

THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION WEDDING CHECKLIST

9 - 12 Months Before

	Think about the type of wedding you want Do you want a formal or informal affair? Big or small and intimate? Also think about the time of year you want it to take place.		Settle on a venue, reserve your wedding date with them and put down a deposit
	Create a budget Think about how much money you have now, what you will save in the next few months and anything your parents are contributing.		Start a binder to house all your paperwork, ideas and inspiration in one place For example, contracts, and magazine pages or print outs of photos that inspire you (flowers, attire, favors, decorations)
	Choose a destination or hire a destination wedding travel agent to help Don't forget to research marriage requirements for your chosen destination Request proposals and photos from resorts		Sit down with your fiancé and compile a guest list The rule of thumb is that about 20% of invited guests will not attend a traditional wedding, but this number goes up slightly
	and/or venues that interest you You can request proposals via the venue's/resort's website or by calling the wedding department		for a destination wedding. Collect guest's email and mailing addresses
П	Go for a site visit		Select the members of your wedding party
	If time and budget allows it, this would be a great time to go for a site visit. You can scout venues/resorts in person before making a decision,meet with vendors, do food tastings and hair/makeup trials		Shop for your attire Keep in mind the destination's climate when choosing the style and fabric
	Choose a wedding date Avoid holidays, which can make airfare and hotels more expensive. Also keep in mind your destination's rainy and/or hurricane season.		
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	Choose an officiate Discuss options with your local wedding planner		Hire a florist (if not provided by your venue)
П	Book a photographer		Choose your menu and cake
	The good ones are booked quickly so do this sooner than later		Book the DJ or band
	Book a block of hotel rooms for your guests Make sure you negotiate a group discount or work with a travel agent to assist you.		If you can't meet them in person, ask them to email you a demo of their music
		ш	Buy your shoes, headpiece, jewelry, garter, lingerie
	Create a wedding website/app Include photos of the destination and resort, links to make reservations, a list of wedding events, travel requirements. Use this website to keep your guests updated and collect RSVP's.		Select your bridesmaid's/groomsmen's attire style and color
	This is also a great way to get your guests excited about the trip, so have fun with it!		Create your gift registry
	Send out save the dates Include your website address		Consider a honeymoon registry where guests can give you parts of your weddingmoon experience such as spa treatments, excursions or romantic dinners
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	Obtain your passports		Arrange transportation/transfer from airport to hotel for you and your guests
	If required by your destination, get blood tests or vaccines		Buy any goods or accessories you need such as
	Purchase your wedding rings		décor, guest book, cake topper, etc
	Order your wedding invitations		Make arrangements for pre-wedding events/activities
	Book your flight and accommodations Encourage your guests to do the same		Consider group excursions, welcome reception or a rehearsal dinner
	Shop for resort/honeymoon wear	Ш	Make sure your bridesmaids/groomsmen order their attire
	Book wedding day transportation, if necessary		Start a list of must play (and must NOT play) songs for the DJ Continue to update it throughout the next few months



Have someone deliver your wedding day gift to your fiancé while he/she gets ready.

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2 - 3 Months Before				
Mail out invitations	 Buy a wedding gift for your fiancé 			
Give your guests plenty of time to put in vacation time at work, arrange babysitting and save money for the trip.	 Purchase gifts for your bridesmaid/groomsmen Consider a spa treatment at your wedding destination 			
Order favors and welcome bag items	consider a spa treatment at your weating destination			
Book a hairstylist and/or make-up artist Your local wedding planner or resort can offer suggestions.				
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1 Month Before				
Assemble welcome bags	 Make arrangements to pick up your dress/at- tire or have it delivered. 			
☐ Prepare welcome letter	 Write your vows and choose the readings for 			
Arrange how your welcome bag items, favors and decorations will be delivered to your hotel.	your ceremony.			
 Have your final gown fitting 	 Ensure hotel reservations for your guests have been completed 			
Make sure to bring your shoes and accessories	Confirm details with all your vendors			
 Make or order wedding programs 	Including Floral arrangements, photography package, DJ song list, menus. And get everything in writing!			
2 Weeks	s Before			
Confirm your flight and hotel bookings	Create a seating chart and place cards			
 Enter RSVP's into a guest list spreadsheet along with their arrival date, hotel, phone, etc 	 Review and re-confirm all details with all vendors to make sure you are on the same page and nothing falls through the cracks 			
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1 Week Before				
 Start packing and make arrangements to have family members take some of the items such as 	 If you're having a legal ceremony at the destination, apply for your marriage license 			
favors/welcome bag in their luggage. This may seem early, but with so many important items to take you don't want to leave it for the last minute.				
When you arrive at your destination				
☐ Do a walk through/rehearsal at the ceremony site	☐ Have a hair and/or make-up trial prior to the			
Inspect ceremony and reception sites	wedding to make sure it's exactly what you'll want on your big day.			
☐ Confirm details with your ceremony officiate	If you didn't do a site visit, this is a good time			
and planner	to do food tastings and change any menu tem you don't like.			
If your destination requires on-site blood test, make arrangements to have them done	☐ Have your wedding attire pressed/steamed to			
 Assemble your welcome bags and make arrangements to have them delivered to 	smooth out any wrinkles it encountered while raveling.			
guests rooms or given to guests by the front desk at check-in.	 Book a manicure/pedicure for the day before the wedding. 			
Arrange a time to have your bouquets/	the wedding.			
boutonnieres delivered to you on the wedding day.				
Wedding Day				
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Make sure you have your rings before heading to the ceremony	Give yourself a pat in the back for checking off all the items on this massive listthen RELAX and have fun!!			