



# 12 months to 'I Do'

YOUR ULTIMATE WEDDING TIMELINE  
FROM THE TEAM AT LEIGH COURT.

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With over twenty years' experience delivering weddings of all kinds, the team at Leigh Court are perfectly placed to take you step-by-step from freshly engaged to happily ever after.

## **12 months before your wedding day**

- Decide with your partner what type of wedding you want – a huge celebration with hundreds of guests? An intimate affair with just your closest friends and family? Or something in between? (This is also a good time to set a budget!)
- Decide who you want to include in your wedding party and choose your maid of honour and best man – their help in the run up to the wedding will be invaluable.
- Once you know how many people you want to celebrate with draft a guest list to give you an idea of numbers for the ceremony and reception. These numbers will come in handy when you contact venues.
- Select a theme or aesthetic, choosing this early will make all your other decisions easier.
- Pick a date and start contacting venues.
- Give notice of your marriage at your local register office and book a registrar in the area you intend to get married. The earliest you can do this is 12 months before your wedding day.

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### **9 months before your wedding day**

- Start looking for your wedding idea and researching suppliers. This can be one of the most fun stages of wedding planning: try on dresses and suits, ask friends for recommendations, start stalking wedding photographers on Instagram, and meet with your favourite vendors.
- Design your wedding stationery and send the save the date cards. You can commission a designer to create the cards for you or use free online tools such as Canva or Fotor.

### **6 months before your wedding day**

- Confirm your wedding suppliers, especially the ones you think are likely to be snapped up far in advance. Photographers and musicians should certainly be booked by the 6 month mark.
- You should order your wedding dress by now so there is enough time for alterations, along with the outfits for the bridesmaids and groomsmen. If you're ordering the outfits online or if they're being made abroad you should leave plenty of time for delivery and returns.
- Create a wedding website and register for gifts so that you can send your invitations containing all of the details your guests will need to help you celebrate your special day!

### **3 months before your wedding day**

- Confirm wedding transport (you might consider doing this sooner if you want unusual transport).
- Confirm the wedding cake with the supplier if you haven't already done so. If you're making your own wedding cake start practicing now (we guarantee your friends and colleagues will be happy to do taste tests).
- Source decorations and flowers, your wedding venue coordinator should have connections with local suppliers if you're not sure where to start.
- Confirm menu with the caterers.



- If you're buying wedding favours and gifts for the wedding party, order these now.
- Choose and order your wedding bands. If you're designing custom bands you may need to order these further in advance.
- Book your honeymoon!
- Choose, or start writing, your wedding vows now and formally invite people to make speeches so they have time to think of the perfect words for your wedding day.

### **1 month before your wedding day**

- Have a trial run of your hair and makeup and your final wedding dress and suit fittings.
- Party with your favourite people, it's time for hen do's and stag do's!
- Confirm last minute RSVPs.

### **1 week before your wedding day**

- Try on everything to make sure it fits, including shoes and underwear!
- Finalise details and any last-minute changes with suppliers.
- Write a list of wedding day tasks for the bridesmaids and groomsmen.
- Send a 'must-have' shot list to your photographer, include formal shots of friends and family and any special details you want the photographer to capture.
- Send the final head-count to your venue and caterers and pay any outstanding balances.
- Pack an overnight bag for your reception.
- Pack for your honeymoon.



## The day before your wedding

- Take place cards, table decorations, the seating plan, favours, etc. to the venue.
- Wrap presents and write thank you cards for your partner, parents, and members of the wedding party.
- Run through any speeches you're giving.
- Rehearse the ceremony.
- Get a good night's sleep!

## Enjoy your wedding day!

*"The Leigh Court team made our day an absolute dream come true and supported us every step of the way, making sure we were relaxed and enjoying ourselves for every moment."*

*- Mr & Mrs Edwards*





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# STAYING ON TRACK WITH YOUR WEDDING PLAN

12 MONTHS



Pick a date and start contacting venues.

Draft a guest list and make venue enquiries. Choose a theme or aesthetic that will inform your other decisions.

9 MONTHS

Design your stationery and send your save the date cards.



Start looking for your wedding attire and researching suppliers.

6 MONTHS



Confirm suppliers, including photographer and musicians.

Send your invitations and order outfits for the wedding party.

3 MONTHS

Confirm transport, accommodation, and wedding cake.



Write your wedding vows.

1 MONTH



Have a trial run of your hair and make up and your final dress fitting.

Write your seating plan and confirm last-minute RSVPs.

1 WEEK

Wedding rehearsal.

Finalise details with suppliers.

Enjoy your wedding day!