLING/ICING

CAKE TOPPER

TIERS

If you're having a summer wedding or an outdoor reception, talk to your cake designer about temperature and humidity. Make sure there is a cool, suitable location for storing the cake before it is displayed.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Add a personal touch with your a meaningful cake topper, fresh flowers, edible artwork, a family recipe or a design inspired by your love story. Or incorporate details from your wedding destination, cultural traditions, hobbies or shared interests.

CAPTURE THE MOMENTS

Ask your photographer to capture photos of the cake before it is cut, at your traditional cake cutting, and sharing the first bites with each other.

SAVE A PIECE FOR LATER

If you'd like to follow the tradition of saving the top tier for your first anniversary, let your cake designer know. They can provide advice on how to properly wrap and freeze it so it has the best chance of staying fresh.

ask before booking...

- ☐ How far in advance should we book?
- ☐ Do you offer tastings?
- ☐ What flavours & fillings are your specialty?
- ☐ Can you accommodate dietary restrictions?
- ☐ Is delivery/setup included?
- ☐ How will the cake be stored at the venue?



remember...

to book your cake designer early, a great cake designer may book cakes months in advance.

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ceremony & RECEPTION

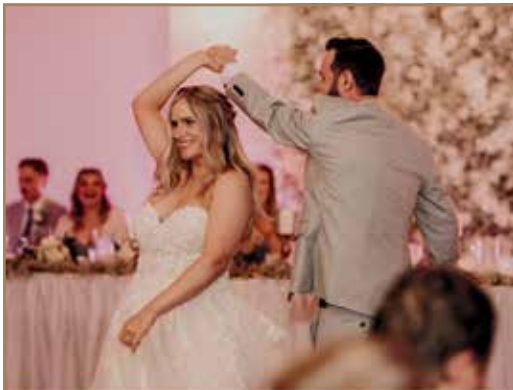
Your ceremony sets the tone for your day.
Your reception is where the celebration begins.

Ask questions, understand what is included, and make sure your venue and vendors understand the experience you want your guests to have.



remember...

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LOCATION & SETUP

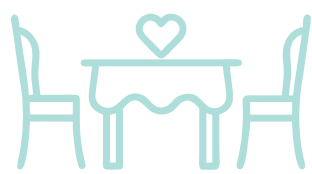
- ☐ Where will our ceremony take place?
- ☐ Can we choose if the ceremony is indoors, outdoors?
- ☐ How many guests can be accommodated?
- ☐ How much time do we have for ceremony setup?
- ☐ Can we personalize with our own décor?
- ☐ Are chairs included?

WEATHER & OUTDOOR CEREMONIES

- ☐ What is the backup plan if we have bad weather?
- ☐ Is there an additional cost for the backup location?
- ☐ When is the final decision made about moving indoors?
- ☐ Is the outdoor area heated or shaded if necessary?
- ☐ Is there protection from rain or wind?
- ☐ Are umbrellas, tents or other weather solutions available?

RECEPTION QUESTIONS

- ☐ Room & Guest Capacity
- ☐ What table configurations are available?
- ☐ Can we choose our own seating arrangement?
- ☐ Is there room for a dance floor?
- ☐ Is there room for a DJ or live band?
- ☐ Is there space for a sweetheart table or head table?
- ☐ Is there room for a gift table and guest book?
- ☐ Is there a designated area for the wedding cake?
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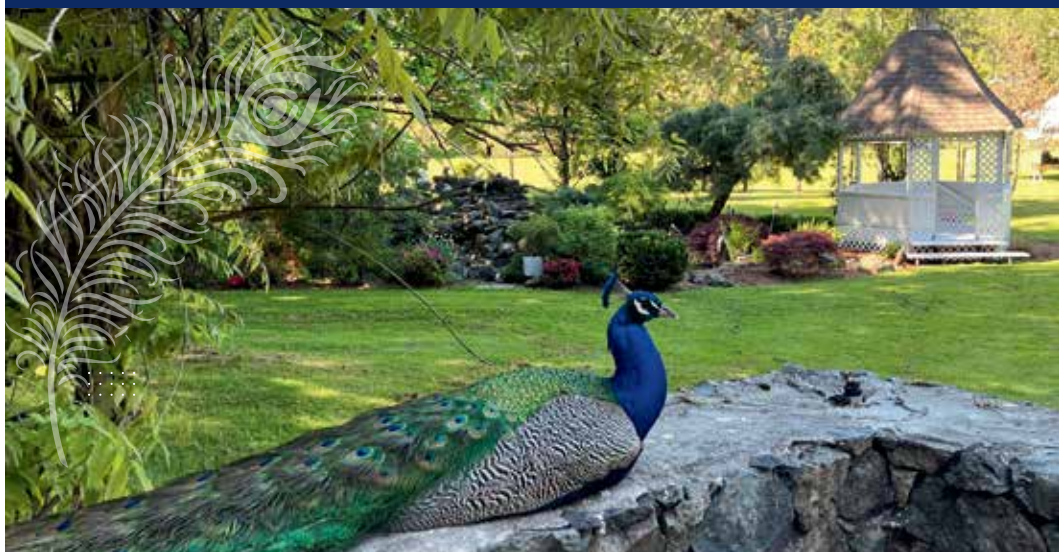
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START PLANNING EARLY

GROUP RATES & ROOM BLOCKS

Popular hotels can fill quickly, especially during summer wedding season, long weekends and major events.

