

Hausa Wedding Planning and Budgeting Guide

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Welcome Letter

Dear Bride to be,

Congratulations! this guide is designed to help you plan a beautiful wedding grounded in Northern tradition and Islamic values. Planning your big day shouldn't drain your joy. Lets do this together one step at a time.

As you view this guide, know that you are about to begin a sacred journey towards love and a life filled with baraka. From late night calls with aunties to choosing the bridal outfits, to writing down your duas in the corner of your room, this season is a Combination of excitement, faith and emotion.

Somedays you'll feel prepared, some days you won't and that's ok. This guide was created for you the Northern bride who wants to celebrate love without overspending, honor culture without losing herself and walk into marriage with peace in her heart. May every stage of your planning bring you closer to Allah and to the woman you are becoming.

Love, Hausaroom

Introduction

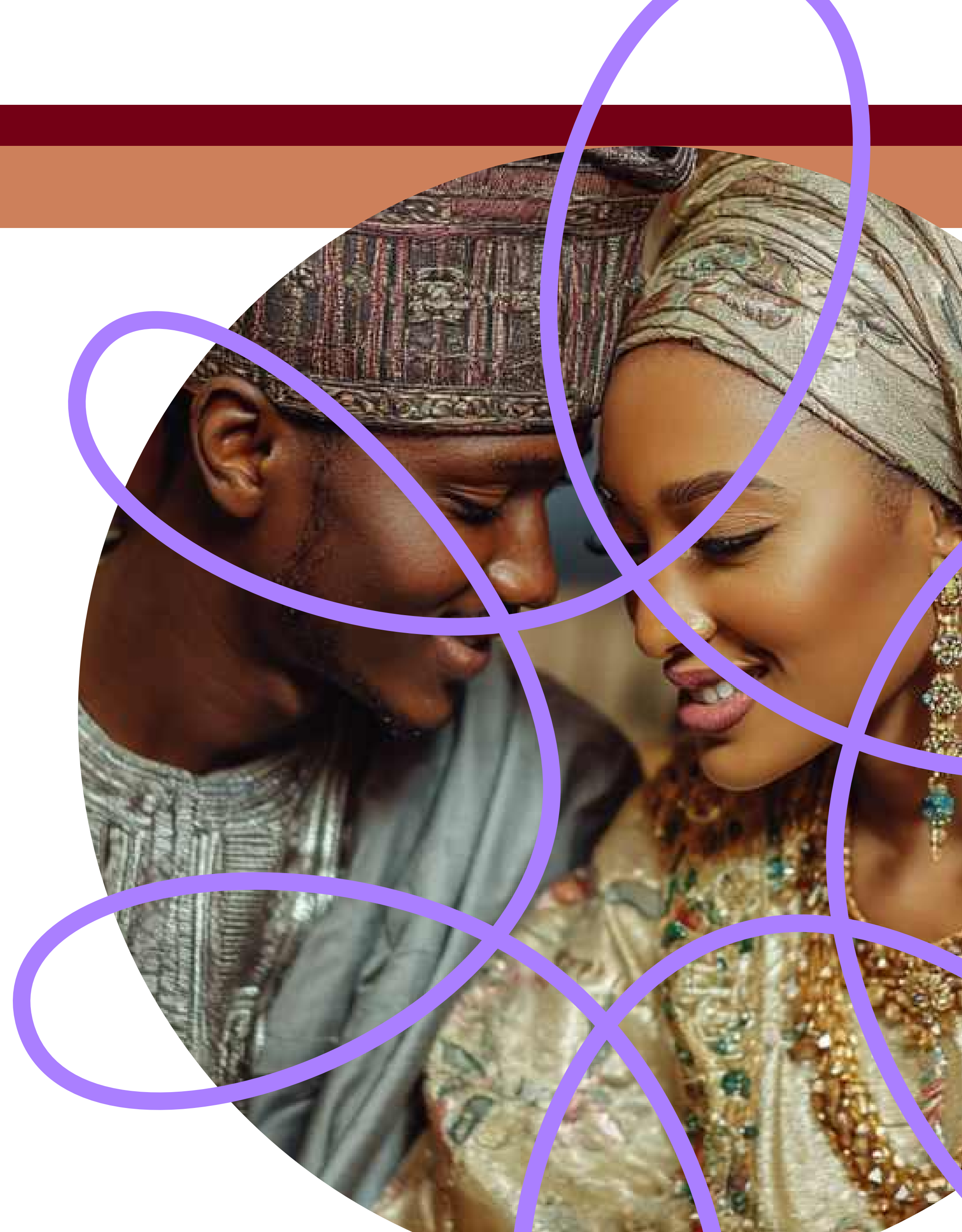
Why Weddings

Dear Bride to be,

first of all Congratulations on this beautiful next chapter of your life. Getting married is one of the most special moments in any woman's life. A time filled with love, excitement and sometimes a little bit of stress.

In Northern Culture, weddings are more than just a day; they are a celebration of family, tradition, and faith. From the vibrant colors of the kayan lefe to the blessings of Fatiha, every step is filled with meaning.

