

WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE

A Curated Preparation Checklist

12+ MONTHS BEFORE

Determine budget and guest count estimates
Research and book ceremony and reception venues
Hire a wedding planner (if applicable)

9-11 MONTHS BEFORE

Hire photographer, videographer, and caterer
Shop for wedding attire and order gown
Launch wedding website and send Save the Dates

6-8 MONTHS BEFORE

Book florist, musicians, and rental companies
Plan honeymoon and ensure passports are valid
Order bridesmaids' dresses and groom's attire

3-5 MONTHS BEFORE

Finalize menu, cake design, and floral arrangements
Purchase wedding bands
Arrange rehearsal dinner and guest transportation

2 MONTHS BEFORE

Mail formal invitations
Conduct hair and makeup trials
Apply for marriage license

FINAL MONTH

Finalize seating chart and place cards
Confirm final headcount with vendors
Prepare final payments and gratuity envelopes