

Royal Wedding Calendar Checklist

# **9 to 12 months prior to wedding day:**

[ ]  Arrange a gathering for you and your parents.

[ ]  Determine budget and how expenses will be shared.

[ ]  Discuss the size, style, location, and scope of the wedding you want.

[ ]  Choose a target wedding date and time. (The actual date will depend on venue availability.)

[ ]  Create a binder to store and organize ideas, worksheets, receipts, brochures, etc.

[ ]  Visit and reserve wedding and reception sites.

[ ]  Meet with your officiant.

[ ]  Start compiling your guest list to estimate head count. Consider budget when thinking about “must-invites” versus “nice-to-invites.”

[ ]  Begin shopping for the wedding gown.

# **6 to 9 months prior:**

[ ]  Choose the members of your wedding party.

[ ]  Enroll in wedding/shower gift registries.

[ ]  Hire a photographer and a videographer.

[ ]  Book an engagement photo session, especially if you plan to include a professional engagement picture with Save-the-Date cards.

[ ]  Hire a caterer.

[ ]  Hire a florist.

[ ]  Make arrangements for music to be played at the ceremony and reception.
(Tasks might include booking a band or solo musician, hiring a DJ, choosing significant musical selections, and so on.).

[ ]  Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests. (Ask about group rates.)

[ ]  Send out Save-the-Date cards. (Include lodging info and maps, as possible.)

[ ]  Shop for wedding rings.

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| [ ]  Select and order wedding gown, leaving ample time for delivery and alterations.[ ]  Shop for bridesmaids’ dresses. |  | [ ]  Schedule wedding cake design appointments and tastings.[ ]  Start planning your honeymoon. |

# **4 to 6 months prior:**

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| [ ]  Finalize the guest list.[ ]  Order invitations (25 extra) and other wedding stationery (i.e., place cards and thank you notes).[ ]  Plan wedding-day beauty preparations; ask your stylist how far in advance they book wedding parties, and whether they are willing to work on the wedding site.  |  | [ ]  Finalize all honeymoon plans. If traveling outside the country, arrange for visas, passports and inoculations.[ ]  Hire your wedding day transportation (carriage, limousine service, etc.).[ ]  Plan the rehearsal dinner.  |

# **2 to 4 months prior:**

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| [ ]  Obtain a marriage license. Bring all necessary documents.[ ]  Order tuxedoes for the groom and groomsmen.[ ]  Meet with the caterer to go over menus, wine selections, etc.[ ]  Order the wedding cake.  |  | [ ]  Order your wedding rings.[ ]  Confirm wedding ceremony and reception music.[ ]  Book a hotel room for the wedding night.[ ]  If you plan on writing your own vows, start writing them now.  |

# **4 to 8 weeks prior:**

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| [ ]  Mail the wedding invitations 8 weeks before your wedding date.[ ]  Do a hair and makeup run-through (including wedding veil, if applicable).  |  | [ ]  Confirm all transportation plans. |

# **2 to 4 weeks prior:**

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| [ ]  Work on seating arrangements for the reception.[ ]  Finalize arrangements for out of town attendants and guests.[ ]  Confirm details with the photographer, florist, and other vendors.[ ]  Have final fitting for bridal gown and bridesmaids’ dresses.[ ]  Write your rehearsal dinner toast.[ ]  Purchase gifts for the wedding attendants. |  | [ ]  Compile a list of all of the wedding vendors and wedding party, with contact information. Carry this list with you everywhere you go (just in case).[ ]  Communicate rehearsal dinner details to those who will attend the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.[ ]  Look into where bride, groom and attendants will dress for the ceremony. |

# **1 week prior:**

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| [ ]  Enclose any fees due on the wedding day in envelopes for easy distribution.[ ]  Give the caterer a final head count.[ ]  Appoint a trustworthy person to bring important items (cake knife, toasting glasses, etc.) to the reception.  |  | [ ]  Appoint someone to act as an “organizer” to handle any last-minute problems.[ ]  Review final details for those in the wedding party.[ ]  Get final beauty treatments (manicure, facial, massage, waxing, brow shaping, etc.) |

# **The day before the wedding:**

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| [ ]  Gather together the following:[ ]  Something oldSymbolizing continuity with family and heritage[ ]  Something newSymbolizing optimism and hope for the new life ahead[ ]  Something borrowedAn item from a happily married friend or family member[ ]  Something blueSymbolizing love and fidelity |  | [ ]  Confirm honeymoon arrangements.[ ]  Pack for the honeymoon.[ ]  Enjoy a relaxing day with family and friends.[ ]  Attend the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner; give gifts to attendants.[ ]  Give the rings, and officiant’s fee, to the best man.[ ]  Try to get some rest |

# **Wedding day:**

[ ]  Post wedding announcements in the mail.

[ ]  Relax and remain calm.

[ ]  Remember to eat something.

[ ]  Allow at least two hours for getting dressed.

[ ]  ENJOY THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT!