

## **We are getting married, where do we start?**

Well here is a rough guideline from IRBD Disc Jockey to help you down the path to your special day

### **12 to 14 months before**

Set a wedding date

Set a budget

Start the guest list

Choose your wedding party members (bridesmaids, groomsmen, bridesmen, groomsladies, maid of honor, best man, flower girls, ring bearers, ushers etc.)

Choose a wedding style and color scheme

Look at wedding venue(s) for ceremony and reception

Start researching vendors (Photographer, videographer, floral, DJ, band, and/or ceremony musicians, bakeries, transportation, hair and makeup, etc)

Create a wedding website

Start your wedding registry

Browse attire and arrange appointments at wedding boutiques (wedding dress, tux, etc.)

Look at wedding insurance if wanted

### **10 to 12 months before**

Book your wedding venue(s) for ceremony and reception

Book vendors

Book entertainment (band, DJ, and/or wedding ceremony musicians)

Book photographers, and videographers

Book Officiant, event rentals, stationer, hair stylist, makeup artist, transportation

Hire a wedding planner / if you want one

Start looking at honeymoon options

### **7 to 9 months before**

Finalize guest list

Order or purchase wedding dress, and grooms suit or tux

Cake tasting and book cake decorator

Decide on flowers and book florist

Book hair and makeup trials

Decide on food and book catering

Choose and send save-the-dates

Create gift registries

Book hotel room blocks for out-of-town guests and wedding-night accommodations

Start planning rehearsal dinner and post-wedding brunch

Shop for wedding party attire

## **4 to 6 months before**

Book stationery with professional for invitations, etc and order

Send invitations

Choose wedding rings

Have hair and makeup trials

Buy wedding party attire

Wedding party members start planning pre-wedding parties such as bridal shower, bachelor and/or bachelorette party, etc.

## **2 to 3 months before**

Purchase wedding rings and have them fitted

Purchase wedding accessories ie shoes, undergarments for your dress, garters, etc

Schedule wedding attire fittings and alterations

Order other stationery items such as programs, menu cards, etc.

Research marriage license laws

Attend pre-wedding parties

Purchase wedding party gifts

## **Month before**

Create wedding-day timeline and finalize readings, and order of service for the day

Finalize ceremony details with officiant

Finalize music for ceremony

Get marriage license

Discuss wedding-day playlist with entertainment

Attend wedding attire alterations and fittings

Pre wedding shoot with your photographer

Confirm and finalize wedding details with vendors check on balances owed

Receive RSVPs

## **2 to 3 weeks before**

Provide caterer with final headcount

Start writing vows

Book beauty and spa treatments

Collect wedding rings

Create seating chart

Create escort cards and place cards, if desired

## **Week before**

Pick up wedding attire

Finish vows

Have beauty and spa treatments

Confirm your seating plan

Pack for honeymoon

Make final payments

## **Day before**

Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner

Decorations

Give wedding party gifts

Organize wedding vendor tips and go thru roles with everyone

Get a early night sleep and have an amazing day tomorrow

## **Day of**

WEDDING DAY enjoy your special day