- ☐ Research hotels near your wedding venue
- ☐ Do you offer a group rate for wedding guests?
- ☐ Can we reserve a block of rooms?
- ☐ Is there a minimum number of rooms required?
- ☐ Is there a maximum number of rooms we can reserve?
- ☐ How long will the room block be held?
- ☐ What is the booking deadline? Is there a discount for booking multiple rooms?
- ☐ Are there different room types available?
- ☐ Can guests extend their stay before or after the wedding?
- ☐ Is there a special booking code or link?
- ☐ Ask about cancellation policies
- ☐ Provide accommodation information with your invitations or wedding website



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...“what feels like us?”



From the ceremony to the last dance, couples are finding creative ways to bring their personalities, interests, cultures and shared experiences into their wedding day.

The little things that mean something to you can become the details your guests remember most.

tell your love story

Your wedding is more than a beautiful event — it's a celebration of how you got here.

CONSIDER INCORPORATING MEANINGFUL DETAILS FROM YOUR RELATIONSHIP:

- ☐ Where you first met
- ☐ Your favourite travel destinations
- ☐ A shared hobby or passion
- ☐ Your favourite foods
- ☐ Family traditions
- ☐ Cultural traditions
- ☐ Your favourite music
- ☐ Places that hold special memories
- ☐ Inside jokes and personal details

CREATE YOUR OWN WEDDING EXPERIENCE

Couples are rethinking what a wedding reception has to look like.

Instead of simply dinner, speeches and dancing, consider creating an experience your guests will talk about long after the wedding.

make it fun!

THINK BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL RECEPTION:

- ☐ Interactive food stations
- ☐ Late-night snack bars
- ☐ Signature cocktails
- ☐ Dessert stations
- ☐ Photo booths
- ☐ Lawn games
- ☐ Live artists
- ☐ Live musicians
- ☐ Dance lessons
- ☐ Cultural performances
- ☐ Trivia about the couple
- ☐ Interactive guest books
- ☐ Specialty entertainment
- ☐ Lounge areas
- ☐ Outdoor activities



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MAKE IT YOUR OWN MAKE IT MEMORABLE

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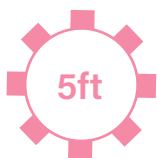


table SEATING GUIDE

Get cozy (*but not too crowded*)
by picking the right number of
seats per table.



4ft



5ft



6ft



6ft



8ft

seats 6

seats 8

seats 10

seats 8

seats 10

TABLE
CLOTH:

90" round
(21" drop)

or

108" round (to
the floor)

TABLE
CLOTH:

90" round
(15" drop)

or

120" round (to
the floor)

TABLE
CLOTH:

108" round
(18" drop)

or

132" round
(to the floor)

TABLE
CLOTH:

60" x 102"
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CHOOSE THE RIGHT SIZE

Start with your guest count, but remember to allow space for tables, chairs, dancing, catering, bar, entertainment and guest circulation. As a general guide, plan for 15–20 square feet per guest for a seated dinner, plus additional space for other activities.

BOOK EARLY

Popular tent styles and larger structures can book quickly during wedding season. Once you have your date, location and guest count, contact a professional tent company. They can recommend the right tent, layout and placement for your venue.

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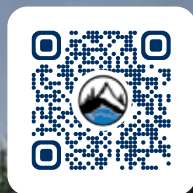
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wedding should be too.

Wedding décor doesn't have to follow a particular formula. Couples are mixing colours, textures, patterns and unexpected elements and brand new traditions to create a celebration that feel completely their own.

consider...

BOLD COLOURS - Move beyond traditional white and neutrals and embrace colours that make you happy.

PERSONAL DETAILS - Use photographs, meaningful objects, family heirlooms or details connected to your story.

CREATIVE TABLESCAPES - Mix flowers, candles, textures, stationery and unexpected centrepieces.

UNIQUE SIGNAGE - Use your own wording, favourite quotes, fun instructions or personal messages.

LIGHTING - Use candles, hanging lights, specialty lighting or dramatic installations to transform your space.

break the rules if they don't fit you

MAYBE YOU DON'T WANT:

- ☐ A big formal wedding
- ☐ A large bridal party
- ☐ A traditional wedding cake
- ☐ A formal sit-down dinner
- ☐ A bouquet toss
- ☐ A formal receiving line
- ☐ A traditional first dance
- ☐ Matching bridesmaid dresses
- ☐ Tuxedos
- ☐ A conventional ceremony

That's okay. You can keep the traditions that are meaningful to you and leave the rest behind. Your wedding doesn't need to follow a checklist of what you should do.

CREATE MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

Think about what your guests will see, hear, taste, touch and experience throughout the day.

