



# Unveiled Photography – Wedding Planning Checklist

## 10-12 Months before

- Announce your engagement to close friends and family.
- Select some tentative days for your wedding. (Final date will depend on venues, desired venues and family and friends availability)
- Select your ceremoniemeesters and let them know about your selection.
- Decide on a budget. (Check our Wedding Budget guide for help)
- Open a wedding folder. Here you'll keep track of contracts, expenses and all documents relative to your wedding.
- Start shopping for a wedding dress.
- Start a search of wedding venues and check for availability.
- Start searching for a photographer. Last minute bookings are not ideal. Allow yourself to find a photographer with a style that matches your vision of your wedding.
- Start a guest list file

## 8-10 Months before

- Finalize interviews with selected photographers (3 or 4 max.) and book yours. Select a date for an engagement session.
- Decide on what present or presents you would like for your wedding
- Finish the guest list
- Start looking for options for your honeymoon

## 6-8 Months before

- Prepare directions and instructions on how to get to all the venues.
- Order wedding cake
- Check what legal documents and licenses are necessary for your marriage and arrange them. This is particularly important if you are not getting married in your homeland or if you are marrying a foreigner.
- Meet with all the people helping you arrange the wedding and share tasks.

- Have your engagement session.

## 4-5 Months before

- Order and send wedding invitations
- Arrange the final fitting for your dress
- Pick up guestbook with photos from your engagement session
- Arrange gifts for guests and start looking for special thank-you gifts for your ceremoniemeesters and other people directly involved with the preparation of your wedding
- Arrange all rentals

## 1-2 Months before

- Select a make-up artist and arrange a trial with him.
- Assign a friend or family member (it could be one of the ceremoniemeesters) to help with details during the day. They should be able to provide vendors with any information needed as well or know where to obtain the information when needed.
- Arrange the last details for the groom suit or tux.

## 2-3 Weeks before

- Pick up wedding rings
- Confirm all details and communicate any changes to your vendors
- Pick up dress
- Confirm hotel bookings and transportation plans
- Arrange post-wedding tasks
- Confirm number of guests with your caterer
- Arrange meeting with all people involved in the preparation of your wedding

## 1 Week before

- Relax (or try to)
- Go to a spa
- Have a nice night out dinner with your partner



- Respond to last minute changes but without getting too involved. Your ceremonimeesters and “support” team should be able to cover for you.
- Pack bags for honeymoon

#### **3-5 Weeks after**

- After coming back from your honeymoon, your photos are ready.
- Select prints for family members and friends.
- Select prints to include in album
- Discuss special requests (sepia or B&W conversion, photo retouching of blemishes and other details)

#### **1-2 Days before**

- Get a manicure and pedicure
- Print necessary tickets for honeymoon
- Arrange payment envelopes for amount owed to vendors. **6-10 Weeks**  
Let ceremonimeesters handle the payment
- Arrange a list with phone numbers of all vendors involved and give it to your ceremonimeesters (if you didn't before)

- Review album design draft and discuss any possible changes
- Confirm album design
- Order and send Thank-you cards (it would be great to include your vendors in the thank-you list)

#### **Wedding day!**

- Arrival of photographer, hairstylist and makeup artist.
- Ensure that food and drinks are readily available.
- Let “your team” do everything. You are not in charge today. You simply need to relax and enjoy an amazing day.

#### **14-18 Weeks after**

- Receive your wedding album