

DESTINATION WEDDING PLANNING LIST

12+ MONTHS TO GO

1. Work out your budget. (don't forget travel expenses like airfare and accommodations.)
2. Draft up your guest list.
3. Decide on a country or area you'd like to get married in.
4. Talk about marriage license options since they vary from country to country.
5. Make sure you have needed passports and documents.
6. Hire a planner.
7. Book a travel agent that specializes in destination weddings.
8. Secure a wedding venue and set your date!
9. Check if you need wedding insurance (some venues require it.)
10. Reserve your honeymoon suite.

9-11 MONTHS TO GO

1. Recruit your bridal party.
2. Send out Save The Dates.
3. Set up a hotel room block for wedding guests.
4. Create a wedding website that includes details on travel and accommodations.
5. Plan any additional wedding-related events.
6. Create your gift registry.
7. Purchase your wedding day attire
8. Purchase your airline tickets. Get those earlybird deals!
9. Work with your wedding planner or venue coordinator to find vendors.

6-8 MONTHS TO GO

1. Take engagement photos.
2. Create the menu.
3. Book the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner location.
4. Schedule your dress fitting and get your bridal party attire.
5. Order the wedding invitations.
6. Set dates and locations for bridal showers and bachelor/bachelorette parties.
7. Book wedding-day transportation, if needed.
8. Book the rest of your vendors.

3-5 MONTHS TO GO

1. Finalize the guest list and get the invitations out!
2. Start scheduling any informal recreational activities.
3. Purchase wedding rings and accessories (such as veil, wedding shoes, and undergarments).
4. Finalize honeymoon plans.

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6-8 WEEKS TO GO

1. Finalize and confirm the hotel bookings, readings, photography shot list, menu, rentals, etc.
2. Get any required vaccines before traveling to your destination.
3. Make sure you have all the necessary legal documents ready.
4. Order wedding favors for your guests.
5. Buy gifts for the wedding party and parents.
6. Arrange welcome bags for your guests.

3-5 WEEKS TO GO

1. Send anything you can't take with you to your on-site wedding coordinator
2. Pick up your wedding rings.
3. Have your final dress fitting.
4. Check in with any guests who haven't RSVP'd yet.
5. Start putting a packing list together.

1-2 WEEKS TO GO

1. Pick up your gown.
2. Confirm flight numbers and arrival times for all the key players in your wedding.
3. Finalize seating arrangements and have a seating chart or place cards created.
4. Put together a Bridal Emergency Kit.
5. Check the weather report.
6. Start packing!
7. Figure out tips and final payments for vendors.
8. Schedule a massage.

4-5 DAYS TO GO (ONCE YOU ARRIVE)

1. Do a walk-through of your ceremony and reception venue.
2. Meet with your coordinator and other vendors.
3. Get your marriage license.
4. Have a tasting with your caterer/cake maker.
5. Make sure welcome bags will be delivered to guests' rooms.
6. Do a makeup & hair trial.
7. Enjoy a mani-pedi.