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How To Choose Wedding Caterers

By Pepper Montero

When planning a wedding, it is a good idea to select a caterer early on in the process. A good

caterer can be booked months, or even years, in advance. It is wise to contact several caterers and make appointments to see them as soon as possible.

When thinking about hiring a caterer, consider what type of caterer you will need. If you are having your reception at a place that already has a catering staff, strongly consider using this option. Some venues will charge for having an outside caterer come onto the property while some will not allow it at all.

If you are not sure whether or not to use the reception facility's caterer or hire one on your own, make an appointment with the head of the catering staff at the reception facility to gather such information as prices and references. Also, ask for a tasting of what is offered at the venue.

If you decide to go with an outside caterer or if your reception venue does not offer catering, generate a list of questions to take with you on the consultations. If you have a standard list of questions that you ask every caterer, you will be less likely to forget to ask something and you will be able to make an accurate comparison.

Some good questions to ask caterers are the average cost per guest for buffet as well as seated receptions, the amount of time needed to set up and take down, the arrangements for left-over food, the ratio of servers to guests, the items that are supplied (such as plates, napkins, etc), packages that are offered, extra charges for such services as cake cutting and serving, if there is a children's menu available, if there are vegetarian plates available, and if the caterer will provide a one-course meal for other professionals working at the wedding.

When meeting with a caterer, make some mental notes as well as asking questions. Note the friendliness and professionalism of the caterer, the condition of anything you may be renting from them, the cleanliness of the facility, the presentation and temperature of the samples that you taste, and the display of health and business permits.

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When planning for catering services, keep in mind that the catering is usually forty percent of the wedding budget. There are some ways to save money with caterers. Buffets usually cost less because less help is needed. Food stations can also be a good idea for a lower budget wedding. Of course, serving alcoholic beverages, especially an open bar, can really drive up the price of the catering.

In closing, be sure to make a list of caterers you want to interview and schedule appointments and tastings with them as soon as possible. You want to make sure the best selection of caterers is available for your reception and that you get the most for the money you are able to spend. Your guests will remember the quality of the catering at your wedding for years to come.

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To Relieve Wedding Tension: Apply Advice, Repeat As Necessary

By Lesley–Ann Graham

For increasing the all–around tension of at least two families, there's nothing as effective as a wedding. You're throwing strangers together in a situation that may be alien to all of them. You're encouraging a clash of styles and tastes, with you and the person you love most right in the middle of it.

It seems like a situation wrought with danger, disaster, and debt. But there are ways of defeating all the monsters between you and the wedding of your dreams.

How about - organization?

Yes, the old–fashioned concept of organization can stand you in good stead. Writing everything down. Keeping detailed forms with lists of caterers, musicians, guests, tasks, things to pick up on shopping expeditions.

Organization can be better than a purple–haired, Miss–Manners–reading great aunt. When you get organized, you find yourself in control again. You know what's going on, and you know you haven't

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forgotten anything in the shuffle - like the ring, or the table and chair rental.

And the best organization comes from a genuinely complete book.

The Ultimate Wedding Planning Toolkit

This is a new book on the scene. The Ultimate Wedding Planning Toolkit gives you advice on every aspect of your wedding, from how to do an outdoors wedding to how to manage your budget, how to keep your RSVPs in order, how to keep your divorced parents in order, and how to keep your mental state in order.

How about these bits of advice:

- Keep an emergency kit at hand for last minute medical issues (Benadryl to treat those hives!) or fashion emergencies.
- If you have unruly relatives, enlist your minister or other officiant to help you maintain peace within the family using a neutral party.
- Plan your wedding budget early, and take advantage of discounts by catching venues and caterers at off-peak times.

But the Toolkit has more in it than just advice. It's a complete repository of all the checklists you'll need for your wedding. From the master checklist of everything that needs to be done, to later checklists of things you need to do for photography, the day of the wedding, and the honeymoon, the Workbook you'll find included in the Ultimate Wedding Planning Toolkit will help you through the whole ordeal - and help you turn it into the event of your life.

The Workbook's lists are also included in the form of Excel worksheets, with handy calculations that help you easily keep track of RSVPs, of your music playlist, and of your budget. You can modify them in any way necessary for your wedding.

The earlier in the process you find the Toolkit, the more useful it will be. It covers everything from the day you say "Yes," to the day you say, "I do," and afterward.

You know the feeling you have when you get in the car and know exactly where you're going? The Ultimate Wedding Planning Toolkit gives you the same feeling with your wedding. What better way to start your marriage than with a beautifully-planned ceremony? For more information please visit

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Lesley-Ann Graham runs WeddingTrix.com -- a valuable wedding planning resource with bridal guides, articles for the bride and bridesmaid, wedding etiquette advice for brides, tips for brides, bridal checklists, wedding planning worksheets, and more! The Bride, Groom, Best Man, Bridesmaids and Groomsmen can find it all at the

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