

# Destination Wedding Planning Checklist

*Destination wedding do require some additional planning and preparation to ensure everything runs smoothly before and during the day. But don't stress! Whether you're jetting interstate or going abroad for your big day, keep this destination wedding planning checklist handy to keep yourself on track.*

## 12+ MONTHS

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*Set an overall wedding budget*

*Start mapping out a rough guest list*

*Decide on your wedding destination and start researching possible venue options*

*Pencil in a wedding date*

*Consider a pre-wedding trip to scout locations*

*Research the marriage requirements at your destination*

*Double check your passport and travel visas (if required) to make sure they're up to date*

## 10 - 12 MONTHS

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*Secure your venue with a deposit*

*Finalize your guest list and send out your save the dates*

*Create a wedding website and share the URL with your guests.*

*Choose your wedding party members*

*Organize time off with your employers (if required)*

*Research and book your priority vendors, including your wedding planner, photographer, and celebrant*

*Reserve your wedding day accommodation*

*Begin researching accommodation options for guests*

*Set up a flight alert for your destination*

*Define your wedding style and priorities for the day*

## 8 - 10 MONTHS

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*Book your flights*

*Research and book all other wedding suppliers*

*Start looking for your dream dress*

*Start your pre-wedding skincare, beauty, and wellness routine*

## 6 - 10 MONTHS

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*Send out your formal wedding invitations*

*If any of your guests are travelling with children, start thinking about childcare arrangements for the day*

*Finalize guest transport to and from the wedding, including any airport and hotel transfers*

*Finalize any pre or post-wedding events including welcome dinners, ceremony rehearsals, and recovery lunches*

*Finalize your honeymoon plans*

*Purchase your wedding rings*

## 2 - 4 MONTHS

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*Begin writing your wedding vows*

*Confirm ceremony proceedings with your celebrant*

*Confirm all RSVPs and send your final headcount to any relevant suppliers*

*Finalize your reception seating plan*

*Create your wedding day-of timeline, or have your wedding planner do this for you*

*Double check that all legal documents have been submitted and approved*

*Book any final pre-wedding beauty treatments*

*Send your wedding reception playlist to your DJ or entertainer*

*Organize welcome bags for your guests*

*Finalize your wedding menu with your caterer or venue coordinator*

*Work with your wedding photographer to create a shot-list for the day*

*Get any required vaccines for your destination*

*Check in with your guests to let them know of any flight and accommodation deals*

*Purchase your bridal shoes and any other wedding day accessories*

## 1 MONTH

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*Create a packing list for your trip*

*Print and organize all necessary travel documents*

*Settle all final invoices with your venue and suppliers*

*Attend your final dress fitting and pick up your wedding dress*

## THE FINAL WEEK

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*Arrive at your destination a few days before your guests to settle in*

*Meet with your wedding planner and do a final venue walk-through*

*Meet and greet guests as they arrive*

*Attend your hair and make up trials*

*Squeeze in a final massage and mani-pedi*

*Give thank you gifts to your wedding party*

*Attend your pre-wedding festivities*

*Relax, take a deep breath, and get married!*

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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- [\*Things you need to include on your destination wedding website\*](#)
- [\*Wedding vision & priorities worksheet\*](#)
- [\*Step-by-step pre-wedding beauty timeline\*](#)
- [\*Wedding day packing list\*](#)
- [\*The Do's and Don'ts of destination wedding planning\*](#)
- [\*Wedding website builder for destination weddings\*](#)
- [\*Digital wedding planner & projectment platform to help you stay organized\*](#)

## WEBSITES

For more wedding planning tools visit [websites.com](https://www.websites.com)