



New Orleans Wedding Checklist

12 MONTHS

- Celebrate your engagement!
- Set your budget and guest count. Set your budget based on the estimated guest count.
- Pick your date and theme. Choosing an overall theme for your wedding will help you select the venue and attire.
- Secure Ceremony and Reception venue.*
- Hire a wedding planner.
- Select your wedding party.
- Send out save-the-dates. Finalize mailing addresses based on your guest list.
- Schedule an engagement photo shoot.

6-9 MONTHS

- Select your vendors. Including caterer, officiant, entertainment, florist, etc.
- Shop and order Bridal Gown.
- Create Wedding Registry.
- Shop and order bridesmaid dresses.
- Arrange and book your transportation.
- Reserve your party rentals.
- Plan your honeymoon. Decide where you want to go and make sure passports are up to date.

4-5 MONTHS

- Arrange hotel accommodations for out of town guests.*
- Purchase wedding bands.
- Book rehearsal dinner.
- Order favors.
- Order stationary.
- Schedule final Wedding Gown alterations.
- Decide on groom and groomsmen attire.
- Touch base with vendors. Inform vendors of any new wedding details.
- Schedule dance lessons. (If you have two left feet, this may alleviate your first dance nerves.)
- Order wedding cake and groom's cake.
- Finalize honeymoon arrangements.

2-3 MONTHS

- Make accommodations for your wedding night. If you're not leaving for your honeymoon directly after the reception, decide where you want to stay for the night.
- Send out wedding invitations.
- Work on your ceremony vows. (This is especially important if you plan to write them yourself.)

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2-3 MONTHS *(continued)*

- Confirm catering menu.
- Book hair and makeup for wedding day.
- Purchase additional wedding accessories. (Wedding accessories include: a ring-bearer pillow, guestbook, unity candle, cake serving knife and toasting flutes. Bridal accessories include shoes, garter, jewelry, etc.)
- Schedule a tasting for wedding cake and caterer.
- Write thank you notes for gifts as they arrive.
- Request a permit and book a band for your second line.*

1 MONTH

- Finalize itinerary with wedding planner. Alert your wedding party once finalized.
- Get marriage license. Go to MyWeddingInNewOrleans.com for listing of locations.
- Schedule a trial run for hair and makeup.

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Follow up with missing RSVPs.
- Final check with vendors. Confirm final payments, guest count and any additional details for day of wedding.
- Treat yourself to a manicure and pedicure.
- Contact the New Orleans CVB for welcome bags. Welcome bags for your out of town guests are complimentary and include a New Orleans official visitor's guide and French Quarter walking map.
- Pack for your honeymoon.

THE BIG DAY

- Relax.
- Have fun!

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