



A SOUL MATE IS NOT FOUND. A SOUL MATE IS RECOGNIZED.

~Vironika Tugaleva, *The Love Mindset*

Congratulations! You have found the person whose company you want to spend the rest of your life enjoying!

Beginning your lives together will be an amazing experience and the team here at Wedstimate.com wants to share 10 things you need to know that will make the process of planning a wedding less stressful.



START EARLY

This may sound obvious, but planning a wedding can be daunting. Planning your wedding can seem like a full-time job. Unless you are eloping, beginning to plan at least a year in advance is a great way to keep from being stressed out as the big day nears.









Setting a wedding date that works for both the couple and their guests can be a challenge, especially if they want to avoid peak wedding season. "Setting a date" really just means that the wedding venue has been booked. Once the contract for the venue has been signed, and the date is confirmed, a couple can proceed with hiring other vendors. Then the actual wedding planning can commence!



TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE IS PROPER TIMING FOR SAVE-THE-DATES



Preparing for a wedding might involve traveling for guests, as well as planning their attire and finding the appropriate gift. It's essential to provide ample time for people to get ready and inform their employers about any necessary time off. Wedding invitations should be sent out at least eight weeks before the big day to ensure that guests have sufficient notice.







One of the biggest concerns for many couples is how to plan and stick to a realistic wedding budget. Once you know your total budget, allocate it according to your priorities. Going over is not unusual, so leave yourself some wiggle room when it comes to how much you spend. 10% is standard. Then check out **Wedstimate.com** to find vendors that fit your style and budget.



PLAN BASED ON YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIPS



In addition to the ceremony and reception details, make a list of the most important social aspects of your day. Consider each person you love and how you can include them in your celebration. Select your attendants based on trust and love. Acknowledge your parents with a special toast and make sure they have corsages and boutonnieres. Weddings provide an excellent opportunity to unite families, so try to seat both sides at the same table.



CHOOSE A SCENIC VENUE



Starting from scratch to create a ceremony and reception atmosphere can be very costly. Therefore, we recommend choosing a venue that fits your style itself. From historical mansions and villas to rustic barns and beautiful gardens, there are plenty of locations to choose from that can provide the ideal backdrop. Additionally, utilizing a venue's own unique charm and style means that you have one less item to stress over since decorating it isn't an issue.



MAKE SURE TO KEEP YOUR CHOICES AT THE TOP OF THE LIST



It's important to prevent your wedding from becoming someone else's event. To do so, have an honest conversation with your partner about how much control you're willing to relinquish and how much you will allow others to make decisions. If you have a clear vision and wish to remain in charge, kindly inform your parents and siblings that you've got the planning under control and that you're excited to have them as honored guests at your wedding.



PHOTOGRAPHY IS MAGICAL



Your wedding pictures will be among your most treasured possessions, so it's critical to choose the right photographer. Be wary of hiring an inexperienced or budget photographer who may miss crucial moments and leave you feeling disappointed for years to come. To ensure that you receive photos that you'll be proud to share with family and friends, we suggest selecting a skilled photographer with a minimum of three years of full-time experience and at least 50 weddings under their belt.



COORDINATE COORDINATION

We recommend at least hiring a day-of coordinator to ensure a seamless execution. Alternatively, if the guest list exceeds 100, we suggest opting for full wedding planning services. Weddings are more than just a party, and despite excellent organization skills and style, any couple can still require professional assistance with unexpected details.

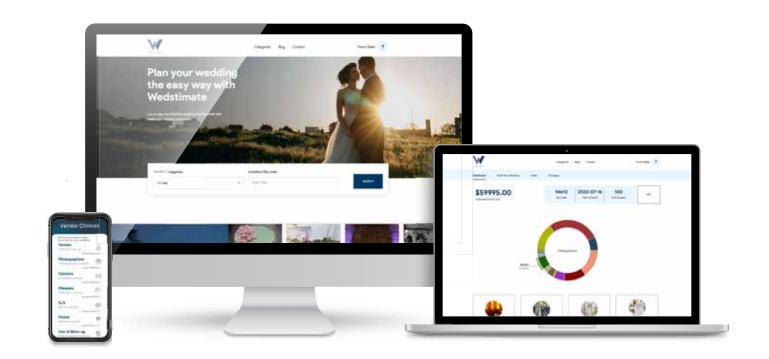




DON'T FORGET TO ENJOY THE MOMENT!

As your wedding day approaches, be prepared to let go of the small details and cherish the moments with your loved ones. You've enlisted the help of skilled professionals, they will take care of everything, allowing you to say your vows, relax, laugh, and dance. With the guests entertained, the formalities completed, and dinner served, savoring each moment as it unfolds it will enhance your overall enjoyment of the evening. Don't forget to have fun!









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