

WEDDING CHECKLIST

12 MONTHS OR MORE BEFORE BIG EVENT

- Start a Wedding Binder – begin to leaf through bridal magazines and imagine your dream event including bridal gowns, cakes, floral displays, hair styles and more. This will be helpful when meeting with each vendor.
- Determine potential dates and times for your wedding.
- Decide on the size, formality and setting for your wedding.
- Decide on your wedding, reception and honeymoon budget – determine what you have to spend based on family and your contributions.
- Research ceremony and reception locations starting with Entertainment Cruises – you will want to secure your date as soon as you can!
- Begin to shop for your wedding dress.
- Meet with and book your wedding officiate or clergy.
- Choose your wedding party and confirm the participants.
- Choose your wedding rings.
- Draw up an initial guest list and create a database that can easily be used to manage your RSVPs, gifts, thank you notes and other important details.

9–12 MONTHS BEFORE BIG EVENT

- Meet with the Entertainment Cruises' event coordinator to talk about your event and all the possibilities for menu options, décor, entertainment and more.
- Select décor, chair covers and linens from our variety of reception packages.
- Meet with your reception deejay to talk about music selection and options for the reception.
- Order your wedding dress – allow time for at least three fittings of your gown.
- Begin to research attire for the bridal party.
- Book your photographer and videographer.
- Meet with several florists and secure your favorite for your day.
- Arrange several cake tastings and make plans to order the wedding cake.
- Create a wedding website that will offer important information such as date, time, registry information, travel information and more. Email the link to the guest list.
- Register your gift choices at a minimum of three stores.
- Research accommodation for out-of-town guests.
- Begin to think about your ideal honeymoon destination.

6–9 MONTHS BEFORE BIG EVENT

- Finalize the reception menu from our variety of delectable hors d'oeuvres and entrée options.
- Reserve the musicians & soloist for your ceremony.
- Meet the officiate for the ceremony – become familiar with any religious or marital requirements. Begin to talk about the ceremony flow and details.
- Select and order the cake. Many bakers need several months.
- Reserve your limousine service or other transportation for the big day.
- Order your invitations and any other stationery.
- Order wedding favors for your guests.
- Choose outfits for mother of the bride and mother of the groom.
- Check marriage license requirement.
- Start planning your honeymoon and make sure passports are up to date if needed for the destination.

3–6 MONTHS BEFORE BIG EVENT

- Purchase wedding shoes and start dress fittings.
- Finalize your guest list.
- Choose the reader(s) for your ceremony.
- Finalize your order with the florist.
- Reserve the men's wedding attire.
- Make an appointment for hair and makeup for you and your bridal party.
- Make the music selections for the ceremony using our list of suggested pieces.

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2 MONTHS BEFORE BIG EVENT

- Finalize the order of your ceremony and procession.
- Mail the invitations.
- Decide on your wedding vows or compose your own.
- Finalize the reception menus.
- Confirm the wedding details with the musicians and clergy or officiate.
- Create and print the wedding ceremony programs.
- Purchase gifts for parents and attendants.
- Schedule final dress fitting.
- Start composing a day-of timeline (set-up needs, deliveries, etc)
- Research and book venues for the rehearsal dinner.

1 MONTH BEFORE BIG EVENT

- Apply for a marriage license.
- Plan the rehearsal dinner.
- Meet with photographer and videographer to review and confirm details for the big day.

2 WEEKS BEFORE BIG EVENT

- Have a party for the attendants.
- Finalize reception details.
- Draw up a seating arrangement for the reception and write out the place cards.
- Call any guests who have not replied.
- Meet with your hairdresser and make-up artist for consultation.
- Deliver song lists to musicians or playlists to disc jockey.
- Confirm honeymoon reservations.

1 WEEK BEFORE BIG EVENT

- Finalize seating plan for key ceremony guests.
- Confirm accommodation reservations.
- Pick up the attire for the groomsmen.
- Confirm the final guest numbers with appropriate vendors.
- Confirm details with the limousine company.
- Deliver your marriage license to the officiate.
- Choose someone to return any rented items after the wedding.
- Write any checks required for the wedding day.
- Pack for your honeymoon

ON THE BIG DAY

- Relax and enjoy your special day! Our on-site event coordinator will handle all the details.

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