

LODORE FALLS

HOTEL & SPA

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WEDDING CHECKLIST

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Create a wedding folder to keep everything organised.
- Decide on your guest list including daytime and evening guests.
- Book your ceremony. If you are getting married with us at Lodore Falls, you will need to contact Cumbria Registration Service to book your ceremony, on 0300 303 2472 or email to registrationservice@cumbria.gov.uk. Ask how you 'give notice of marriage' and they will guide you through the process. Don't forget you can get married outside in our beautiful garden gazebo! If you are getting married in a church, you should arrange this with your local minister.
- Decide on your bridesmaids, best man and ushers.
- Take out wedding insurance.
- Book your accommodation.
- Send out your Save the Dates & Accommodation Vouchers! Note the date, the wedding information, time, venue, travel information, accommodation details etc.
- Book entertainment such as a DJ, band, musician. If you have booked a package with inclusive DJ, we will book this in for you & put you in touch with our recommended DJ 'Dancing in the Dark'. There are a range of other entertainers on our supplier list, from string quartets, DJ's, singers & a band agency.
- Book your wedding photographer and videographer, we recommend Jason Chambers, Chris Freer, Ladybirds Photography, Emma Stoszkowski & Safe Harbour Videos.
- Book your wedding transportation, we recommend Cumbria Classic Wedding Cars.
- Book your florist/venue stylist, we recommend Mr and Mrs Jones, Hird of Love, Rheda Retreat or Evergreens.
- Confirm all of your bookings and suppliers contact details in writing and keep safe in your wedding folder.
- Start looking for The Dress / The Suit! We recommend Songbird Bridal in Keswick.
- Look at styles for your wedding cake, we recommend the Yummy Pudding Company or Mama Cakes.

9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Research your honeymoon destination and get it booked!
- Purchase your wedding dress / suit!

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Send out your wedding invitations.
- Choose your finishing outfit touches, such as shoes or accessories.
- Choose the wedding attire for the groom, best man, ushers and bridesmaids.
- Pick the rings! We recommend Fulton's in Keswick.
- Order your wedding invitations and other stationary such as place names, table plan, menus etc.
- Order your wedding favours, please note we do not allow corkage and this includes any items used as favours.
- Arrange your hairdresser / makeup artist for the big day, we recommend Aqua hair & beauty, Le Petit Salon make up & Jaye Adams make up.
- Start to plan your hen and stag parties!

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book your hair/ make up trial & take along a photo of your dress and veil to this appointment to get an idea of how to finish off the complete look!
- Your 80% balance is now due, please call your wedding coordinator on 017687 87701 to make this payment via phone or to confirm a different method of payment. If you are unsure of your balance, please check your wedding planner document.
- Decide on your gift list and make it available to your wedding guests.
- Confirm your ceremony details with your registrar or minister.
- Decide upon your chosen wedding music. If you are having a civil ceremony at Lodore Falls please note there cannot be any religious connotations within your chosen music or readings. We recommend providing 5 songs: one for the walk down the aisle, three for your register signing and finally one for your exit down the aisle – these can be saved on an iPod/MP3 player or CD ready for playing on your big day.
- Buy thank you gifts for the parents, best man, ushers and bridesmaids.
- Discuss your seating plan with your coordinator.
- All RSVP's should be returned.

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Arrange your final details appointment with your wedding coordinator at the hotel to run through your final wedding plans.
- Finalise your seating plan and telephone any guests who have not yet confirmed attendance.
- Book a family meal for the evening before your wedding at the hotel, either in our Lake View restaurant, conservatory/ lounge bar or in our pan Asian restaurant Mizu.

1 MONTHS BEFORE

- Your final wedding balance is due, please call your coordinator to arrange payment.
- Reconfirm the wedding arrangements with your florist, photographer/videographer, entertainment and any wedding transport you may have booked.
- Write your wedding speeches (typically it is the father of the bride, groom and best man).

7 DAYS BEFORE

- Start packing for your honeymoon and order your foreign currency if necessary.
- Wear-in your wedding shoes around the house, it's a great chance to practice the walk and avoid sore feet on the big day!
- Organise an emergency wedding kit for you on the day.
- Give the rings to the best man along with a list of the wedding services involved in the day in case anyone needs contacting.

THE DAY BEFORE

- Have a day off!
- Have a pamper day for yourself and your bridal party at The Falls Spa (booking essential), check in is from 3.00pm to your accommodation.
- Meet with the duty manager upon check in to run through any specifics for set up.
- Finally, relax and enjoy your big day!