

# Wedding

## CHECKLIST

### THE WEDDING OF:

#### 18 MONTHS+

- Congratulations, You're engaged!**  
Think about the time of year you would like to get married – do you have any special dates or a particular season in mind?
- Think about the style of venue** you want to celebrate your wedding in – are you after country house chic, stately home, DIY or laid-back and relaxed?
- Venue hunt!** Go on as many viewings as you can - you'll soon realise what you like and don't like.
- Decide on a venue!**
- Check your chosen date is free** with registrars or your chosen church.
- Book your venue and your service!** Hurray!
- Start looking into your chosen photographer and videographer.**
- Book your chosen photographer and videographer** – indulge in an engagement shoot too!
- Think about the guests** you would like to celebrate your special day with.
- Decide on your Bridesmaids and Groomsmen.**
- Send out save the dates!**

#### 12 MONTHS

- Start thinking about your caterers**, head to our Recommended Suppliers' List for some ideas!
- Decide on your caterers** and invite them to visit us at Carlton Manor if they haven't worked with us before.
- Book your wedding cars/transport.**
- Have a think about the colour schemes** and floral designs you would like. Visit our to our Inspiration page to see some beautiful examples if you just can't decide!
- Looking at what flowers** are in season 12 months ahead of your date will probably help you save on costs.
- Book your chosen florist** and tell them your vision!
- Start researching your honeymoon.** Check your passports and make sure they are well in date (you can still fly with a passport in your maiden name, as long as you book flights in that name.)
- Shortlist some wedding dress boutiques** and try on wedding dresses!
- Book your band/DJ.** Check out our suppliers list for some fabulous options.



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### 9 MONTHS

- Order your dress.**
- Decide on your final guestlist** and send out Save the Dates. You don't want them to miss this!
- Go on cake tastings** and book your favourite.
- Decide on a hair stylist** and makeup artist and book some trials for the big day.
- Book any evening food you might like**, if not from your caterers, Food vans on the courtyard are such a fab idea!

### 6 MONTHS

- Book any venue lighting and props** you would like to decorate the tipi or manor house we have some wonderful suppliers on our list.
- Go shopping with your Bridesmaids** and decide on their gowns.
- Think about what the Groom and his Groomsmen will be wearing.**
- Come back to Carlton Manor** for another viewing to decide on how you will use the space within the barn and who you are going to allocate rooms to.
- Start to think about the design of your invites** and other wedding stationary. Book a calligrapher if you decide on this route.

### 4 MONTHS

- Send out your invites.**
- Choose your wedding rings** and place the order.
- Decide on the Groom and Groomsmen outfits** and organise rental or purchase.

### 3 MONTHS

- Attend your first dress fitting.**
- Discuss your menu** with the caterers and sample the dishes.
- Start thinking about your seating plan** for the wedding breakfast (our tables seat between 8 and 12 so you can mix it up.)
- Decide on your favours.** Why not hand make them yourselves for a more personal touch?
- Don't forget to break in your wedding shoes**, no blisters on the day! Why not vacuum around the house in them so as not to get them dirty?



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### 2 MONTHS

- Wine tasting time!** Come and see us to decide on your welcome drinks, table wine and fizz! Email us to arrange on [weddings@carlton-manor.co.uk](mailto:weddings@carlton-manor.co.uk)
- Decide on an order of the day.**
- Check all your suppliers** have everything they need and are good to go!
- Chase any RSVPs you may not have received.**

### 1 MONTH

- Enjoy your Hen and Stag dos!**
- Send your suppliers list and timings** for your wedding to us so we can make sure everything runs smoothly on the big day.
- Hair and make-up trial.**
- Send your final guest list** and any dietary requirements to your caterers.

### 2 WEEKS

- Come back for a final viewing if needed.**
- Remind all guests** of directions, parking and timings.

### 1 WEEK

- Operation Pamper!** Book a spa day with your bridal party to relax after all the organising!
- Get your nails done** and book a spray tan!
- Pick up your dress.**
- Brief the bridesmaids and groomsmen** of their duties on the day- it's their job to help!

### WEDDING DAY EVE

- Arrive anytime from 9am** to start setting up in the barn. We will be on hand to help with anything you like.
- Your caterers will arrive to set up their equipment**, if they haven't done so already.
- You and your guests will have access to the manor from 3pm.**
- Church rehearsal.**
- Florist and cake to arrive and set up** (this may be done on the morning of your wedding instead.)
- Relax with your friends and family** and get an early night!

