



# The Destination Wedding Checklist



In this checklist we have brought together some of the most important Q&As that are vital to consider when planning your wedding abroad.

**Let's make it a success together by staying informed!**

## 12 Months Out

- Choose your dream wedding destination.** Maybe you already have a mood board of your big loud wedding in majestic mountains of Georgia or romantic elopement at the birthplace of Aphrodite? Or maybe your camera is full of Santorini aesthetic snapshots? It is about the time to put a pin!
- Determine your budget.** It's a big challenge, but you should accept it! We recommend determining the budget you would like to meet + leaving some gap for pleasant additions:)
- Create a guest list.** The second great challenge for every couple. But thanks to previous step you already have the exact budget, so it will make the process of guest list creation much easier.

## 11 Months Out

- Hire a wedding planner.** A wedding planner will act as your right hand to expedite and facilitate many aspects of your wedding. Leave yourself only the most pleasant moments of preparation, and entrust the rest to a professional:)



- Check your documents status.** Ask your wedding planner about the complete document list that you will need to register your marriage + don't forget about your visa!
- Discuss all the priorities.** At this stage, it is time to decide which moments in the wedding you and your significant other prioritize the most. Bear in mind the the country you choose matters a lot, hence identify the things you are not willing to give up.

After you tick all these pre-preparation steps, it's time to move to the next exciting part - preparation to your wedding!



## 10 Months Out

- Create your wedding mood board.** We are sure that you have been dreaming about this day and have already collected references of all the desired details of your wedding, but if not, it's time to open Pinterest.
- Choose your wedding style.** There are many wedding styles, such as rustic, minimalist, boho and many others. Many aspects depend on the style of the wedding, for example, the choice of location, so we advise you to decide now. If you're not sure what wedding style you like, we recommend taking a look at our Instagram, where we share photos from our projects. We are sure you will find something for yourself there)
- Book the venue.** One of the biggest wedding races is booking your dream location. We advise you to do this as early as possible. Difficult choice? Ask your wedding planner for advice. They can also help arrange an online inspection if you are unable to fly in yourself.



## 9 Months Out

- Choose the wedding pantone.** Now is the time to decide on the color scheme of the entire wedding, because not only the decor, but also the invitations, dress code, bouquet and other details will depend on it. For example, we are delighted with the main color of 2024 - peach fuzz.
- Hire the vendors.** Photographers, videographers, decorators, florists, DJ and the MC are some of the most important participants in the preparation of your wedding. Not only the event itself, but also the memories depend on them. Therefore, we advise you to book those you like in advance.
- Select the hotel for you and your guests.** It's always more relaxing when a good hotel is booked in advance, especially if you're planning a wedding during the high season!

## 8 Months Out

- Preapre all references for vendors.** A very pleasant, but responsible stage. We are sure that you have already accumulated many ideas for the design of the arch, tables, entrance area and other things, but now you need to choose the best ones!
- Think about your wedding dress.** No, it's not too early at all!:) The search for the perfect wedding dress usually takes a lot of time. And if you are going to tailor a dress, then now is the time to contact the atelier to make it on time.
- Create the invitations design.** Since we are planning a destination wedding, it is important to think about invitations in advance in order to inform the guests in time. Here it is worth paying attention not only to the design, but also to the format of the invitation - whether you appreciate the beauty of classic invitation cards or prefer digital possibilities.



Congrats! you're 5 months closer to your BIG DAY! Now let's get ready to the second half of preparation.



## 7 Months Out

- Book your hair and makeup artist.** A wedding is not the time to do your hair and makeup by yourself, so we highly recommend hiring a professional. But remember that today these specialists are in great demand, so it is worth booking in advance.
- Compose your wedding menu.** It is important to discuss with the restaurant in advance the possibility of implementing a menu based on your unique preferences, so that they have the opportunity to introducing everything necessary in advance. We also advise you to pay attention to the alcohol menu so that there is enough champagne for everyone!
- Choose your cake.** Time to think about the most delicious part:) Your wedding planner will definitely recommend the best bakers, and all you have to do is decide on the design, filling and size!

