

# PRACTICAL WEDDING CHECKLIST

For a care-free Destination Wedding in Crete  
by My Planner

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To begin, begin.. goes the old adage. When it comes to planning your wedding, your schedule is one of the most invaluable tools and a checklist makes for the best start. My Planner Destination Wedding Planning Checklist below was crafted to help you through what to plan and when, and get the assistance you wish for in keeping your wedding planning process streamlined.

## Up to 12 months out

### Financial

- Schedule your Financial contributions & Set your (realistic) wedding budget
- Create a tentative guest list –relevant to the budget & ideal venue
- Consider getting wedding insurance
- Find a professional planner you click with -Do your research!

### Style & Vibe

- Decide who will be in your wedding party – large or small party
- Decide on your ideal wedding vibe (colours & style)
- Start designing your Invitations/save the date cards
- Research Wedding dress & bridal party attire
- Research your preferred decorative items -Pinterest can be your friend!
- Decide your ceremony type (symbolic, civil, religious)
- Consider your food service style (Individual plate, buffet, family style, mixed)

### Bookings

- Pick your venue
- Finalize date for reception & ceremony
- Book your flights & accommodation.
- Start building your vendors team with your planner

### Other

- Start thinking about your honeymoon
  - Make sure you will be able to take leave from work
  - Research good-health practices for your body, skin and internal wellness
  - Consider creating a wedding website
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## **6 months out**

### Considerations

- Discuss and decide on the style of suits for your fiancé and his party
- Start researching your wedding rings
- Refine the guest list
- Research the necessary ceremony paperwork

### Bookings

- Decide on the style of your dress, and book the dressmaker or order the dress
  - Book your honeymoon and arrange any necessary vaccination and documents
  - Arrange your gift registry if you plan on using one
  - Book your wedding preparations and wedding night accommodation
  - Consider pre-marriage counselling
  - Finalize vendor team
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## **4 months out**

- Make your deposits for wedding dress & bridal party
  - Buy your Wedding rings
  - Send out fees where needed
  - Put together your ceremony paperwork
  - Consider transportation and/or accommodation for out of town guests
  - Send invitations
  - Keep a list of gifts received and who they are from
  - Arrange all necessary deposits for honeymoon
  - Arrange your party favours if you plan on having those
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## **2 months out**

- You should be receiving RSVPS by now
- You should be attending fittings of your dress
- Men's suits should be fitted and hired
- Plan your bridal showers and pre-wedding celebrations
- Buy a guestbook
- Consider taking dance classes
- Appoint your ushers, and ensure they know what their responsibilities are
- Appoint readers/other participants for your wedding service
- Select the readings for your ceremony
- Shop for your party clothes for your pre-wedding celebration and honeymoon
- Consider buying gifts for your bridal party

### 1 month to go

- Check back with your vendors/ your planner
  - Arrange final fittings on your dress
  - Start wearing your bridal shoes in
  - Go for your Hair and make-up trials
  - Finalize your Seating plan & chart
  - Make final decisions on you Pre-wedding and post-wedding party
  - Make any final payments
  - Arrange any foreign currency, travellers cheques, travel insurance
  - Decide who will perform the speeches and how much time they have (ideal: 5min)
  - Make sure your bridal party knows what is required of them
  - Select music for the ceremony
  - Choose the music for the reception (reception entrance, first dance, cake etc)
  - Provide your favorite Spotify music playlist to your DJ/ planner
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### 2 weeks to go

- Final fitting for the bride and attendants
  - Confirm that all legal documents are in order
  - Make sure all your accessories are set
  - Start packing for your destination wedding & honeymoon
  - Arrange to have the order of service delivered to your ushers
  - Share your timeline with your guests
  - Pick up some thank you cards to give to your parents/loved ones on the day
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### 1 week to go

- Collect your dress, and give it a once over when you return home
  - Put together a few items for your handbag (deodorant, bandaids, Panadol etc)
  - Prepare your speech if you plan to give one
  - Confirm roles & responsibilities with family and bridal party
  - Consider having reserved signs placed on the first few rows for close family
  - Travel to your wedding destination
  - Deliver any items you bring with you to the venue (eg personalised favors etc)
  - Pack overnight bags and deliver these to the hotel prior to the wedding
  - Arrange for someone to make any necessary payments on the day
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### The Night Before

- Layout your clothes for the next day
  - Make sure you've gathered all the necessary pieces for your trousseau
  - Set aside everything you plan to take with you during the day
  - Do something fun and relaxing with your best friend or your spouse-to-be
  - Arrange for some light snacks to be delivered for before/after your preps
  - Get an early night in!
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### On the Day

- Enjoy a long shower or a nice bubble bath and get a fresh breakfast
  - Get a fresh breakfast
  - Drink your water
  - Try to stay calm & enjoy every aspect of your day! It will fly-by in just a sec!
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Need some further assistance planning your wedding in Crete?

We're here for you to make certain that every box on this list gets checked!

Our wedding planning expertise has turned this checklist into a seamless process which will help you experience this phase of your life with utter joy and excitement! Reach out!

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