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Can't-miss photos for your *wedding*



Once the big day has passed, there will be no opportunity to go back and arrange missed shots. This list of must-have photos can ensure that the wedding album has all the shots couples desire.

Before the ceremony

- Wedding day outfits hanging in the wardrobe or placed over a chair
- Wedding invitation surrounded by bouquets
- Wedding rings side by side
- Outfit accessories, such as shoes, jewelry, a veil, and cuff links
- Bride and bridesmaids getting hair and makeup done
- Groom and groomsmen laughing and having fun
- Bride getting zipped up into her dress

At the ceremony

- Guests entering the ceremony site
- Ushers escorting guests to their seats
- Close-ups of the couple separately waiting to see their soon-to-be spouse
- Cute kids participating in the ceremony coming down the aisle
- Parents of the couple coming down the aisle or seated prominently awaiting the start of the ceremony
- Shots of all members of the wedding party
- Guests of honor, such as grandparents
- Partner coming down the aisle and the partner's reaction
- Exchange of rings
- First kiss
- A wide shot of the guests at the ceremony
- Signing the marriage certificate
- The processional with the newly hitched couple beaming
- Couple in the limo backseat

Portraits

- Couple with bridesmaids and groomsmen
- Bride and maid/matron of honor
- Groom and best man
- Couple with each set of parents and siblings
- Couple with close family members

At the reception

- Couple's first entrance
- Special signage, decorations or photos of the scenery
- Wedding cake details
- Toasts and speeches from key people
- First dance as a couple

- Father/daughter, mother/son dances, if applicable
- Couple mingling with guests
- Guests dancing and having fun
- Shots of the musicians or any special entertainers
- The cake cutting
- The couple's grand exit and wave goodbye

These are some of the customary images that couples will want to request. Photographers likely will cover most of them without prompting, but couples should be sure to point out any special photographs they'd like captured throughout the day.



TOP TEN LARGEST WEDDING EXPENSES

1. The Ceremony and Reception Venue
2. The Catering
3. The Open Bar Cost
4. The Wedding Dress
5. The Photographer and Videographer
6. The Music for Reception
7. The Flowers
8. The Wedding Rings
9. Your Stationery Suite
10. The Honeymoon Getaway

2025 WEDDING PLANNING *Guide*

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12+ MONTHS BEFORE

- Engagement party
- Agree on the budget
- Set the wedding date
- Book a venue and reception
- Draft your guest list
- Choose a wedding party
- Keep organized with a wedding notebook



8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Hire a photographer and videographer
- Book the entertainment
- Take engagement photos
- Organize catering for the reception
- Shop for wedding dresses
- Decide on the theme
- Book the officiant
- Hire a wedding planner
- Setup your registry
- Create a free wedding website for your guests



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6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Begin hair/makeup trials
- Shop for the Bridesmaids dresses and accessories
- Order the cake
- Send out save the dates
- Hire a florist



4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Purchase wedding bands
- Order wedding invitations
- Book the Honeymoon
- Choose Groom and Groomsmen attire
- Book the rehearsal and dinner venues



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2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Plan your first dance
- Order Wedding favors
- Mail out the invitations
- Submit wedding announcements
- Buy wedding party gifts
- Organize transportation

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6 WEEKS BEFORE

- Apply for a marriage license
- Purchase a guest book
- Finalize the Vows
- Confirm details with all of the vendors
- Finalize ceremony and reception details
- Create a wedding day timeline



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3 WEEKS BEFORE

- Final dress fitting
- Go through R.S.V.P's
- Break in your shoes
- Have the bachelor and bachelorette parties
- Arrange final payments

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1 WEEK BEFORE

- Finalize seating chart
- Prepare gifts for the wedding party
- Indulge with a haircut, color and facial
- Final head count for venue and caterers
- Give wedding party copies of the timeline
- Start packing necessities

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2 DAYS BEFORE

- Check in with vendors
- Get a manicure/pedicure and massage
- Put together a Bridal emergency kit



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1 DAY BEFORE

- Prepare day-of payments
- Make tip envelopes
- Have wedding items in place for the big day
- Rehearsal ceremony
- Give marriage license to the officiant
- Get plenty of sleep



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THE *Wedding* DAY!

- Eat a good breakfast
- Enjoy your big day!





Did you know?

The most recent study found that the average cost of a wedding in 2023 was \$35,000.

Weddings are well-known as costly affairs, even for couples who opt for more laid back ceremonies and receptions as opposed to lavish gatherings.

Each year, The Knot Real Weddings Study uncovers the latest wedding trends, including those related to fashion, food and, of course, finances. The most recent study found that the average cost of a wedding in 2023 was \$35,000. That marks a considerable increase over just a year earlier, when couples spent an average of \$30,000 on their weddings.

That significant spike in just a 12-month period undoubtedly reflects the effects of inflation, which has led to a notable increase

in the costs of many products and services since 2022.

If wedding costs are indeed surprising couples as they start to plan their big day, they can consider an approach that many before them have increasingly turned to: wedding planners.

According to The Knot, 37 percent of couples hired a wedding planner in 2023, an increase of 7 percent over 2019, when the pandemic had yet to be declared and inflation had not led to such significant price increases. Wedding planners can help couples navigate some costly waters so they can avoid starting their life together with substantial wedding-related debt.

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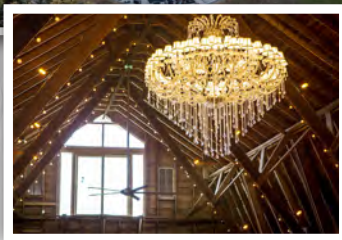
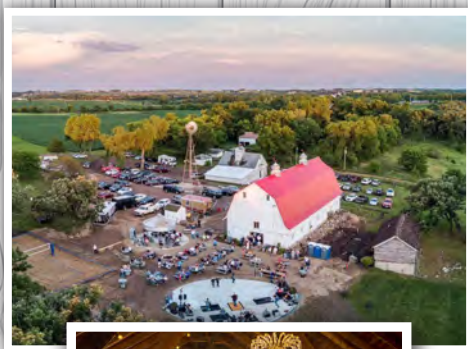


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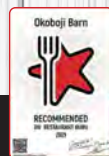
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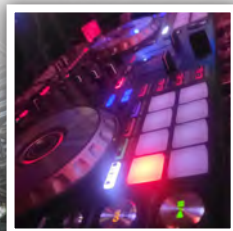
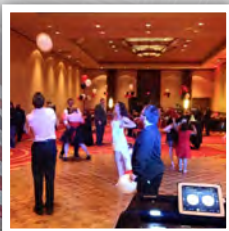




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