



Wedding Planning Timeline: 12 Months to Wedding Day

A Dream Weddings planning tool

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Month	Tasks — Logistics & Venue	Tasks — People & Style	Tasks — Admin & Comms	Priority	Done?
12 Months	Fix wedding date (check muhurat), set total budget, decide guest count range, agree destination (Goa/Rajasthan/abroad)	Tell close family & immediate guests the dates, decide joint family or couple-led planning	Create a shared Google folder for all documents & vendor contracts	HIGH	[]
11 Months	Book wedding venue + room block, sign contract, pay deposit. Shortlist photographer & videographer	Start outfit inspiration — visit designers in Delhi/Mumbai. Decide palette & mood	Open a dedicated wedding bank account or credit card for tracking	HIGH	[]
10 Months	Book photographer, lead videographer & drone team	Book bridal makeup artist — MUAs book 8-12 months out for popular dates	Draft and circulate long-haul guest invites (if destination wedding)	HIGH	[]



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9 Months	Book decor team / florist. Confirm main caterer	Book Mehendi artist. Decide sangeet choreographer	Share Save-the-Date digitally to all guests	HIGH	[]
8 Months	Confirm all event spaces (Sangeet, Haldi, Wedding, Cocktail)	First outfit appointment (bride + groom). Book lehenga trial dates	Start visa / passport check for guests if international destination	HIGH	[]
7 Months	Book DJ/band for Sangeet. Book entertainment (dhol, folk artists)	Begin wedding jewellery shortlisting. Book bridal gym/skincare routine	Create guest master list with dietary preferences and room preferences	MED	[]
6 Months	Confirm catering menu tasting. Book airport transfer/fleet	Finalise wedding outfits (lehenga, saree or gown). Book blouse maker	Send formal digital invitations. Begin RSVP collection	HIGH	[]
5 Months	Confirm decor mood board with vendor. Sign off on Mandap design	Book bridal party outfits. Confirm Mehendi patterns with artist	Finalise rooming list & share with hotel for room block allocation	MED	[]
4 Months	Book hair & makeup trials. Book pre-wedding photoshoot	Confirm sangeet choreography and song list	Send travel logistics note to all guests (airport, hotel, transfers)	MED	[]



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3 Months	Final decor walk-through at venue with decorator	Finalise all vendor payments schedule. Collect contracts	Share wedding WhatsApp group with guests. Confirm dietary headcount	MED	[]
2 Months	Confirm day-of timeline with all vendors. Print/share run sheet	Finalise Bridal Emergency Kit. Do MUA trial and hair trial	Collect final RSVP headcount. Confirm room assignments	HIGH	[]
6 Weeks	Confirm all vendor arrival times and hotel access	Pick up outfits, jewellery, all accessories. Confirm fits	Share detailed guest travel info: hotel address, transfer schedule, contact numbers	HIGH	[]
2 Weeks	Venue walk-through with entire vendor team	Final bridal skin prep appointments	Send day-before reminder to all guests & vendors	HIGH	[]
Wedding Week	Confirm final headcount to caterer. Briefing call with all vendors	Haldi, Mehendi, Sangeet — enjoy! Delegate the stress to your planner	Appoint a family member as day-of POC for guest queries	HIGH	[]



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Tip: India's best photographers and decor teams book 10-12 months out. Never delay booking your 'A-list' vendors.					