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BALLYLIFFIN LODGE
LUXURY HOTEL

Congratulations!

You have found the love of your life!

It is now time to start preparing for the greatest party of your life, where you will invite friends and family to celebrate the happiness you have found and true love.

To help you amidst all the excitement of the preparations, your Ballyliffin Lodge Wedding Co-ordinator has prepared the following booklet to help you along the way.

We hope you will enjoy and savour every moment and we promise to give you the benefit of our experience to help you make this time uniquely special.



**18-12 MONTHS
BEFORE HAND
OR AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE**

Contact your local registry office or church and set a date.

Book your reception date with The Ballyliffin Lodge and Spa and enjoy a meeting with your Ballyliffin Lodge Wedding Co-ordinator who will show you around, introduce you to the Ballyliffin Lodge team, listen to your requests and assist with your preparations for the big day.

Draw up a draft guest list.

Indicate approximate numbers for your reception.

Do not be disappointed. If you want to get married on a Saturday, book early for everything from the hotel to the photographer, as Saturdays are the most popular dates for weddings throughout Ireland.

Provisionally book accommodation for your guests at the Ballyliffin Lodge and Spa.

Arrange your pre-wedding booking with the Rock Crystal Wedding Make-up Team at the Ballyliffin Lodge and Spa.

**12-8 MONTHS
BEFORE HAND**

Choose the bridesmaids, best-man, ushers, page-boys and flower girls.

Plan and book your honeymoon, and remember to book early if you are considering going to one of the more popular destinations.

Remember to book time off work for your wedding and honeymoon.

8-6 MONTHS BEFORE HAND

Choose the wedding gown, bridesmaid dresses, and decide on clothes for the groom, best-man, ushers, ring bearers, flower girls etc. Remember you will want to window shop first, and ordering or making clothes for the wedding will take a substantial amount of time.

Book a professional photographer and videographer if required.

Book your wedding car hire.

Book the entertainment, for example, band, DJ or String Quartet.

Decide on a colour scheme; book a florist and tell your Ballyliffin Lodge Wedding Co-ordinator what you would like to see at the reception so that the banqueting suite can be co-ordinated.

Talk to your florist about button holes, bouquets, flowers for hair etc.

6-5 MONTHS BEFORE HAND

Organise your gift list.

Order your wedding stationery/invitations and do not forget to include your gift list. If required, when ordering your stationery remember to include reply cards and thank-you cards for presents.

Book a pre-marriage course.

Begin your health and beauty regime and book treatments in the Ballyliffin Lodge Spa.

Arrange your Hen and Stag night. You may want to consider the fabulous Ballyliffin Lodge Spa Hen Celebrations Package Offer at the Rock Crystal Spa.



5-3 MONTHS BEFORE HAND

Apply for your passports.

Discuss arrangements for your wedding cake with your Ballyliffin Lodge Wedding Co-ordinator.

Finalise your menus for the reception and meet with your Co-ordinator to confirm and discuss your options.

Choose your wedding rings.

Post your wedding invitations.

Arrange the finer details for the wedding ceremony: readings, organist etc, and arrange for the wedding ceremony booklets to be printed.

Plan your first dance.

3-2 MONTHS BEFORE HAND

Visit your favourite hair stylist for a practice run.

Have a practice run on your make-up. You may decide to have your make-up applied in the comfort of the Ballyliffin Lodge Spa, where professional make-up artists will look after your every need.

Keep a record of all acceptances and regrets and finalise numbers with your Ballyliffin Lodge Wedding Co-ordinator.

Confirm accommodation for all your guests.

If you are going to change your name, notify the bank, credit card companies, drivers licence, tax office etc.

If you are off to the tropics for your honeymoon, start getting your vaccinations. Check with your doctor regarding yellow fever, typhoid, rabies etc and remember that some of these vaccinations have unpleasant side effects so it is often worth having them completed before the week of the wedding.

Make sure you have accessories for your outfits.

1 MONTH BEFORE HAND

Arrange the seating plan for your guests and talk to your Ballyliffin Lodge Wedding Co-ordinator about attendees' names and place setting decisions.

Schedule a final fitting for the wedding gown and bridesmaids' dresses.

Confirm all your bookings.

Keep track of the presents you receive.

Contact everyone in the immediate wedding party and arrange a rehearsal.

Discuss a list of photographs you would like to have taken at the wedding with your photographer.

1 WEEK BEFORE HAND

Finalise numbers attending the reception with the Ballyliffin Lodge Wedding Co-ordinator.

Pack for the honeymoon.

Have a full rehearsal for the wedding service.

Time the journey from home to the church and to the hotel.



1 DAY BEFORE HAND

Ensure that the flowers are picked up or delivered.

Collect wedding clothes from the wedding hire company if required.

Arrange for the honeymoon luggage to be brought to the Ballyliffin Lodge and Spa.

Relax and have an early night.

WEDDING DAY

Give the rings to the best man.

Relax and enjoy getting ready for your special day.

AFTER THE WEDDING

Treat yourself to His and Her treatments at the Rock Crystal Spa.

Send cake to those who could not attend.

Pick up wedding videos and pictures.

Pay any outstanding accounts.

Write thank you letters.

Enjoy married life!



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