PERHAPS YOUR WEDDING INCLUDES:

- A welcome cocktail inspired by your first date.
- A food experience featuring your favourite dishes.
- A playlist filled with songs that tell your story.
- A surprise performance for your guests.
- A sunset ceremony overlooking a beautiful BC landscape.
- A late-night food truck instead of traditional late-night snacks.
- A weekend celebration rather than a single wedding day.

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THE NEW WEDDING RULE *there are no rules —only the ones you choose.*

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IS THERE RESTROOM ACCESS?

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DO WE NEED POWER? IS POWER PROVIDED?

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WHAT RENTALS WILL I NEED?

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WHAT WILL THE SITE LOOK LIKE WHEN WE GET MARRIED?

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IS THERE AN ALTERNATE OPTION IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER?

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questions to ask PHOTO booths

Give your guests an experience they'll enjoy—and a keepsake they'll take home.

make it fun!

ENCOURAGE GUESTS TO:

- dress up
- get silly
- include the grandparents
- bring the wedding party together
- take a photo with someone they just met
- leave a message
- make memories

The best photo booth photos aren't always the perfect ones—they're the ones that capture the fun.



Choose props that reflect your personality and wedding theme rather than simply using whatever comes in the standard package

A photo booth can be a fun addition to your wedding reception and a great way to encourage guests to interact, laugh and create memories together. From traditional enclosed booths to open-air, 360° and digital booths, there are plenty of options to choose from.

Before booking, make sure you know exactly what you're getting.

ASK:

- ☐ How many hours of photo booth service are included?
- ☐ Is setup and teardown included?
- ☐ Are printed photos included? How many?
- ☐ Is there a photobooth attendant included?

WHAT TYPE OF PHOTO BOOTH?

- ☐ Traditional enclosed booth
- ☐ Open-air booth
- ☐ Digital booth
- ☐ 360° booth
- ☐ Glam booth
- ☐ Mirror booth
- ☐ Selfie station
- ☐ Roaming photographer
- ☐ Other: _____



CUSTOMIZATION

Make the booth part of your wedding rather than just another piece of equipment. Ask what is included and what you can personalize.

- ☐ Can we customize the photo template?
- ☐ Can we include our names & wedding date?
- ☐ Can we choose the colours?
- ☐ Can we add a wedding logo or monogram?
- ☐ Can we choose our own backdrop?
- ☐ Can we select the props?
- ☐ Can we see a sample before the wedding?
- ☐ Can we approve the final design?





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use these questions when meeting with potential photographers:

STYLE & EXPERIENCE

- ☐ How would you describe your photography style? Is your style more candid, documentary, traditional, editorial or a combination?
- ☐ How much posing do you typically do?
- ☐ How do you help couples who feel uncomfortable in front of the camera?
- ☐ How long have you been photographing weddings?
- ☐ How many weddings do you photograph each year?
- ☐ Have you photographed at our venue before?
- ☐ Can we see a complete wedding gallery — not just highlights?
- ☐ Have you photographed weddings similar to ours?

AVAILABILITY & COVERAGE

- ☐ Are you available on our wedding date?
- ☐ How many hours of coverage do your packages include?
- ☐ What time does photography coverage begin?
- ☐ Can coverage begin with getting-ready photos?
- ☐ Do you photograph the first look?
- ☐ Do you stay through dinner and speeches?
- ☐ Do you photograph the first dance and reception?
- ☐ Is the grand exit included?
- ☐ Can we add additional hours?
- ☐ What is the cost for additional coverage?

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Ask exactly what your package includes.

SECOND PHOTOGRAPHER

A second photographer can be especially helpful when the couple is getting ready in different locations or when you have a large wedding party and guest list.



before you book ASK YOURSELF

Do we love the photographer's work — not just one or two favourite images?

☐ yes ☐ no

Do we feel comfortable with them?

☐ yes ☐ no

Do they understand our vision?

☐ yes ☐ no

Does the package fit our budget?

☐ yes ☐ no

Have we read and understood the contract?

☐ yes ☐ no

Do we trust this person to capture the most important moments of our wedding day?

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ABOUT THE CATERER

- ☐ How many weddings do you typically cater each year?
- ☐ Have you catered at our venue before?
- ☐ Can we see photographs of weddings you have catered?
- ☐ Who will be our main contact?
- ☐ Who will manage our wedding on the day?
- ☐ How many servers will be provided?

MENU OPTIONS

- ☐ Is a tasting included?
- ☐ What menu options do you offer?
- ☐ Do you offer plated, buffet, family-style or food-station service?
- ☐ Can we customize the menu?
- ☐ Are appetizers included?
- ☐ Are desserts included?
- ☐ Is coffee and tea service included?
- ☐ Are late-night snacks available?
- ☐ Can you accommodate cultural or specialty menus?
- ☐ Are children's meals available?

CAKE & DESSERTS

- ☐ Can we bring in our own wedding cake?
- ☐ Do you provide wedding cakes?
- ☐ Is a cake cutting fee included?



