

How to Plan a Wedding?

Planning a wedding is indeed quite a mission.. The best way to proceed is through three steps called Organizing, planning and coordinating. There is lots of pre wedding preparation, budgeting and planning that should happen before the wedding day. It is usually the responsibility of the parents of the bride and the groom to decide upon the wedding size depending on the budget.

The bride and the groom should participate equally in the planning process, as it is a joyous occasion. Now-a-days, there is an huge increase in the amount of money being spent on weddings. This has also led to an interest of deviating from the common norms in the wedding ceremony.

People who specialize in the field of wedding planning (wedding planners) have increased in prominence. These professionals include people like event organizers, fashion designers, beauticians, make up artists, hairstylists, and caterers.

There are lots of options available due to these specialized services from a number of professionals and service providers. The wedding ceremony size depends on the total budget of the wedding. So each stage of planning is equally important and has to be done with utmost care.

The following are the areas where planning has to be done thoroughly:

- The most important aspect is to include the whole family in the event. If approval of the elders is available for the wedding then it becomes a happy event not just for the bride and the groom but for their respective families as well.
- The second stage is to get the horoscopes matched with an astrologer to determine an auspicious date for the wedding. The ceremony usually takes place at the bride's house or at a hall depending on the number of guests.
- Videography and photography is essential for any wedding , to make sure that it can be seen later. It is generally needed for all the functions including pre wedding, main day and post wedding functions.
- The Bridal Attire like saris, jewellery, dresses, make-up, shoes, lingerie, etc. and for the groom there is groom wear, men accessories should be kept ready for the respective ceremonies.
- Decoration of various kinds like car decoration, lighting and flowers not only at the wedding place but also at home have to be taken care of.
- Extra expenses like food, waiters, and caterers and other miscellaneous expenses have to be taken care of.
- Weddings can be very expensive affairs. A foolproof budget plan is very essential for any wedding so that one can realize well in advance what they can afford. The other advantage of a well-planned wedding is that, unnecessary expenses can be avoided. Wedding size should also be decided according to the budget of the wedding.

Contact details for the above...

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Tamil Federation of S.A. (031) 9029410
Pundit Narottam das 032 9444 108, 082 714 1504

Wedding Venues:-

Mount Edgecombe Conference Centre, 031 502 1971 / 031 5025490

Contact person: Denzil or Kogie Maistry www.mtedgecc.co.za

DLI Hall, 031 309 4238

Durban Convention Centre, 031 301 7763

I.C.C. Durban, 031 360 1351

Kendra Hall: - 031 309 1824 Email info@kendra.org.za

Caterers:-

Bhagvans Caterers: - Contact Eresh, Durban.

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Durban Function Hire, Tel: 031 303 2604

Elegant Catering, Tel: 031 902 9508

Function Zone, Tel: 082 627 9747

Harichands Catering, Tel: 031 902 3034
H.R.M Caterers, Tel: 083 517 8611 Cell: 083 517 8611
Indian Delights, Tel: 082 493 4037
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Petals Florist / Caterers, Tel: 032 533 2444
Rajmohomed Caterers cc., Tel: 031 539 5689
Reunion Caterers, Tel: 031 902 2151
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Peters Florist, Tel: 031 309 3541

Mokka Blooms Tel: 032 946 2029 (Ballito)

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