

The Ultimate Wedding Plan

- Sit down together to make sure you're on the same wave length. Discuss and agree what kind of wedding you both want.
- Draw up a budget (this can be tricky so do some research)
- Start planning the guest list. Decide on approximate number of guests - this may impact your choice of venues, cost and some of the extras you would like
- Pick potential wedding dates - Take in to account family members abroad.
- Research potential wedding venues and ceremony locations - if separate
- Pop the question to your bridesmaids and groomsmen. Its good to get them on board early, many hands makes light work.
- Enlist any helpers/talented friends of family with aspects of the wedding (for the cake, flowers, dresses etc). If you have family or friends who got married recently ask them about there suppliers, venues, etc. It may cut down research time.
- Optional: Have an engagement party

1-2 Months Before The Wedding

- Visit and book reception venue and ceremony locations
- Visit a number of wedding exhibitions & show cases.
- Research potential wedding services and suppliers – photographer, florist, invitations, cake, decor, music, hair and make up and of course **check the availability of Studio Plus Video Productions for your wedding day video.**
- Consider and review wedding insurance options
- Decide what type of entertainment you want for ceremony, drinks reception and dancing
- Book Photographer
- Book Studio Plus Video Productions for your video.
- Research and consider options for your venue and ceremony decor.
- Wedding car hire, type and cost.
- Also will your guests need transport to the venue? Will you need bus hire.
- Start wedding dress research. This may require a number of meetings over coffee and consultations with friends. Note you will have to book an appointment with wedding dress suppliers in advance.
- Tell family members and friends abroad to save the date of your wedding so that they can check and book the best deals for travel plans.
- Book Wedding Car and Bus if required.

8/10 months before

- Research and go to see bands, musicians etc. Make sure you know the kind of music that will be right for your type of day and your guests.
- Book ceremony music, band and dj for reception
- Research and reserve accommodations for guests. Most hotels will reserve a number of rooms for you at a special rate.
- Research, locate and get costing on any items that you may need to rent for ceremony/reception, such as red carpet,
- Book Honeymoon
- Order wedding cake
- Book Groom's and Groomsmen's Suits
- Book Pre-Marriage Course

6/8 months before

- Book ceremony musicians
- Ensure passports are in date for honeymoon – order new ones if necessary
- Start planning honeymoon - make sure you get travel insurance.
- Start planning Hen & Stag Parties - well not you, the best man and bridesmaids should!
- Hotel table themes.

4-6 months before

- Choose bridesmaids' dresses & Shoes
- Choose and order wedding invitations & stationery
- Attend pre-marriage counselling, if required
- Meet with florist to discuss options
- Shop for groom's suit
- Organise the legalities — give at least 3 months notice to registrar or priest/religious celebrant
- Decide on prayers, readings and music for mass booklets — check with your priest / registrar
- Organise invitations and order of service booklets
- Arrange travel vaccinations if necessary
- Organise wedding transport

- Start gathering addresses for guest list – create spreadsheet for RSVPs
- Organise wedding candles.

2-3 months before

- Send invitations to guests
- Order wedding rings
- Rent the men's formalwear
- Attend dress fittings
- Choose wedding rings
- Organise gifts for parents, bridesmaids, groomsmen and each other
- Book hairdresser and organise hair trial
- Book a makeup artist and go for makeup trial
- Go on Hen / Stag nights
- Recover.

4 weeks before

- Meet with Studio Plus Video Productions to go through the finer details of the day.
- Meet with photographer decide on photo shoot venue. Put a back up plan for poor weather. Remember it is Ireland after all.
- Have final wedding dress fitting
- Make any last-minute adjustments with suppliers
- Finalise details for, and order mass booklets/order of ceremony
- Order and plan in-room welcome baskets for out-of-town guests
- Start seating plan - who will sit with who?
- Time schedule for the day. What time will the make-up and hair need to be at the bride's house, cars etc, seating time for dinner?

- Get list of those who will be making speeches and get them to write them down.

2 weeks before

- Review final RSVP list and call any guests who have not yet responded
- Give final numbers to Hotel. Finalise seating plan.
- Get two bottles of Champagne, One for the bride's house & one for the grooms.
- Have a few small parties with family and friends in the run up to the day.
- organise breakfast for the morning and a few sandwiches and water for the wedding car, it will be a long day and dinner wont be until 6.00pm.
- Then sit back enjoy the day and let the show begin.