## 6 Months Out

- Send the invitations.** As we have already said, since we are planning a destination wedding , it is very important to notify guests in time about the place and date of your celebration. Therefore, 6 months before the wedding is the right time to send invitations.
- Create your wedding gift wishlist.** Make life easier for yourself and your guests - make a wishlist with the most desired wedding gifts, so that everyone has the opportunity to choose what to give. When compiling a list, keep in mind that your guests are flying to you from other countries, so you should think about how to simplify the transportation of the gift.
- Buy your wedding bands.** Let's be honest , this is one of the most long-awaited parts of preparation :)

## 5 Months Out

- Arrange the first call with your MC.** The MC's program should be as unique as your wedding, so it's important to meet in advance to discuss all the important points for you. This will help the host prepare so that the celebration goes perfectly!
- Check your documents status (AGAIN).** For your peace of mind, we recommend that you double-check that you have all the necessary documents, especially if you need a visa.



- Start preparing your first dance.** The first dance is one of the most exciting moments of the entire wedding. You will feel calmer and more confident if you start preparing in advance.

## 4 Months Out

- Share your dreams about wedding bouquet.** Choosing a wedding bouquet among many beautiful ones, can be a challenging and pleasant task. . The sooner you give the planner your bouquet references, the easier it will be for the florist to find the most suitable flowers. If you're not sure about the design, you can always ask your planner for advice or check our instagram to find inspiration.
- Book the transfers for you and your guests.** This is not only about transfer from the airport:) Depending on the selected locations and the characteristics of the wedding day, you may need a different type of transport for comfortable travel. Ask your wedding planner to help you book your transfer.
- Start preparing your vows.** Writing vows is a very sentimental and exciting process that is worth devoting enough time to.

WOW! Your wedding is in 3 months!  
Let's move on to the final part of  
your preparation!



## 3 Months Out

- Check all the statuses of the preparation process with your wedding planner.** It's worth double check all the dates and deadlines with the team, so if there are extra materials or services needed there are no setbacks or delays. This is also a great time to make minor adjustments if needed.





- Share your photoshoot desires with the photographer.** Of course, each photographer has his own style and we are sure that you took it into account when choosing. But, if you have any special wishes for the shoot, share them with the photographer so that your photographs will bring you even more joy. The same advice applies to videographers :)
- Schedule your makeup and hair trial.** We highly recommend having a hair and makeup trial before your wedding. Firstly, it will add confidence to you about your look, and secondly, it will protect you from unpleasant surprises. We advise you to prepare several examples that you like to show them to your stylist.

## 2 Months Out

- Finalize your ceremony and dinner programme with your MC.** At this stage, you can once again discuss and make final adjustments to the MC's program. Now everything will definitely go perfect!:)
- Give your wedding playlist to your DJ.** Each of us has special songs that are ideal for such an important day. Share your playlist and preferences with your DJ to make the wedding atmosphere even more fairy tale and special.
- Make all necessary cosmetologic procedures that require a recovery period.** It really is better to plan this in advance so that your skin looks perfect by the wedding day. We also do not recommend trying new procedures before the wedding!

## 1 Month Out

- Doublecheck your wedding look.** Now you need to make sure that the dress, shoes and all accessories fit perfectly. If adjustments need to be made, you still have some time to do it! A little advise - break in your wedding shoes!
- Book final beauty appointments.** We are talking about manicure, pedicure, massage and other beauty treatments that bring only joyful emotions.
- Reveal the final number of guests to your wedding venue.** At this stage, you already know exactly how many guests will be present at your wedding. Share this list with your wedding venue so they can prepare everything.
- Enjoy yours stag/hen party!** But please don't forget about the wedding :D

# CELEBRATE IT!





## Congratulations!

If you have gone through all the steps of this checklist, you can be sure that your wedding will be perfect! However, if for some reason you don't have a whole year to plan your wedding or you need help at some stages, you can always turn to Ori for help! Our team of professionals will be happy to answer all your questions and help you create the wedding of your dreams!



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