

Hedsor

HOUSE & PARK

The Wedding Blueprint

HEDSOR'S GUIDE TO
WEDDING PLANNING

The Wedding Timeline

OUR ULTIMATE GUIDE OF WHAT TO DO, AND WHEN TO DO IT

POST ENGAGEMENT

- ☐ Settle on a wedding budget (see our checklist!)
- ☐ Gather names and addresses for your guest list
- ☐ Narrow down potential wedding dates
- ☐ Research wedding venues
- ☐ Decide what's important to you both and choose styles that suit you

UPON BOOKING

- ☐ Finalise your wedding venue and date
- ☐ Book your registrar or religious ceremony
- ☐ Purchase wedding insurance

12 MONTHS TO GO

- ☐ Choose your wedding party
- ☐ Choose and confirm stationery
- ☐ Send out your 'save the dates'
- ☐ Find and book your main vendors: caterer, florist, photographer and production
- ☐ Say 'Yes' to the dress!

8-10 MONTHS TO GO

- ☐ Confirm theme and colour palette
- ☐ Choose suits and bridesmaids' dresses
- ☐ Start looking for your band, entertainment, hair stylist and make-up artist
- ☐ Plan your honeymoon

6-8 MONTHS TO GO

- ☐ Consider accommodation for guests
- ☐ Research and order your cake or equivalent
- ☐ Arrange a menu tasting with your caterer
- ☐ Purchase your wedding rings
- ☐ Start to consider your Hen/Stag events

4-6 MONTHS TO GO

- ☐ Send out final wedding invitations
- ☐ Book catch-up meetings with necessary suppliers
- ☐ Confirm your music requirements with the band or DJ

3 MONTHS TO GO

- ☐ Finalise your menu with your caterer
- ☐ Purchase your wine and water through Hedsor
- ☐ Ensure you have given notice with the registrar or religious equivalent
- ☐ Start to finalise the order of your day
- ☐ Have your hair and make-up trial
- ☐ Go on your Stag/Hen parties
- ☐ Confirm the rooming list for your venue

1 MONTH TO GO

- ☐ Finalise seating arrangements
- ☐ Attend your final dress fitting
- ☐ Confirm details and schedule with all vendors
- ☐ Have your final meeting with the caterer
- ☐ Ensure your final numbers have been communicated to the caterer and venue
- ☐ Order final stationery items such as place names
- ☐ Source additional items such as a guest book, favours, Hedsor honey and cake server
- ☐ Write your wedding speeches and vows
- ☐ Arrange a rehearsal of your religious ceremony (where applicable)

1 WEEK TO GO

- ☐ Arrange final deliveries to your venue
- ☐ Pamper yourself!

The Wedding Budget

OUR GUIDE TO THINGS YOU MAY NEED TO BUDGET FOR

VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

- ☐ Venue hire
- ☐ Accommodation for the night before the wedding
- ☐ Accommodation for the night of the wedding
- ☐ Bedrooms for guests

CEREMONY

- ☐ Registrar fees/religious ceremony fees
- ☐ Venue fee for an on-site ceremony
- ☐ Ceremony decor, such as Mandaps or Chuppahs

FOOD, DRINK AND CAKE

- ☐ Menu tasting (these are sometimes included when you confirm a caterer)
- ☐ Canapés for your reception
- ☐ Sparkling wine and other drinks for your reception
- ☐ Your wedding breakfast
- ☐ Red and white wine for the wedding breakfast
- ☐ Sparkling wine or Champagne for toasts
- ☐ Evening bar service and drinks
- ☐ Wedding cake and cake server
- ☐ Evening food or food station, such as dessert table or cheese board
- ☐ Supplier meals

FLORISTRY

- ☐ Bridal bouquet, bridesmaids' bouquets and buttonholes
- ☐ Aisle decor
- ☐ Aisle runner
- ☐ Table centrepieces and candle decor
- ☐ Entry way floral displays for the reception
- ☐ Thank you bouquets for Mothers of the Bride/Groom

GARMENTS AND GETTING READY

- ☐ Wedding dress and wedding suit
- ☐ Wedding rings
- ☐ Wedding accessories, such as shoes, perfume/cologne, veil
- ☐ Bridesmaids/groomsmen outfits
- ☐ Hair and make-up trial and on the day
- ☐ Beauty treatments, such as a manicure

DECOR, PRODUCTION AND ENTERTAINMENT

- ☐ Stationery, such as save the dates, invitations, welcome sign, seating plan, place names, postage
- ☐ Wedding guest book
- ☐ Wedding guest favours
- ☐ Extras such as a photobooth, magician, childcare
- ☐ AV/Production including lighting, sound system and dance floor
- ☐ Entertainment, such as band or DJ

PHOTOGRAPHY

- ☐ Photographer
- ☐ Videographer or Content Creator
- ☐ An engagement shoot

ADDITIONAL COSTS

- ☐ Hen party or Stag do
- ☐ Transportation, such as a coach or wedding car
- ☐ Rehearsal dinner

POST-WEDDING

- ☐ Honeymoon
- ☐ Thank you cards and wedding party gifts
- ☐ Wedding album and additional prints
- ☐ Any damage deposit fees

Our Insider Tips!

BUDGETING

As a couple, decide where you'd like to splurge and where you'd prefer to save. Remember to ask if prices include VAT, and calculate this into your budget if they don't.

THE BIG DAY ITSELF!

Organise tasks for your Wedding Party to assist with.

Ensure you have a filling breakfast - trust us!

Love every minute and make some incredible memories.

TIPS FROM THE TEAM:

Pick three elements to focus on and work your wedding around these. If things like quality wines, spectacular florals, or a killer party are non-negotiables, then they should form the centre of your planning, and take up a larger share of your planning time and budget.

By Kate Furlong, Senior Wedding Specialist

Save copies of things like beautiful venue brochures, your wedding invitations, menus, cards and polaroid photos for reminiscing down the line. You'll love to look back on these in years to come.

By Michele Connelly, Senior Wedding Specialist

Plan a sneak peek of the fully set-up Ballroom before the event begins. This gives you a quiet moment to soak it all in, take photos in the untouched space, and ensure everything looks just as you envisioned. It's a meaningful way to appreciate all the hard work before the festivities!

By Raman Bharj, Wedding Sales Specialist