

# GENERAL WEDDING CHECKLIST

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*WHAT is to be done WHEN?*

## **6 months before your wedding**

- Coordinate the date of your wedding with your families
- Prepare a general cost overview
- Make a decision how and where you want to celebrate
- Provide a preliminary guest list
- Collect all required papers and documents for the marriage and the civil registry office

## **5 months before your wedding**

- Arrange the official registration for marriage with the civil registry office (don't forget to bring all necessary documents)
- Make an appointment with the pastor to discuss the ceremony and musical background
- Choose the venue for your wedding party
- Order and create announcements in newspapers, invitation cards, place cards and menu cards
- Make an appointment with the photographer
- Book the music band
- Order a wedding carriage or a limousine
- Where will you be going on honeymoon? (Keep in mind that vaccinations are required for long distance travels)

## **4 months before your Wedding**

- Choose your witnesses, bridesman, bridesmaids and bridal children
- A wedding candle is a beautiful souvenir of your religious wedding ceremony.- be creative and design your own candle!
- Send out the invitation cards and (personally) invite your guests
- Buy wedding dress and matching accessoires , wedding suit and shoes
- Take a vacation for your honeymoon and apply for extra vacation days

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- Buy the rings and have them engraved
- Buy the ring cushion for the religious wedding ceremony
- Contact your hairdresser and beautician for styling tips
- Organize your friends and families to help and organize the wedding-eve party and wedding
- Arrange accommodation for non-local guests
- Create your personal wedding-list of wishes

## **4 weeks before your wedding**

- Order the flowers: table decorations, corsages, flowers arrangements in the church and decorations for the cars
- Organize some small presents for the bridal children
- Order the bridal flower bouquet (this is the job of the groom)
- Make an appointment with your hairdresser and beautician
- Arrange a meeting with your parents, witnesses all and people who assist you
- Buy a guestbook

## **2 weeks before your wedding**

- Check the guest list (who did not answer yet, who is still missing?)
- Define the seating plan and prepare place cards
- Break in your (new) pair of shoes

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## **1 day before your wedding**

- Prepare tips
- Pack bride's handbag (make up, tights, sewing kit, aspirins, haircomb, ...)
- Prepare the rings and the documents for the civil registry office and church
- Did you inform the hotel/tavern about the exactly number of your guests?
- Try on your wedding dress and wedding suit
- Are there enough cars available for all your guests?
- Are all ordered flowers /arrangements available?

## **Your great day**

- Do you have all required documents for your honeymoon?
- Relax and enjoy your day!

## **After your wedding**

- Send out letters of thanks
- Check and modify your passports, driving licences, bank accounts, insurance policies, your entry in telephone directories, ...