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Suggested Timeline

12-9 months announce the engagement
select a day for the wedding (check first with venues, officials, important guests)
choose and book ceremony and reception venues
appoint participants and their duties: best man, chief bridesmaid [maid of honour], readers ...
draw up the guest list and order save-the-date cards
choose and book the officiant
work out the budget
consider wedding insurance and legal issues
plan the theme / choose the style
identify possible suppliers and get estimates
investigate possible musicians / DJ for ceremony and reception

9-6 months finalize wedding suppliers and make orders and reservations
decide on food and drink and book caterer
send save-the-date cards
start shopping for wedding dress and accessories
start shopping for bridal attendants' outfits
start planning honeymoon
make reservation for wedding night
order wedding rings
book florist and order bouquets, boutonnieres, table decorations ...
book musicians / DJ for ceremony and reception

book photographer and videographer
book transport
design and order cake
design and order invitations and other stationery
prepare information sheet for guests - maps, hotel list etc.
set up wedding list [wedding registry]

6-3 months reserve accommodation for guests
schedule final fittings for wedding dress and bridal attendants' outfits
shop for going-away outfit
hire / buy outfits for groom and groom's attendants
address and send out invitations with information sheet
order wedding favours and gifts for participants
book ceremony rehearsal / pre-wedding dinner / day-after brunch
finalize honeymoon plans
plan and book hen and stag nights [bachelorette and bachelor parties]

3-2 months plan a schedule of beauty treatments
write down the vows
decide on music / readings for ceremony
compile playlist for reception
buy or set up guestbook

8-6 weeks book trial hair and make-up appointments
book manicure, pedicure etc. for final week
finalize menu and print menu cards
finalize and print ceremony sheet

6-2 weeks apply for marriage licence (check validity window)
confirm ceremony details with the officiant
confirm honeymoon and wedding-night reservations
confirm details with all suppliers and provide written itineraries
finalize and confirm transport timings
contact guests who haven't responded and finalize seating arrangements
finalize table plan with reception manager
have final fitting of wedding dress and accessories
finalize bridal attendants' outfits
have final haircut and colour
have final facial
groom to get hair cut
deliver playlist for reception to musicians / DJ
deliver list of must-have shots to photographer and draft script to videographer
have hen and stag nights [bachelorette and bachelor parties]

1 week pack for honeymoon
finalize number of guests with caterer, reception manager and rental companies
deliver menu cards, table plan, seating chart, place cards etc. to caterer / reception manager
one last fitting of wedding dress
pick up outfits for groom and groom's attendants
pick up wedding dress and bridal attendants' outfits
hold ceremony rehearsal / pre-wedding dinner
check marriage licence is ready

The Big Day give groom's ring to chief bridesmaid [maid of honour]
give bride's ring to best man
have hair and make-up done a few hours before the ceremony
start dressing one to two hours before the ceremony
make sure you take your marriage licence
put payments in envelopes and give to the person who will be distributing them
... and enjoy your wedding!