

Top tips for a stress-free memorable wedding day.

Here you will find lots of tips, all of which are provided by experienced Party Hosts who know what it is like to oversee the entire day. Their experience has enabled them to share some pearls of wisdom that will help you de-stress, relax and enjoy your wedding ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception. Each snippet of advice is accredited to the Party Host who submitted it. You can find contact details for all of the party hosts at the rear of this book or online at our dedicated website www.weddingdaysecrets.co.uk

- your wedding day will go so quickly so make sure at some point during the day you take time out with each other and say 'we've just got married today' because before you know it the day will be over ! – Phil Colbert
- 'If you do book a wedding day host then enjoy your day. You've done the planning, so relax and enjoy and let us create the perfect day for you' – Phil Colbert
- Once the wedding breakfast formalities are over, just spend about 20 to 30 minutes alone with each other. Go for a walk or to your room. Relax before the evening guests arrive. - Chris Burford
- If you have chosen a venue with no or little accommodation, consider organising (not necessarily paying for!) a coach to pick up and drop off your guests from the nearest hotel(s). This way you will be guaranteed that lots of your friends and family will be helping you celebrate your wedding day right through to the end. –Neil Postlethwaite
- “Making sure you have fun at your own wedding is the number one way to guarantee a GREAT party. If you want your guests on the dance floor...go to the dance floor.” – John Beck
- Don't book a coach or bus for your guests to leave before the end of the party. A great disco finish is best done with as many people present as possible. Schedule its departure allowing time for collection of coats, finishing drinks and saying goodbyes. If this means bringing the end time forward by 15 mins, this is preferable to a fizzled out finish. ~ June Gould (DJ June Cecilia)
- Make sure your wedding dress is comfortable and you can dance the night away in it. Darren Tipples D J Sound & Lighting – Darren Tipples
- At the vows ceremony, it's a good idea for the Bridegroom to choose the prelude music whilst waiting for his Bride to arrive. His own choice of music will help him to relax. – Steve Mitchell
- At the vows ceremony, why not choose a song to be played during the prelude that will let you know your Bride has arrived safely. – Steve Mitchell
- 'You are both the stars of your own show. Do not let anyone else tell you otherwise!' – Tom Norridge
- Include your guests in your special day. One way to do this effectively is to ask them to choose up to 3 songs each - pick one out of the list to be included either during the wedding breakfast or evening reception. You may find there are some real gems there within the explanations of why they chose a certain song that can really create a magical moment – Andy Collins
- After getting ready, your hair done etc, send everyone out of the room take a “Selfie” in the mirror and repeat these words, “This is the best day of my life” – Mike Hackett
- At the door to the church or venue, before walking down the aisle, STOP take and three deep breaths. This will calm you down before you proceed down the aisle. Once married DO NOT race

back up the aisle. Take this time to acknowledge the guests assembled for your big day. **CHERISH THE MOMENTS YOU CREATE.** – Mike Hackett

- Just before you walk through the doorway for your grand entrance, before the doors are opened, hold hands, look at each other, take a breath and savour that very moment. Share a kiss. – Martin Keogh
- For civil ceremonies..... The song you have for your processional doesn't have to stop as soon as you reach the top of the aisle. This is a moment to savour, just before you are married. It is ok to let the song play out to its end, take this time to hold hands, look into each other's eyes, and then both have a look around to your friends and family. Talk to your celebrant and music provider about this idea. Your wedding day will fly through, it is nice to savour these moments! – Martin Keogh
- Say hello to your guests early on so you can enjoy your day - Stuart MacLennan
- Good Vendors get booked up fast. So put down a deposit and secure your Specialist Wedding DJ, Photographer, Videographer, Wedding Singer, Musician, Magician, Make-Up Artist, and Hairdresser. Get them confirmed in a contract and then be happy in the knowledge the key team are all in place. **VERY IMPORTANT** - This includes your Registrar. Registrars get booked fast and can mean you need to change the dates of all your vendors if the registrar is not in place. - Gary Jones
- If you are a regular Karaoke singer and would like karaoke at your wedding reception, but you are concerned about the karaoke getting out of hand - have a cut off point and also suggest [request] in advance what songs you would like your guests to sing ...This way you get to hear those favourite songs that your friends, family and guests enjoy. – Glenn Nash
- Smile and enjoy every moment - if things don't go exactly to plan, don't worry or feel disappointed as most guests may not realise. Make sure you enjoy the big day. - Ravi Apnabeat
- On the hour, every hour, take time out and spend five minutes with each other to relish the moment. – David Summers
- Check the sporting calendar for your big day; is there anything going on locally or nationally which might distract your guests –David Summers.
- Meet the DJ in person who will be performing for you, don't just rely on a fancy website. Get a feel for how he or she interacts with you, do they inspire confidence? Do they listen to what you want? Can they give you examples of their work i.e. video's showing a circle of love finish or how uplighting would transform the venue? But most importantly you have to like them; after all they can make or break your special day. - Paul Holmes
- If it rains on your wedding day: don't worry - a wet knot is impossible to undo. - Harry Kilb
- “A fantastic way to help guests get to know each other is to place a one line fact about each person on the back of their place card, and ask them to share it with the rest of the table, it could be the football team they support or the job they do, but making it amusing is the best way to get them socialising.” - Gillies Alistair

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