

Wedding Checklist for Ireland

First decisions

Discuss what type of Irish wedding you would like with your partner

What about an engagement party?

Choose potential wedding dates - run dates by your most important guests to make sure they can attend

Investigate potential venues

Chose your bridesmaid and groomsmen

Put a budget in place

Plan a guest list. Know how many you expect to invite, the amount of guests will effect your venue choice

Explore the possibility of creating a website for your wedding

Recruit any gifted family members you may wish to have create some aspects of your wedding

Create a pinterest account for wedding ideas and styles

Consider hiring a wedding planner, for complete planning or on-the-day planning

12 Months Ahead of The Wedding

Research wedding service providers - ask friends for recommendations

Book your reception venue and ceremony location - make sure you have visited these

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Get an engagement photo taken

Will you take out wedding insurance?

Make a decision on what type of entertainment you want

Explore your Wedding dress options. Purchase some bridal magazines to give you an idea of styles

Send save-the-date cards, important do to early if many people have to travel to Ireland from abroad

Secure your photographer and date with a deposit

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8/10 months ahead

Make a list of the local accommodation close to your venue

Discuss Styling options with your wedding planner if you have one

Check out music bands and all musical options

Discuss wedding cake options, ideally taste the recipe to see if you like it. NB. if any guests have nut allergies

Send out save-the-date cards

See if you need a pre-marriage course

6/8 months ahead

Select and order your wedding rings

Discuss honeymoon options with your fiance

Discuss Stag and Hen party options with your bridal party

Check your passports are valid

4-6 months ahead

Create a wedding gift list if you are going to use one

Select invitation stationary

Shortlist flowers for your wedding. NB. See what flower will be in season for your wedding day

Discuss Groom's suit for the wedding

Ensure all marriage paper work has been sent and received by church and civil authorities

Plan a shopping trip with bridesmaids

Shortlist readings and music. Confirm if priest has any restrictions on music

Proof read booklets

Check if you need any travel vaccinations

Book wedding car. Check to see if guests need transport, especially any guests coming from overseas

Create guest list and RSVP list. Include any special requests in this list

2-3 months ahead

Decide on groom's and best man's dresshire

Book final fitting appointments

Arrange hair trial appointment

At 6 weeks out post invitations

Arrange make up and tan trial

4 weeks ahead

Final fitting

Check list with suppliers, confirm everything by email

Send all printing jobs to print, don't forget to proof read

Practise your first dance and chose your first dance song

2 weeks ahead

Check off RSVP list. Get final number count

1 week ahead

Practise your speeches - Speeches are very popular at weddings in Ireland

Inform wedding planner (if using one) and venue of any last minute requests

Sign off on Table plan

48 hours do final guest list count

Give table plan to the hotel wedding co ordinator

Let the venue know what time to expect deliveries from your wedding suppliers

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- Have all beauty treatments done the day before and spray tan 2 days so it doesn't stain
- Confirm all arrangements and times with suppliers
- Dress rehearsal the night before wedding
- Pack your wedding suitcase
- Have suitcase packed for Honeymoon or mini moon
- Arrange for bestman or wedding co ordinator to collect money for suppliers

2-3 days ahead

- Check the weather forecast
- Make sure all the gents suits are the correct size and are collected
- Re-confirm wedding details with suppliers
- Check table plan and download to a memory stick in case you have any last minute changes

Day ahead

- Provide the wedding coordinator or hotel with all the suppliers' numbers
- Arrange payments into separate envelopes
- Email table plan to the hotel in case you need to rearrange table plan
- Check with the hotel re delivery and storage of the cake
- Don't forget to go asleep, it's too late now !!

Your Wedding Day!

Check the bestman has the rings in a safe place

Leave gifts for the wedding party at the venue with the hotel manager or wedding coordinator

Make sure the bestman has all the correct envelopes for the suppliers

Assign a bridesmaid to liaise with the photographer on the day. Make sure she knows the key party members

After the Wedding

Don't forget to get your bridesmaid to leave your dress into the dry cleaners

Have a family member drop back any rental equipment

Write you thank you cards to everybody who was involved in your wedding

I hope this checklist is helpful. If you would like to discuss the wedding planning services I provide, please email maria@theeventdesigncompany.ie ([mailto:maria@theeventdesigncompany.ie?subject=Wedding Planning Query](mailto:maria@theeventdesigncompany.ie?subject=Wedding%20Planning%20Query) from [Wedding checklist page](#)) or simply pick up your phone and call me at +353 (0) 83 007 8057 . Enjoy your Irish Wedding!

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