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Setting Your Wedding Budget

By George Meszaros

The first and most important task a bride and groom must do is to set their wedding budget.

Weddings can be expensive, and the average cost of a wedding in the U.S. is over \$20,000 not including the honeymoon. While \$20,000 sounds like a lot of money, keep in mind that it is an average and a lot of weddings cost much—much more than that.

Before we go any further, you must realize that no wedding budget is ever too big. It is your wedding budget not your imagination that sets the limits of what you can or can't do on your wedding day. Formal weddings in hotel ballrooms or other extravagant wedding reception venues will require a much larger budget than a wedding party held at your parents house. In addition, formal weddings are more expensive because everything about them is expensive such as the food, music, etc.

Summer is the most popular and most expensive time of the year to get married. Because hotels and other wedding reception venues wish to profit from the busy wedding season, be prepared to pay a higher price during the summer rush.

The more guest you invite to your wedding, the more money you'll spend. You should calculate your food budget based on a per-head cost for food and liquor. The type of meal you plan to serve your guest is limited by your budget. For example, a seated dinner served is more expensive than a buffet.

Some locations are more expensive than others. Certain cities such as New York and Los Angeles can be expensive, but distant places can be just as pricey due to high travel costs.

Don't panic if your wedding budget doesn't cover everything that you'd like to have on your wedding day. It may require compromises, scheduling changes, or simply begging for more money, but even with a limited budget you can likely plan your ideal wedding.

The decision about a wedding budget is one that needs to be made by the bride and groom and their families—together. While tradition dictates that the bride's family covers most of the expenses of a wedding, that tradition is not necessarily relevant today. The bride and groom primarily finance many of today's weddings.

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Wedding Invitations! To Make Or To Buy!

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The big day is fast arriving. One of the most important steps to setting the tone to your wedding is the purchase of the most beautiful wedding invitations! For those that have not had any experience in this area, it can be quite overwhelming! There are hundreds of thousands of choices, even more considerations when it comes to the envelopes, the stamps, and even the writing that is used! So, what should you do to get the best results? Should you make your own or purchase them?

With so many questions, it is important to start at the beginning. Your first step is to decide if you will purchase or make your own wedding invitations. It can be beneficial to make your own in order to get a better price. It can also be a wonderful thing to do if you can allot the time and creativity to design and make them yourself. But, it can also be more elegant, more sophisticated to purchase them. You will have a better selection of more intricate designs as well.

If you decide to purchase them, think about these qualifications for the wedding invitations you choose.

- Make sure they fit with the theme of your wedding. Invitations can be made to be elegant, formal, or laid back and fun. Whatever your wedding theme is, that is what you should aim for when it comes to the wedding invitations.
- Look at many of your options long before making a choice. The more options you have the more special the right one will be for you.
- Consider colors too! Do you have a color theme for your wedding? Get one and use it on your wedding invitations.

The cost of the materials is the main cost involved. The more expensive the materials, the more important it is to get the right thing within your budget. Staying within your budget is important as there are many more things to spend your wedding dollars on!

Find more information and tips about wedding invitations by visiting

<http://www.weddinginvitationsnews.info>



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