While the excitement is real, planning your wedding can quickly feel overwhelming. With so many details to organise. its easy to lose sight of what truly matters.



That's why we created this Hausa Wedding Planning & Budgeting Guide.

It's designed to help you:-

- Stay organized
- Set a realistic budget
- Keep your planning stress-free
- Honor your cultural values
- Honour your Religious Values

Think of this guide as your personal roadmap to a joyful, memorable, and beautifully organized wedding. You'll find practical checklists, tips, and budgeting tools to help you plan with ease, so you can focus on what matters most: celebrating love, family, and the future you're about to build.

May your union be blessed with love, understanding, and endless baraka



Managing Your Wedding Expenses

Creating a budget template for your wedding is essential to ensure that all expenses are accounted for. Start by listing all potential costs, such as venue, catering, and attire. Allocating specific amounts to these categories will help you stay organized and within your financial limits. Reviewing your budget regularly will allow you to make adjustments as needed, ensuring a stress free planning experience.



Budget Breakdown Table

Use this table to estimate and track your wedding budget of **15 - 25 million Naira only**

Category	Estimated % of Total Budget	Amount
Venue & Decoration	22%	3,000,000 - 5,500,000
Catering (Foods & Drink)	25%	3,750,000 - 6,250,000
Bridal Fashion & Accessories	12%	1,800,000 -3,000,00
Grooms Fashion & Accesories	5%	750,000 - 1,250,000
Souvenir	9%	1,350,000 - 2,250,000
Photography & Videography	10%	1,500,000 - 2,500,000
Entertainment (MC)	4%	600,000 - 1,000,000

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Category	Estimated % of Total Budget	
Transportation & Accommodation	5%	750,000 -1,250,00
Digital Invites	2%	300,000 - 500,000
Miscellaneous & Emergency Funds	6%	900,000 - 1,500,000
Total	100%	15,000,000 - 25,000,000

Essential Vendor Checklist

Venue Selection

Choosing the right venue can set the tone for your wedding and ensure it meets your guest capacity and style

Catering Services

A great catering service will offer a variety of delicious options to satisfy your guests and complement your wedding theme

Photography & Videography

Capturing every moment is crucial; a professional photographer ensures lifelong memories of your special day through stunning images and videos

Vendor checklist

Tick off vendors as you contact and book them.
Use the notes section to add pricing and contact info.

- ☐ Makeup Artist - Notes: _____
- ☐ Tailor / Dress Designer - Notes: _____
- ☐ Food Caterer - Notes: _____
- ☐ Zobo & Small Chops Vendor - Notes: _____
- ☐ Event Planner - Notes: _____
- ☐ Decorator - Notes : _____
- ☐ Henna Artist - Notes: _____
- ☐ Photographer - Notes: _____
- ☐ Mallam/ Cleric - Notes: _____

Essential Vendor Tips

Choosing the Right Vendors for Your Hausa Wedding Planning Your wedding means working with many vendors, decorators, caterers, photographers, makeup artists, and more.

But how do you know who to trust with your big day?

5 quick tips to help you choose the right vendors with confidence:

1. **Ask for Sample Work:** Before booking any vendor, request photos or videos of their previous weddings. Don't just rely on social media, ask for real, partial event coverage if possible.
2. **Get Recommendations:** Speak to friends, family, or recently married brides in your community. A trusted referral saves you time and reduces the risk of disappointment
3. **Check Reviews:** If the vendor has an Instagram page, check comments and tagged photos. Happy brides often post their experiences let their feedback guide you

Essential Vendor Tips

4. **Discuss Expectations Early:** Be clear about your budget, style, and non negotiables from the start. Put agreements in writing (A simple WhatsApp chat can help avoid future confusion).

5. **Book Early:** Popular vendors get fully booked months in advance, especially during peak seasons. As soon as you set your date, start reaching out.

Remember: Your vendors will play a big role in how smooth and joyful your wedding feels. Take your time, ask the right questions, and choose people who respect your vision.

Sample Northern Nigerian Wedding Vendor Rates

Prices are indicative as of Second Quarter of 2025 and may vary by season, location and availability

Vendor Type	Vendor Name		Basic Rate		Phone	Location
Event Planner	Amtaaz Events		450,000 Naira		+2348034249421	KANO
Make up Artist	Billions Beauty		120,000 Naira		+2349095138321	KANO
Make up artist 2	Giglowh		200,000 Naira		+2348066218734	Abuja
Photo/ Videography	Kalsom photography & Videography		1,500,000 Naira		+2349030938595	Abuja
Caterer	Rbees Kitchen		Depends on guest		+2348066722560	Zaria
Venue/Decorator	Afficient		2,500,000		+2348022447226	Kano

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Caterer	Rbees Kitchen		Depends on guest		+2348066722560	Zaria
MC	MC Deeja		200-400 ,000		+2348100232216	Abuja
DJ	ImXee		100,000		+2348161674380	Kaduna
Bridal Fabric	Muxclusive wears		60,000		+2349093565670	Abuja
Bridal Designer	Jidds Apparel		Starts at 150,000		+2348166890410	Kano

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Vendor Type	Vendor Name		Basic Rate		Phone	Location
Grooms Wear	Obiansclothiers		250,000		+2348185052017	Abuja
Souvenir	Ajs collection		5,000		+2349073057125	Kano
Car Hire	Quan Luxury		150,000		+2348064322890	Abuja

Rates are starting price and can increase based on guest count, package choices and travel cost.

