Wedding Budgeting Checklist

Things sure add up when planning your big day, don’t they? This checklist helps you remember what to budget for so there are fewer surprises along the way.

Apparel
- ___ Engagement and wedding rings
- ___ Bridal gown and undergarments
- ___ Veil or headpiece
- ___ Shoes
- ___ Jewelry
- ___ Groom’s tuxedo
- ___ Groom’s shoes
- ___ Groom’s accessories, such as cufflinks
- ___ Tailoring
- ___ Outerwear if an outdoor wedding (not to jinx things, but be ready with raingear and jackets, even if it’s summertime)

Gifts
- ___ Attendants
- ___ Bride and groom
- ___ Parents
- ___ Readers or other participants, such as children
- ___ Keepsakes for people who attend special functions, like a rehearsal dinner
- ___ Welcome gifts for out-of-town guests, like snack baskets placed in hotel rooms

Music
- ___ For ceremony
- ___ For reception
- ___ For other related events, such as a gift opening luncheon or pre-wedding-day picnic

Wedding Venue
- ___ Site rental fee or donation
- ___ Table, chair and linen rentals, including aisle runners
- ___ Tent rentals if outdoor wedding
- ___ Audio/visual equipment rental
- ___ Lighting

Reception
- ___ Site rental fee or donation
- ___ Food and beverages
- ___ Table, chair and linen rentals
- ___ Cake and topper
- ___ Party favors
- ___ Lighting
- ___ Audio/visual equipment rental
- ___ Gratuities and taxes
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Decorations and Flowers
___ For wedding venue
___ For reception
___ For any other functions, like a cocktail hour or rehearsal dinner
   ___ Bouquets
   ___ Corsages and boutonnieres
   ___ Seating card table arrangement
   ___ Gift table arrangements

Photography
___ Photos of activities before the wedding ceremony, such as a bridesmaids’ lunch or the bride at the salon
___ Photos of the ceremony and reception
___ Albums and extra prints
___ Video of the ceremony and reception

Invitations and RSVPs
___ Printing for invitations and save-the-date announcements
___ Postage
___ Web-based tool if collecting RSVPs online
___ Thank you cards
___ Welcome notes for out-of-town guests
___ Guest book
___ Programs
___ Signage for event
___ Seating cards and table numbers
___ Menu cards

Transportation
___ Limos, trolleys, buses, rented cars
___ Taxis
___ Parking
___ Gratuities
___ Travel costs if destination wedding

Other Expenses
___ Officiant’s fee
___ Wedding license fee
___ Salon appointments
___ Special functions, such as a rehearsal dinner or post-wedding-day brunch
___ Hotel rooms
___ Car decorations
___ Restroom arrangements, such as toiletries in baskets or decorations

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