



Give your guests the
best experience!





Let's get this party started!

I've been to a lot of weddings and they can be the absolute best time. Here are my top 5 tips for giving your guests a day they'll never forget.

1. Do a first look

Doing your portraits before the ceremony has so many advantages.

Not only do you get to soak each other in without 80 people watching, you also get to spend every moment after the ceremony with your favourite people!

This is the only day you get to have everyone together, so don't leave them for a few hours. Finish the ceremony, grab a drink, and mingle!

You'll get great photos of yourselves interacting with guests, plus you get to enjoy the canapés. Winning!

2. Provide beverages from the start!

It speaks for itself really, but once your guests are at the wedding, feed and water them.

If you're not having a huge gap between the ceremony and reception, there's no need to hold off on opening the bar service. Give them a good time!

3. The band is so important

I've seen a few empty dance floors in my day and it comes down to the music.

An excellent band plays bangers, and encourages guests to hit the dance floor and sing along. It provides so much more atmosphere than an iPhone plugged into a sound system.

Trust me on this one. Research your bands, go and see them play, and if you can't resist the urge to get up and boogie, book them in!





4. Take time with your seating plan

The logistics of your seating plan can be daunting but it's worth taking the time to move people around and see what your options are.

The best layout ensures your guests are seated with people they can have a laugh with, and a fun night ensues.

Chat to your venue about options - can you do three long tables the length of the room? Or perhaps round tables are the only option.

Whatever your layout looks like, write your guests' names on little pieces of paper, draw a picture of your table layout on a larger piece, and move people around each day until you've got it perfect. Hot tip: Bluetac helps a lot here!

5. Destination weddings are epic

Just because we can't leave New Zealand, it doesn't mean a destination wedding is off the cards.

In my experience, when your guests have all travelled to be at your wedding (and often left the kids at home!) everyone is in party mode and ready to make the most of the night. The wedding has a special feeling.

No-one has commitments the next day, they're all on holiday and want to let their hair down.

Do consider the older people in your life and whether they're able to travel. If they can, I say go for it!