

## **Event Planning Checklist**

Clarify the purpose of the event
Set a realistic budget with 10–15% buffer
Decide guest count (must-invite vs optional)
Choose primary date and backup dates
Evaluate venue from a photographer's perspective
Confirm venue lighting, ceiling color, and space
Check venue restrictions (flash, setup, time limits)
Select overall event theme or style
Plan décor (backdrop, florals, centerpieces, lighting)
Ensure backdrop placement avoids direct window light
Book photographer early and share event details
Finalize catering style and menu
Map out event timeline and key moments
Plan seating arrangements and accessibility
Arrange sound, music, microphones, and entertainment
Review logistics (parking, weather plan, vendor access)
Prepare personal touches and custom elements
Double-check all vendor confirmations
Create a day-of coordination plan