BAR & BEVERAGES

- ☐ Do you provide bar service?
- ☐ Is a liquor licence required?
- ☐ Can we supply our own alcohol?
- ☐ What bar packages are available?
- ☐ Are bartenders included?
- ☐ Are glassware and bar equipment included?
- ☐ Can we offer signature cocktails?
- ☐ Can you provide non-alcoholic specialty drinks?
- ☐ What time does bar service end?

PRICING & CONTRACT

THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SECTIONS TO REVIEW.

- ☐ What is the price per person?
- ☐ Is there a minimum guest count?
- ☐ Is there a minimum food and beverage spend?
- ☐ Are taxes included?
- ☐ Is gratuity included?
- ☐ Are service charges included?
- ☐ Are staffing costs included?
- ☐ Are rentals included?
- ☐ Are setup and teardown included?
- ☐ Are delivery fees included?
- ☐ Are travel fees included?
- ☐ Are overtime charges applicable?
- ☐ What deposit is required?
- ☐ When are payments due?
- ☐ When is the final guest count required?
- ☐ What is the cancellation policy?

GET THE COMPLETE COST IN WRITING

ask... "What will our total all-in catering cost be, including taxes, service charges, staffing, rentals and any other applicable fees?"

before you book...

MAKE SURE YOU:

- ☐ Have reviewed the complete menu
- ☐ Have completed your tasting
- ☐ Understand all dietary options
- ☐ Know exactly what is included
- ☐ Understand beverage and bar policies
- ☐ Know the staffing plan
- ☐ Have confirmed venue requirements
- ☐ Understand rental responsibilities
- ☐ Know the final guest-count deadline
- ☐ Have reviewed the cancellation policy
- ☐ Have received a written quote
- ☐ Have read and signed the contract



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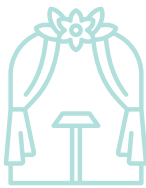
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- Table Numbers • Candles / Lanterns / Vases
- Tables: Gift / Guest-Book / Welcome / Cake
- Bar • Lounge Furniture • Dance Floor
- Backdrop / Draping • Signage & Easels
- Lighting / Uplighting

ask your rental company...

- ☐ Are setup and teardown included?
- ☐ Is delivery included in the quoted price?
- ☐ What the damage or security deposit?
- ☐ When do we need to finalize quantities?
- ☐ Can quantities be adjusted after booking?
- ☐ What is the cancellation policy?
- ☐ Are taxes, delivery and service charges included?
- ☐ Can your team coordinate with our venue?

BEFORE YOU RENT

- Confirm what your venue already provides.
- Measure your ceremony and reception spaces.
- Confirm guest numbers before ordering quantities.
- Check venue rules for candles, décor, hanging items and specialty effects.
- Confirm where rental deliveries will be unloaded.
- Make sure there is enough storage space for rentals before the event.
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- Build delivery, setup and pickup costs into your budget.



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BRIDAL gowns



Finding your dream gown is exciting—but make sure you understand the full cost, timeline and alterations needed before you say “yes to the dress.”

Your wedding gown may be one of the most meaningful purchases you make for your wedding. Give yourself plenty of time to find the right gown and remember that the price tag is only one part of the total investment.

YOUR WEDDING DAY

Consider how your gown will work with your wedding plans.

- ☐ What is my total gown budget?
- ☐ How much time do I have before the wedding?
- ☐ What style of gown am I looking for?
- ☐ Am I open to different styles?
- ☐ Have I researched boutiques & designers?
- ☐ Will I be getting married indoors or outdoors?
- ☐ Will I be walking on grass, sand or uneven surfaces?
- ☐ Will I be dancing?
- ☐ Will I be changing into a second dress?
- ☐ Will the gown be comfortable for hours?
- ☐ Can I use the washroom comfortably?
- ☐ Will the gown work with my shoes?
- ☐ Does the gown work with my chosen hairstyle and veil?

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION: “do I feel like myself in this dress?”



Don't leave your gown in the trunk of your car or stored somewhere hot, damp or exposed to direct sunlight.

budget - BEFORE YOU START LOOKING

GOWN	\$ _____
ALTERATIONS	\$ _____
VEIL	\$ _____
SHOES	\$ _____
JEWELLERY	\$ _____
UNDERGARMENTS:	\$ _____
OTHER ACCESSORIES	\$ _____

ASK THE BOUTIQUE HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR GOWN

- ☐ How should the gown be transported?
- ☐ How should it be stored before the wedding?
- ☐ Should it remain hanging?
- ☐ Should it be steamed before the wedding?
- ☐ Who should steam it?
- ☐ Can it be professionally cleaned afterward?
- ☐ Is gown preservation available?

