



# 15 Top Tips To Make Sure Your Wedding Day Is Exceptional

1. Create a detailed wedding day timeline and share it with all vendors so everyone is on the same schedule.
2. Allow enough time for wedding party portraits after the ceremony before guests arrive for the reception.
3. Have an indoor backup plan in case of inclement weather for an outdoor reception.
4. Make a "must play" and "do not play" list of songs for the DJ/band to ensure they perform meaningful music you love.
5. Set aside time for you and your new spouse to actually eat the dinner and cake you picked out.
6. Plan some fun entertainment like a photo booth, games, performers or choreographed dances to keep guests engaged.
7. Have an affordable bar package option like just beer and wine to keep bar costs down.
8. Greet all your guests personally, if possible, by making a roundtable visit during dinner.
9. Schedule your important dances (first dance, father/daughter, etc.) at an optimal time when most guests have arrived.
10. End the night with a spectacular exit like sparklers, confetti, or your guests forming a path to your getaway car.
11. Ensure the band/DJ has staging, sound and lighting requirements handled for an optimal experience.
12. Consider having acoustic or preliminary music for the prelude before the main band performs.
13. Make sure music volumes are mapped out for each part of the evening (lower for dinner, ramped up for dancing).
14. Have a designated secure area for band equipment and belongings.
15. Build in set break times for the band and have predetermined music (playlist, DJ) for intervals.