

The wedding checklist, to print

The timeline from our guide, as tick boxes. Print it, or download the free PDF.

12 months or more before

- ☐ Set the date with both families, and the celebrations you will keep (khotba, henna, wedding night, day after...).
- ☐ Set an overall budget and agree which family pays for what.
- ☐ Draft the guest list, family by family, on each side: it decides the size of the venue.
- ☐ Visit and book the venue (or the house, riad or garden).

9 to 6 months before

- ☐ Book the caterer, the negafa, the band or DJ, the photographer and the videographer.
- ☐ Ask the adouls for the list of documents for the marriage act (it differs if one of you lives abroad or is not Moroccan).
- ☐ Choose outfits and fittings; write down every deposit paid.

6 to 3 months before

- ☐ Prepare the dfou3 and the gifts for the bride's family.
- ☐ Plan the hammam and the henna night (nekacha, place, guests).
- ☐ Prepare the invitation, then send it: 3 months ahead for family who must travel, about 6 weeks ahead for the others.
- ☐ Plan the honeymoon and the tickets for family coming from far away.

The last month

- ☐ Chase the families who have not answered, then give the final count to the caterer and the venue.
- ☐ Make the seating plan for each celebration and send it to the venue.
- ☐ Set the evening's timing with the negafa, the band and the photographer.
- ☐ List the balances to pay and who pays them.

The last week and the day

- ☐ Confirm every provider by phone or WhatsApp.
- ☐ Prepare envelopes for balances and tips.
- ☐ Hand one trusted person the day's schedule, the contacts and the seating plan.