BEFORE YOU SAY YES TO THE DRESS

- ☐ Do I love the way I feel in this gown?
- ☐ Can I sit, move & dance comfortably?
- ☐ Does it suit my wedding style & venue?
- ☐ Does it fit within my overall bridal budget?
- ☐ Do I need/ Is there an additional rush fee?
- ☐ Do I understand the complete cost?
- ☐ Do I know the ordering/alterations timeline?
- ☐ What is the boutique's cancellation policy?
- ☐ Is the gown in stock or made to order?
- ☐ Can the gown be customized?
- ☐ Can embellishments be added or removed?
- ☐ How long will it take for the gown to arrive?
- ☐ When should I place my order?
- ☐ What deposit is required? When is the balance due?
- ☐ What is your cancellation policy?
- ☐ Am I choosing this gown because I love it—not because someone else thinks I should?

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Your bridesmaids may have completely different body shapes, heights and personal styles — and that's perfectly okay! Instead of asking everyone to wear the exact same dress, consider choosing the colour and fabric and allowing each bridesmaid to select a dress style that makes her feel comfortable and confident. This approach creates a beautiful, coordinated look while allowing each member of your bridal party to feel like herself.

HOW TO CREATE A COHESIVE LOOK

Choose the elements that you want to keep consistent:

- ☐ Colour
- ☐ Fabric
- ☐ Length
- ☐ Formality

Then allow your bridesmaids to choose silhouettes that suit them.

THE RESULT?

A bridal party that looks coordinated—not identical.

why this can work so well

EVERYONE FEELS COMFORTABLE

A dress that fits one bridesmaid beautifully may not be the best choice for another. Giving your attendants some choice allows them to select a silhouette that works for their individual shape and comfort.

PERSONALITY CAN SHINE THROUGH

Your bridesmaids don't all have the same style—and they don't have to.

PHOTOS CAN STILL LOOK BEAUTIFUL

Keeping the colour and fabric consistent creates a unified look while the different silhouettes add dimension and personality to your photographs. Let them feel beautiful, comfortable and confident while still creating the cohesive bridal look you've envisioned.

IT CAN REDUCE STRESS

Your bridesmaids may feel more confident when they have a say in what they wear.



remember...

Your wedding party is made up of individuals who are standing beside you on one of the most important days of your life. Let them feel beautiful, comfortable and confident while still creating the cohesive bridal look you've envisioned.

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traditional FORMAL WEAR

Groom & groomsmen can look polished, feel comfortable and let their style shine.

You don't have to look identical to look coordinated. Today's wedding parties are mixing traditional formal wear with modern styles, different accessories and individual touches to create a look that feels sophisticated and personal.

start with the groom...

The groom's attire can set the direction for the entire wedding party. Think about your style and make it part of your wedding.

• FORMAL & CLASSIC

Tuxedos, black suits, crisp white shirts and polished dress shoes.

• MODERN & SOPHISTICATED

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• RUSTIC & RELAXED

Textured suits, vests, suspenders or more relaxed footwear.

• COASTAL & BC INSPIRED

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consider...

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| ___ suit | ___ vest |
| ___ tuxedo | ___ pocket square |
| ___ three-piece suit | ___ cufflinks |
| ___ formal jacket | ___ dress shoes |
| ___ shirt | ___ belt/cummerbund |
| ___ tie | ___ suspenders |
| ___ bow tie | ___ watch |
| ___ vest | ___ boutonniere |

mix it up...

The groom can stand out while the wedding party complements the overall feel of your wedding.

- ___ same suit + different accessories
- ___ same colour + different styles
- ___ different suits + coordinating colours



remember... FIT IS EVERYTHING

Don't wait until the week of the wedding to discover that someone's jacket doesn't fit or their trousers are too long. A well-fitted suit or tuxedo can make a huge difference.

MAKE SURE THERE IS ENOUGH TIME FOR
☐ INITIAL FITTING ☐ SUIT ALTERATIONS



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GROOM'S WEDDING-DAY TIP

Try on your COMPLETE OUTFIT before the wedding day—including shoes, shirt, jacket and accessories.

Make sure you can move, sit, dance and enjoy yourself!

Whether you choose classic tuxedos, modern suits, relaxed formalwear or a mix of styles, the goal is to create a look that complements your wedding and allows everyone to feel confident.

**LOOK GOOD.
FEEL GOOD.
BE YOURSELF.**

grooms & MALE ATTENDANTS



Not surprisingly, many men are also taking advantage of salon services:

- Any waxing should be done a week before the wedding so irritations will subside.
- Final haircuts should be done the week of your wedding.
- Because of all the close-up photographs, It's not unusual for grooms to get manicures too.
- Return for a final trim (beard and mustache included!) shortly before the big day.

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music/DJ'S & ENTERTAINMENT

Create the atmosphere, set the mood and keep your celebration moving.

From ceremony music & cocktail-hour entertainment to the grand entrance, dinner, speeches and dancing, the right entertainment helps create the energy and memories of your wedding day.

options to consider...

