

ULTIMATE WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE

ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST & MILESTONES

12+ MONTHS BEFORE PHASE 1

- Determine budget and contribution sources
- Draft initial guest list count
- Research and book ceremony and reception venues
- Hire a wedding planner (if applicable)

9 - 11 MONTHS BEFORE PHASE 2

- Hire photographer, videographer, and caterer
- Purchase wedding dress and formalwear
- Book entertainment (Band/DJ)
- Launch wedding website

6 - 8 MONTHS BEFORE PHASE 3

- Send Save the Dates
- Book florist and design floral concepts
- Register for gifts
- Arrange guest accommodations/hotel blocks

3 - 5 MONTHS BEFORE PHASE 4

- Finalize menu and attend tastings
- Order wedding cake
- Schedule hair and makeup trials
- Purchase wedding bands

1 - 2 MONTHS BEFORE PHASE 5

- Mail formal invitations

- Apply for marriage license
- Finalize ceremony readings and vows
- Confirm final guest count with vendors

THE FINAL WEEK COUNTDOWN

- Pick up wedding attire
- Provide shot list to photographer
- Prepare final payments and gratuity envelopes
- Pack for honeymoon