



BRIDAL GUIDE

WEDDING PLANNING INSIGHT FOR
THE MODERN BRIDE



THE PLANNING PROCESS

- ▶ Put your wants and needs first! It is your wedding day after all. Take time to think through what items are most important to you. And what elements maybe aren't so important and can be eliminated or simplified to cut costs?
- ▶ Our top cost savings tips? Trim your guest list and have a smaller bridal party! These two tips can potentially save you thousands and allow you to pour your budget into the elements that are especially important to you.
- ▶ Enjoy the planning process! We know there are a million tasks and items to consider. Be sure to take a step back and appreciate the process. If you're feeling stuck or overwhelmed, don't be afraid to ask your friends, family, and even your vendor team for help or recommendations!

BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ▶ Do a trial run with every element of your wedding day look! Be sure to include make up, hair, accessories, shoes, and undergarments!
- ▶ Consider gifts for your close family and bridal party. It doesn't have to be anything over-the-top either. A simple handwritten note or small gift will let those closest to you know how much you appreciate them.
- ▶ Designate someone to be your “social media manager for the day”! A friend or bridal party member can capture photos throughout the day for you to post and tag later. This way, you can spend your wedding day enjoying every moment instead of being attached to your phone!
- ▶ Prepare a photo shot list. Your photographer will likely have a basic one already, but write out specific memories from your wedding day that you want documented!
- ▶ Pack for your honeymoon! Even if you are going to wait to leave for it, have this bag ready to go (for your spouse too!)
- ▶ Finalize all details and wrap up loose ends with vendors: shot lists, head counts for caterer, seating charts.
- ▶ Relax, breathe and get excited! We're excited for you!



THE WEDDING DAY



- ▶ Weddings don't magically happen on their own! Delegate day of tasks to a bridesmaid, family member, or, if your budget permits, a day-of-coordinator to ensure everything runs smoothly.
- ▶ Create a thorough packing list with photos and details of all the decor and personal items you are planning to bring to the venue! Snap a quick photo on your phone and put into a word document. Your planner will thank you and everything will be set up exactly as you envisioned!
- ▶ Take photos before the ceremony! First looks have become very popular over the years as a way to save time and enjoy a private moment with your soon-to-be spouse!
- ▶ Wear, or at least bring, a pair of comfortable shoes! You don't want to choose uncomfortable heels to wear ALL day! Trust us!
- ▶ **EAT SOMETHING!** In the midst of the craziness, don't forget to eat. And ask the caterer to prepare you and your new husband's meal to-go!
- ▶ Prepare yourself for the possibility that things can go wrong. Every event is bound to have something that doesn't go to plan. But that's okay! Don't sweat the small stuff!
- ▶ Enjoy the moment. Soak in every single detail of your wedding day. In a flash, it will be over and you don't want to rush or worry through it. Look around you, take a breath, and have fun!



AFTER THE WEDDING

- ▶ Designate specific friends or family members to gather your personal items and decor at the end of the night.
- ▶ While you're at it, have your planner or bridal party gather all of your cards and two extra slices of cake to send with you at the end of the night! You'll have so much fun with your spouse reading cards and indulging in extra wedding cake at the hotel!
- ▶ Consider planning for a day "off" before leaving for your honeymoon! Catch up with family that came to town, spend the day with your bridesmaids, or with your new spouse!



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Our mission is to create organic, unique floral designs for sophisticated and romantic weddings by being attentive to details and maintaining intimate customer service. We strive to bring your visions to life in a manner that is as stress free as possible so you can just enjoy being a bride.

Contact us through our website or via email to hello@faithandflowersla.com to get on our calendar. We can't wait to meet you!

MUCH LOVE,

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