- DJ
- Live band
- Solo musician or acoustic performer
- String quartet or ensemble
- Harpist or pianist
- MC/master of ceremonies
- Live or specialty entertainment
- Cultural or traditional performers
- Ceremony musicians
- Cocktail-hour entertainment
- Late-night entertainment

ASK YOUR DJ OR ENTERTAINER

- ☐ Are you available on our wedding date?
- ☐ Have you worked at our venue before?
- ☐ Will the person we meet be the person performing?
- ☐ What type of weddings and music do you specialize in?
- ☐ Can you provide references or recent reviews?
- ☐ Can we see videos or hear recordings of your performances?
- ☐ Do you provide MC services?
- ☐ Will you make reception announcements?
- ☐ Can we provide must-play and do-not-play lists?
- ☐ Can guests make song requests?
- ☐ Can you provide music for the ceremony and cocktail hour?
- ☐ Do you provide microphones and speakers?
- ☐ What lighting or special effects are included?
- ☐ How much setup and teardown time is required?
- ☐ What happens if you become ill or cannot perform?
- ☐ What is your overtime rate?
- ☐ Are travel fees, taxes and other charges included?
- ☐ What deposit is required?
- ☐ When is final payment due?
- ☐ What is your cancellation policy?

questions to ask

CHOOSING YOUR WEDDING ENTERTAINMENT

Think about the experience you want your guests to have. Your entertainment should reflect your personalities, complement your venue and fit comfortably within your budget.



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dance LESSONS



Step out together with confidence - make dance lessons a part of your wedding plans

Your wedding dance doesn't have to be perfect. Choose something that reflects your personalities and enjoy the moment together. Your confidence and connection will matter far more than getting every step exactly right.



REMEMBER:
it's about having fun!

start with your first dance.

Choose a song that feels meaningful to you as a couple, then work with a dance instructor to create choreography that matches your comfort level. You don't need to be an experienced dancer—lessons can be designed for beginners.

include your wedding party.

Consider learning a simple routine with your bridesmaids, groomsmen, or the entire wedding party. A choreographed group dance can make for a memorable reception moment and fantastic photographs and video.

get parents involved.

Private lessons can help parents feel comfortable with their special dances, whether it's the father-daughter dance, mother-son dance, or another meaningful combination.

make it a pre-wedding date night.

Regular dance lessons give couples something fun to look forward to during the months leading up to the wedding. It's a great way to spend time together away from planning details.

don't wait until the last minute.

Ideally, begin lessons 2–4 months before your wedding, giving you plenty of time to practice without adding stress. Even a few lessons can make a big difference in confidence.

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Feel confident, comfortable and beautifully yourself on your wedding day.

Wedding planning can be busy, so your beauty and wellness routine should support you rather than add stress. Start early, keep things realistic and focus on feeling your best.

START EARLY!

The BEST wedding-day beauty plan is one that gives you time to make decisions without rushing. Avoid dramatic last-minute changes and build routines gradually.



Set realistic beauty, wellness & fitness goals.



Research hair and makeup professionals.



Book consultations and trials early.



Consider what you want to change — and what you already love about yourself.



Build healthy routines that are sustainable rather than extreme.

3-6 months

BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Book your hair and makeup team.
- Schedule hair and makeup trials.
- Plan your haircut, colour or other services with enough time for adjustments.
- Establish a skincare routine that works for you.
- Begin a realistic fitness routine program.
- Prioritize regular sleep, hydration and balanced meals.
- Schedule wellness or beauty treatments well in advance.
- Choose your wedding-day beauty look and communicate it to your professionals.



1-2 months

BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Confirm hair and makeup appointments.
- Finalize your hairstyle and makeup look.
- Schedule any final hair colour or trim at an appropriate time before the wedding
- Continue your established skincare and fitness routine.
- Break in wedding shoes.
- Think about what will keep you comfortable throughout the wedding day.
- Prepare a small beauty emergency kit.



wedding week...

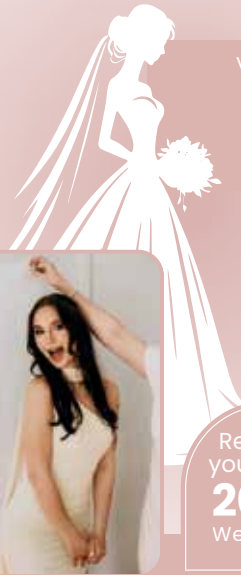
- Rest and make sleep a priority.
- Stay hydrated.
- Eat regular, balanced meals.
- Avoid starting new skincare products or drastic beauty treatments.
- Confirm all appointments.
- Confirm who is providing hair and makeup services and when they will arrive.
- Have your wedding-day beauty products and essentials packed.
- Allow extra time for getting ready.



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FITNESS & wellness

Your wedding is a celebration — not a deadline to become someone else. Choose movement and wellness habits that help you feel strong, energized and confident.

A FINAL REMINDER

You don't need to look like a different person on your wedding day. The goal is to feel confident, comfortable and like yourself. Give yourself time, choose professionals you trust and enjoy the process.

