Be My Guest

Who do you really want at your wedding? And let's be honest: who *don't* you want there? This day is about you. Citing budget constraints and a lack of space are explanations that everyone will accept. Consider whether your wedding is child-friendly—and if it isn't, make sure to give parents enough notice so they can arrange for childcare. If you're having a traditional ceremony, think of who you'd like to be your witnesses, bridesmaids, and groomsmen. If you'd like the children of family and friends to be flower girls or ring bearers, get in touch to ask them.

If you're planning a big party, let the planner or your caterer know the exact number of guests well in advance, and plan in a couple of extra meals—who knows which of your friends will fall madly in love between now and then? Make sure that all of your guests have overnight accommodation booked, and arrange transportation to the ceremony if necessary. Are you doing traditional invitations? Then send out a save-the-date to all of your guests, followed by official wedding invitations, with a request to RSVP promptly. Be sure to ask about dietary restrictions with your invitations to avoid any unpleasant surprises for your guests on the big day.



"Prepare yourself for a couple of gatecrashers as well as for the no-shows. Think of your wedding plan as more of a guide, and you will offload a heap of stress."





Make Your Big Day Truly Yours!



Above Your invitations give your guests the first indication of where the journey will take them.

Top left Make sure your invitations include all the important information, and check it all over, twice!

Center left It looks great if all the wedding stationery is coordinated, with the menus matching the invitations, too.

Bottom left And it doesn't have to be a traditional shape. Creative shapes make a lasting impression and are just plain fun.