

Indian Wedding Checklist

Checklist · 43 items · 11 sections

Plan every ritual of a traditional Indian multi-day wedding, from Sangeet to Bidaai.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/indian-wedding-checklist>

12+ MONTHS BEFORE

- Set total wedding budget across all events
HIGH
- Book venue for Sangeet, Haldi, Wedding Ceremony, and Reception
HIGH
- Book pandit/priest for Hindu ceremony and confirm all rituals
HIGH
- Create guest list for all events
HIGH

9-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book photographer and videographer for all multi-day events
HIGH
- Book Mehendi artist for bride and bridal party
HIGH
- Book makeup artist and hair stylist for multiple events
HIGH
- Begin shopping for bridal lehenga or saree
HIGH
- Shop for Sangeet and Haldi outfits separately
HIGH
- Book groom's sherwani or achkan for wedding and reception
HIGH
- Book traditional catering for all events (veg and non-veg options)
HIGH

6-9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Plan Sangeet night choreography (family dance performances)
HIGH
- Book choreographer or dance instructor for Sangeet performances
- Book dhol player and band for Baraat procession
HIGH
- Arrange mandap design and booking with decorator
HIGH
- Send formal wedding invitations (Hindi/regional language included)
HIGH
- Arrange sacred fire (hawan kund) setup for Pheras
HIGH
- Order traditional bridal jewelry (kundan, polki, gold sets)
HIGH

4-6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Arrange marigold and rose garland decorations for ceremony
HIGH
- Plan Haldi ceremony (turmeric paste ritual for bride and groom)
- Arrange kalire and chooda for bride (red bangles)
- Plan wedding favors (shagun boxes, mithai boxes)
- Confirm pandit on all rituals (Saptapadi, Mangalsutra, Sindoor)
HIGH
- Book horse or decorated car for Baraat arrival
HIGH
- Plan Milni ceremony (families greeting each other with garlands)
- Arrange accommodation for out-of-town guests
HIGH

2-4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Confirm all outfit fittings for bride and groom
HIGH
- Plan seating chart for reception
HIGH
- Confirm guest RSVPs for each event
HIGH

- Plan Bidaai ceremony (bride's farewell from parents' home)

HIGH

- Prepare gifts for bride's and groom's families (shagun)

1-2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Confirm all vendors for each event and share timeline

HIGH

- Obtain civil marriage registration (if required)

HIGH

WEEK OF

- Prepare cash envelopes for pandit and vendor tips

PRE-WEDDING EVENTS

- Complete Sangeet night: singing, dance performances, family bonding

HIGH

- Complete Haldi ceremony: turmeric applied to bride and groom separately

- Complete Mehendi night: apply henna for bride

HIGH

WEDDING DAY

- Perform Pheras (seven rounds around sacred fire with pandit)

HIGH

- Complete Saptapadi (seven vows)

HIGH

- Apply Sindoor and tie Mangalsutra on bride

HIGH

- Perform Bidaai: emotional farewell for bride from parents

HIGH

RECEPTION

- Host grand reception with DJ, dinner, and dancing

HIGH

AFTER WEDDING

- Register marriage with civil authorities for legal certificate

HIGH