FEEL *beautiful.*
FEEL *confident.*
BE *you.*

questions to ask

ASK YOUR HAIR & MAKEUP PROFESSIONAL

- ☐ Are you available on my wedding date?
- ☐ How many people can you accommodate?
- ☐ How long will services take?
- ☐ Will you travel to our getting-ready location?
- ☐ Are travel fees included?
- ☐ Do you offer trials?
- ☐ How far in advance should the trial be scheduled?
- ☐ Will you stay for touch-ups?
- ☐ Do you provide false lashes or other enhancements?
- ☐ Do you have backup artists available?
- ☐ What deposit is required?
- ☐ When is the balance due?
- ☐ What is the cancellation policy?





WEDDING flowers

Give your wedding vision life with flowers that reflect your style.

Flowers can transform your ceremony and reception, add colour and texture, and create beautiful focal points throughout your wedding. Start with your overall style, then work with your florist to choose blooms that suit your season, venue and budget.

questions to ask

where will you need flowers?

CEREMONY

Bridal Bouquet
Bridesmaid Bouquets
Boutonnieres
Corsages
Flower Girl Flowers
Ceremony Arch
Arbor Flowers
Aisle Arrangements
Welcome Sign Flowers
Reserved-Seat Flowers
Signing Table

RECEPTION

Head Table
Guest Tables
Centrepieces
Cake Flowers
Bar Flowers
Welcome Table
Guest-Book Table
Gift Table
Dessert Table Décor
Bud Vases/ Candles
Floral Accents

CHOOSE YOUR FLOWER STYLE

Collect ideas showing the colours, textures and feeling you want. Your florist can help turn those ideas into a practical design.

ASK YOUR FLORIST

- ☐ Are you available on our wedding date?
- ☐ Do you specialize in weddings?
- ☐ Have you worked at our venue before?
- ☐ Can you work within our budget?
- ☐ Which flowers will be in season?
- ☐ Which flowers are locally available?
- ☐ Can you suggest lower-cost alternatives?
- ☐ Can you create a mood board or proposal?
- ☐ Can we see photos of previous weddings?
- ☐ Do you provide delivery, setup and teardown?
- ☐ Can ceremony flowers be moved to the reception?
- ☐ Are vases, arches or other décor included?
- ☐ Are delivery and other fees included?
- ☐ What deposit is required?
- ☐ What is your cancellation policy?

flower budget tips...

- Set your floral budget before choosing elaborate designs.
- Tell your florist your budget at the beginning.
- Ask which flowers are in season.
- Consider using more greenery or foliage.
- Use statement arrangements strategically.
- Repurpose ceremony arrangements at the reception.
- Ask about rental options for arches, urns and vases.

LET YOUR FLOWERS TELL YOUR STORY

Mix colours, textures, greenery, seasonal blooms and meaningful flowers to create arrangements that tell your story.





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WHO MAY NEED TRANSPORTATION?

- ☐ Couple
- ☐ Bridal party
- ☐ Immediate family
- ☐ Out-of-town guests
- ☐ Shuttle for Guests staying at hotels
- ☐ Guests travelling between ceremony and reception
- ☐ Guests who need accessible transportation
- ☐ Guests who should not drive after the celebration

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

- ☐ Limousine or stretch limousine
- ☐ Luxury sedan or SUV
- ☐ Party bus
- ☐ Shuttle bus or coach
- ☐ Vintage or specialty vehicle
- ☐ Designated driver arrangements

A well-planned transportation schedule helps keep your wedding party, family and guests moving smoothly between getting-ready locations, the ceremony, reception and accommodations.

questions to ask...

- Are you available on our wedding date?
- How many passengers can each vehicle accommodate?
- Is the vehicle the exact one shown in your photos?
- Is the vehicle licensed and insured?
- Are professional chauffeurs provided?
- How long will the vehicle and driver be available?
- Is there a minimum rental time?
- Are pickup and drop-off locations included?
- Are extra stops or waiting time included?
- Are fuel, gratuity, taxes and other fees included?
- Is there a mileage limit?
- What happens if the vehicle breaks down?
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- What deposit is required?
- When is the balance due?
- What is the cancellation policy?

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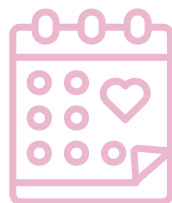
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A wedding planner isn't there to take over your wedding—they're there to help bring your vision to life. The right planner becomes your advocate, organizer, problem-solver and trusted resource, allowing you to spend less time worrying about the details and more time enjoying the journey to your wedding day.

Planning a wedding is exciting, but it can also become overwhelming. There are hundreds of details to coordinate. A professional wedding planner can help bring everything together so you can focus on what really matters — celebrating your love and enjoying the experience.

YOU DON'T NECESSARILY NEED FULL-SERVICE PLANNING

Every couple has different needs. Some couples want help from the moment they get engaged, while others enjoy doing most of the planning themselves.

ASK PLANNERS ABOUT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SERVICE, INCLUDING:

FULL-SERVICE PLANNING – Professional guidance and coordination from the early planning stages through your wedding day.

PARTIAL PLANNING – Ideal if you've already made some decisions but need professional assistance with specific aspects of your wedding.

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a wedding planner helps you:



SAVE TIME

Your planner can recommend trusted local vendors, help organize appointments and keep your planning on track.



