

# Wedding Timeline

## *Start Planning...*

- Think about the type of wedding you want – formal or informal, big or small – and the time of the year you want it to take place
- Set a budget
- Decide on the date and venue for your wedding banquet
- Check venue availability with us
- Select registration venue
- Contact us for a site visit
- Choose the wedding party (best man, maid of honour, bridesmaids, groomsmen, Master of Ceremony)
- Start looking for a wedding dress

## *Four or Six Months Before...*

- Book Church and arrange prenuptial enquiry
- Arrange wedding dress, evening gowns, qi pao, shoes and accessories
- Arrange groom's attire
- Arrange attire for wedding party
- Select wedding rings and other jewellery
- Take wedding portraits
- Contact us for assistance with booking photographers and videographers
- Interview and book band or musician for ceremony and banquet
- Design and order stationery including invitations and thank-you notes, book calligrapher, if using
- Meeting with Blooms N Blossoms – hotel florist to arrange decoration
- Order wedding favours
- Notify friends and relatives aboard about your wedding
- Create wedding website
- Book guestrooms for out of town guests
- Plan and book honeymoon (check passport and apply visa if necessary)
- Schedule premarital check up
- Attend premarital courses or consultation
- Register for gifts if using
- Sign up for dance lessons

### *Two or Three Months Before...*

- Obtain marriage license at marriage registry (you can book three months before your preferred date)
- Arrange to meet with priest or minister
- Check restrictions on church wedding (i.e. decoration, parking spaces, music arrangement, photography and video taking)
- Buy special lingerie and stockings that your dress requires
- Prepare betrothal gifts and dowry
- Purchase Western and Chinese cake coupons
- Plan bridal shower and bachelors party
- Confirm with hotel: decoration, car decoration, bridal bouquet and other personal flowers from Blooms N Blossoms
- Discuss menu selections
- Confirm your preferred wine selection
- Select your desired wedding cake
- First fitting of your wedding dress if you are having one made
- Choose church readings and music for ceremony
- Discuss hairstyle and make up with your stylists and arrange make up trial
- Organise your wedding check list

### *One Month Before...*

- Confirm wedding party list
- Prepare detailed schedule
- Have programmes printed
- Purchase items for Chinese ceremonies and other miscellaneous items (e.g. tea set, candy box, guest book, ring pillow, pens, cigarettes, red pocket and candies)
- Send invitations
- Final dress fitting (bring along shoes, girdle and lingerie)
- Complete the necessary documents for change of name
- Write toasts and speech for wedding reception
- Open safely deposit box and joint account
- Record gifts received and write thank you notes
- Write to banks, post office etc if there is address change and arrange for postal redirection from the post office

### *Two Weeks Before...*

- Have final dress fitting with shoes, accessories and lingerie
- Confirm hotel limousine
- Make sure your church receives the marriage certificate
- Confirm with us on guest count, arrange seating plan and write place cards
- Confirm all service suppliers (photographers, make up artist etc.)
- Meeting with wedding party and assign specific responsibilities for each member
- Hold bridal shower and bachelor party
- Have your hair trimmed, coloured and highlighted, if required
- Reserve tables for wedding party luncheon if needed
- Finalise meal arrangements for photographers, videographers and other vendors
- Go through rundown with relatives and explain their responsibilities
- Order roast suckling pig for homecoming ritual
- Designate someone to look after your home while you are on honeymoon

### *One Week Before...*

- Pick up wedding dress or have it delivered
- Pack for honeymoon and give your itinerary to a friend or family member in case of emergency
- Exchange foreign currency for your honeymoon
- Confirm transportation arrangements for wedding party and suppliers
- Confirm final guest count and seating plan with us
- Confirm schedules to all vendors and run through details with us
- Designate a close friend/relative to take care of personal belongings for the day
- Prepare payment for banquet, suppliers and door opening laisee
- Have manicure, pedicure, hair removal two days before
- Prepare emergency kit
- Arrange a church rehearsal for your wedding party
- Send us your confirmed schedule
- Break in wedding shoes at home

### *One Day Before...*

- Pick up rental gowns and attires
- Remind photographers, videographers, make up artist and hairdresser to arrive on time
- Prepare laisee for vendors and make arrangements for someone to distribute them
- Perform hairdressing ritual
- Relax, have a long bath and sleep tight

### *Your Wedding Day...*

- Enjoy breakfast
- Pick up or have personal flowers delivered
- Relax and enjoy yourselves