

TRAVELBASH

THE DESTINATION WEDDING TIMELINE



12 months

12-18 months...Start thinking about what your wedding day looks like! (*How many guests? Time of Year*)

- Think about destinations and what elements are most important.
- Create a budget around all the must-haves and plan for 10-20% more.
- Start getting organized, time to shop for a binder, notebook, etc to keep all wedding-related info together, etc...
- Draft a guest list and divide it into A and B groups (*Note: According to The Knot, if you invite 100, less than half will attend*).
- Browse *Pinterest* and create a board with ideas.
- Schedule engagement photos, if necessary.
- Reach Out for Help (Hire a destination wedding travel advisor and/or wedding planner)
- Decide if you will have a legal or symbolic ceremony. If you are planning a legal ceremony, start compiling documents.
- Choose your wedding party. Check out these cool ideas to tell them.

9-11 months

- Book wedding location.
- Choose the wedding package and confirm if you selected an all-inclusive resort.
- Make sure all venues have been booked and deposited.
- Work with a travel advisor to secure accommodations from hotel rooms to villas.
- Make an initial deposit for the room block or villa rental.
- Determine if you will have additional wedding events (*Ex: Welcome Cocktail, Brunch, Back Home Reception, etc.*).
- Start to select vendors like hair/makeup, photographer, caterer, etc...
- Create a wedding website.
- Start a private Facebook group for all guests
- Set up a wedding/honeymoon registry.
- Send out save the dates. Use code: TravelBash to save 20%.
- Finalize the guest list and send it to your travel advisor.
- Apply for or renew passports. Check the expiration date!
- Schedule an on-site resort visit (*Many resorts will apply a credit to your wedding package*).
- Reserve your honeymoon resort if different from the wedding venue/hotel.
- Get to know your on-site coordinator.
- If you want/need to start a workout routine, here is the time to get on a plan!

8-10 months

- Continue to confirm vendors, ex: entertainment, DJ, etc...
- Start brainstorming photo ideas.
- Decide if you will trash the dress.
- Start thinking about hair/makeup styles. Keep a photo board to share. Make bookings and consults early.
- Let's shop! The search is on for your wedding attire and party. Check out these tips!
- If you are planning an additional honeymoon, make sure all the components have been finalized.
- What's for dessert? Cake? Donuts, Churros, Candy Bars? Confirm with your pastry chef covered. If this is an all-inclusive event, your wedding coordinator will finalize three months in advance.

6-8 months

- Start brainstorming ideas for the ceremony and reception (*Note: Your on-site coordinator might not have reached out yet for all-inclusive brides*).
- Check out our flight guidelines.
- Finalize RSVPs and ensure that guests are making payments.
- Make any final wedding attire orders.
- Schedule any bridal party excursions and/or special events with loved ones.
- If you're using the onsite team for hair/makeup now is a good time to book your appointment.

4-6 months

- Start working on ceremony & reception details with the on-site property wedding coordinator or venue manager. If you are getting married at an off-site location or not at a hotel, work with your wedding planner to make sure all of the little details have been worked out. Ex: officiant, what song will you walk down the aisle to, menu cards, table set-ups etc...
- Finalize décor, flower, menu and cake selections.
- Start thinking about welcome bags for your guests.
- Create music playlists on Tidal/Spotify/Apple Music etc. for wedding day tunes. Your DJ will request this from you as well.
- Confirm that all guests are on track with payments and deadlines.
- Order any wedding-related products you need for your wedding day.
- Purchase any wedding accessories.
- Start thinking about vows.
- Start a facial routine and nutrition plan if necessary.

3-4 months

- Shop for wedding rings.
- For legal ceremonies, send paperwork.
- Choose and purchase wedding party gifts (*We say ditch them and choose an excursion instead*).
- Arrange any other weekend events (*ex: rehearsal dinner, morning after brunch etc..*).
- Last call to book any flights (*Parents, friends or honeymoon included*).
- Confirm final ceremony details (*songs, reading, day of events*).
- Confirm the shot list with the photographer (*Share your Pinterest board with them*).
- Talk to the videographer or content creator to go over all the wedding day logistics.
- Confirm the final guest list and release any unnecessary rooms with the hotel/resort.
- Purchase parent's gift (*optional*).
- Purchase fiancé gift (*optional*).
- Final payments are due for all reservations.
- Hair and makeup Trials! (*Test that new color/lashes/ eye color*).

2-3 months

- Last-minute dress alterations and try-ons.
- Finalize vows.
- Finalize any group excursion details with the travel advisor.
- Finalize all wedding day itineraries.
- Finalize any wedding balances and due dates.
- Schedule final fittings for the wedding.
- Purchase a Wally Bag or Garment bag to carry your dress.
- Maybe a tan for some or teeth whitening for others.
- Send out a welcome letter or put it in your welcome wedding bag/box.
- Anything that needs to be shipped, do this now!

1 month

- Assign responsibilities to the wedding party and other guests.
- Pick up wedding attire.
- Review travel documents.
- Send announcement details to the local newspaper (*optional*).
- Confirm beauty appointments. Including a trial run once you arrive at the resort.
- Get pre-wedding itinerary/travel info to guests (*Travel advisor will assist with this*).

1-2 weeks

- Pick up wedding rings.
- Last minutes updates to your wedding website.
- If you opted for a symbolic ceremony and are not getting legally married in the destination, get hitched! Make it official, meaning get that marriage certificate, hold that ceremony and make it official.
- Start packing (*Do not wait until the week of the wedding*).
- Confirm all travel arrangements.
- Schedule any last-minute beauty appointments including making sure brows are on point!
- Finalize photo schedule.
- Finalize the seating chart with the wedding coordinator.
- Prepare tips in envelopes for vendors.
- Exchange some cash for the country's currency (*optional, always carry USD*).
- Make sure you have chargers/plugs etc.
- A few days before you leave...WAX!

Upon Arrival

- Enjoy a cocktail. You have arrived in paradise!
- Meet with your wedding coordinator, event/hotel staff and/or travel advisor to review any last-minute details. (*Usually 2-3 days out from wedding for all-inclusive brides*).
- Touch base with the officiant.
- Hair and makeup trial if needed.
- Make sure the hotel steams wedding day attire.
- Deliver welcome Bags and gifts (*Resorts will charge a fee for this, usually \$4-5 per room*).
- Enjoy some alone time before everyone makes their way to the resort/hotel!

Day Before

- Have a full healthy breakfast.
- Limit alcohol consumption, but do stay hydrated (*for bloating purposes*).
- Walkthroughs are always fun! Here is the opportunity to do just that.
- Enjoy the bridal party, show appreciation and schedule something fun for them.
- Greet and enjoy all guests
- Get ready, and make sure to have fun, you are about to go from Miss to Mrs.