Its recommended to negotiate, compare notes and confirm availability early

Timeline for Planning

Step-by-Step Preparation

Step 1

Start by setting a **wedding date**. This allows you to determine the timeline for planning and helps in organizing other details more effectively.

Step 2

Create a **realistic budget**. Consider all expenses including venue, catering, and attire to ensure that your wedding plans align with your financial capabilities.

Step 3

Compile a **vendor checklist**. Research and list potential vendors for each service needed, ensuring you reach out early to secure your preferred choices.

Wedding Timeline

Use this 2 month Timeline to stay on track

Week 1	Focus
Week 2	Finalize budget with parents
Week 3	Book Vendors
Week 4	Choose outfits
Week 5	Confirm guest list
Week 6	Send Invites
Week 7	Finalize menu and decor
Final week	Bridal spa + packing list



Northern Wedding Vendor Comparison Check List

Vendor type	Option A	Option B	Price	Contact	Final Choice
Make up Artist					
Hall/ Decor					
Catering					
Photography					
Bridal wear					
Grooms Wear					
Entertainment					
Videography					
Car Hire					
Souvenirs					

FINAL RECAP

- You Created a plan
- Added a Realistic buffer
- You used vendor comparisons
- You flagged red Spend areas
- You stuck to your budget



How to Reinvest Your Wedding Savings

Congratulations! If you followed this guide, compared vendors, and tracked your budget you likely saved ₺1M to ₺5M. But instead of letting that money disappear, here's how to put it to good use:

Reinvestment Option	Why it works
22k Gold Jewelry	Appreciates over time, holds cultural value and has good resale value
Dollar Savings	Protect value from inflation, safe+ easy accesible emergency fund
Sukuk Bond	Halal With Safe, periodic returns for long term goals

Smart brides don't just plan wedding they also build wealth.

Key Features That Help You Save

- **Skip Unnecessary extras Souvenirs, Focus on fewer but classy souvenirs.**
Signature hampers or little boxes for vip instead of bulk or low quality ones saves you about 500,000.

Entertainment Instead of paying a million for a big name you can spend 400,000 saving you about 600,000 based on this budget .
- **Payment Schedule Control Stick** to a 50% deposit – 30% mid-event – 20% after event payment structure to prevent vendor fraud or underperformance.
- **Emergency & Upgrade Buffer** • Always allocate 7–10% of your total budget as a buffer: 5% for emergencies and 2–5% for last-minute upgrades.
- **Red Flag Reminders** Feeding guests during multiple events (where surprise come in) confirm guest count early to avoid double catering

Don't buy all 3 fabrics before confirming styles Always have a backup vendor to avoid last-minute expensive bookings.

Ask for bulk discounts when buying souvenirs or fabrics from one vendor. Pick one or 2 statement designers and keep other outfits local but elegant you can save 1-2Million

Key Features That Help You Save

- **Real Vendor Price Ranges -**
 - You will see actual market ranges not made up figures.
 - Based on real quotes from northern event vendors. This prevents you from being over charged
- **Vendor Comparison Checklist**

You get a vendor comparison chart so you can compare prices before committing. E.G Dont pay 10M for a name. Vendor B offered 3M for a beautiful space with full decor package can you match or beat that?

Go big on one stunning area like the stage then simplify others or

Bride A

Vendor Type	Option A	Option B	Price	Contact	Final Choice
Makeup Artist	Billions beauty	Giglowh Make up	#120K vs #200K	✓	Billions beauty

Bride B |

Vendor Type	Option A	Option B	Price	Contact	Final Choice
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While they are both excellent make up artist bride A may want to splurge on a dress rather than a make up and bride B may prefer a higher priced make up artist.

**"May you treat
each other with
love and kindness"**



A Prayer for Spiritual Grounding

Write a prayer or affirmation to keep your heart grounded,
no matter how exciting or overwhelming this season
becomes.

**I stay rooted in what matters most to me, and I ask for
blessings beyond what I can see.**

A Prayer for Calm & Clarity

Write a personal prayer or affirmation to center yourself in peace, no matter how stressful the journey gets.

Even in the whirlwind of planning, I seek clarity and calm.

A Prayer for the Future

What are your deepest hopes for the life you're stepping into?
Write your dreams, wishes, or du'as for your marriage and future.

I plant seeds today that I hope will bloom with love, joy, and growth.

A Prayer for Love & Connection

What kind of love are you praying for? What do you hope to give and receive in your relationship?

May my love be honest, gentle, and filled with mercy.

Happy Married Life

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