STAY WITHIN YOUR BUDGET

A planner can help you establish realistic priorities, understand where to spend and where you can save, and keep track of your wedding expenses.



FIND THE RIGHT VENDORS

From venues and caterers to photographers, florists, DJs and rental companies, a planner can help you find professionals who fit your style and budget.



CREATE A REALISTIC TIMELINE

Your wedding day involves many moving parts. A planner can create a detailed timeline so everyone knows where they need to be and when.



MANAGE THE DETAILS

Decor, rentals, deliveries, setup, ceremony details, transportation and vendor coordination can all be managed behind the scenes.



SOLVE PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY BECOME PROBLEMS

Experienced planners know what can go wrong and how to prepare for it—whether it's a delayed delivery, weather concern, vendor issue or last-minute change.



REDUCE STRESS

Instead of answering questions from vendors and family members on your wedding day, your planner can be the point of contact.



ENJOY YOUR WEDDING DAY

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| ☐ Hand Mirror | ☐ Favourite Snacks |
| ☐ Breath freshener | ☐ Hydration Drinks |
| ☐ Pain Reliever | ☐ Umbrella |
| ☐ Band-Aids | ☐ Pen & Notebook |
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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR OFFICIANT

- ☐ Are you available on our wedding date?
- ☐ Are you legally authorized to perform marriages in our location?
- ☐ How many weddings do you typically officiate?
- ☐ How would you describe your ceremony style?
- ☐ Do you help write or personalize the ceremony?
- ☐ How much input will we have over the wording?
- ☐ Can we include readings, poems, music or cultural traditions?
- ☐ Can family or friends participate in the ceremony?
- ☐ How long is a typical ceremony?
- ☐ Do you attend the rehearsal?
- ☐ Will you coordinate with our wedding planner or venue?
- ☐ Do you provide a rehearsal or ceremony script?
- ☐ What happens if you are unexpectedly unavailable?
- ☐ What is included in your fee?
- ☐ Are travel or rehearsal fees extra?
- ☐ What deposit is required?
- ☐ When is final payment due?
- ☐ What is your cancellation policy?



WHAT TO CONSIDER

- ☐ Do you want a religious, civil, spiritual or non-denominational ceremony?
- ☐ Do you want a traditional ceremony or something more personalized?
- ☐ How involved do you want your officiant to be in writing the ceremony?
- ☐ Do you want to include readings, cultural traditions, rituals or family participation?
- ☐ Would you like your officiant to tell your love story?
- ☐ Is the officiant comfortable with your venue and ceremony style?

personalizing YOUR CEREMONY

Write your own vows.

Include a favourite poem, reading or quotation.

Tell the story of how you met.

Include a meaningful cultural or family tradition.

Light a unity candle or perform another symbolic ritual.

Invite parents, children, siblings or friends to participate.

Choose music that has special meaning to you.

Include a moment to remember loved ones who cannot be present.

Create a ceremony that reflects who you are as a couple.

before you book...

- Speak to the officiant before making your decision.
- Make sure their personality feels comfortable for both of you.
- Review ceremony examples or references if available.
- Confirm what is included in the fee.
- Ask about legal requirements for your wedding location.
- Read the contract carefully before paying a deposit.
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ATTENDING *wedding shows*

A wedding show isn't just a place to get ideas—it's an opportunity to meet the professionals that can help make your wedding day unforgettable!

Planning a wedding can feel overwhelming when everything is being researched online. Wedding shows give you the opportunity to meet wedding professionals face-to-face, see products and services in person, ask questions and get a feel for who you would like to have involved in your wedding all in one place.

WHY BOOK YOUR VENDORS AT A WEDDING SHOW?

...find exclusive show specials!

Many wedding professionals offer special pricing, show-only discounts, upgrades or incentives that are available specifically at the wedding show. *Ask if these offers may not be available when you contact the vendor later.*

...see before you book ~

View samples, taste food, see albums and décor, listen to entertainment and experience products and services in person.

...meet the person behind the business~

Your wedding vendors will be an important part of your wedding day. Meeting them in person can help you determine whether their personality and approach are a good fit.

...compare your options~

With many vendors together under one roof, it's easier to compare services, packages and pricing.

...ask questions~

Get answers immediately instead of sending emails back and forth.

...discover vendors you may not have found online~

Wedding shows introduce you to local professionals and unique services you may not have considered.

...secure your date~

Popular wedding venues and vendors can book well in advance. If you've found someone you love and your date is available, booking early can give you peace of mind.

BRING ALONG TO WEDDING SHOWS:

- ☐ your wedding date
- ☐ estimated guest count
- ☐ budget
- ☐ list of questions
- ☐ your phone

Take photos of things you love, save vendor contact information and make notes about special offers so you can compare everything after the show.



REMEMBER: *don't feel pressured to book!*

A wedding show is a great opportunity to gather information and take advantage of specials, but you should never feel pressured into making a decision.

If you're interested in a vendor but aren't ready to book, ask if you can take their information home and whether the show special can be held for a few days.

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