Scotland Wedding Checklist

Tick it off as you go. Made for couples marrying in Scotland.

12 months or more to go

- ☐ Talk about the kind of day you both want, big or small
- ☐ Agree a rough budget and who is contributing
- ☐ Pick a date or a season
- ☐ Draft a guest list, even a rough one
- ☐ Choose your ceremony type: civil, celebrant-led, religious or elopement
- ☐ Visit and book your venue
- ☐ Book your photographer and celebrant

9 to 12 months to go

- ☐ Book your caterer, if the venue does not include one
- ☐ Book your videographer, music and any key suppliers
- ☐ Check where your guests will stay, and book a block of rooms if needed
- ☐ Start looking at outfits
- ☐ Book an engagement shoot if you want one

6 to 9 months to go

- ☐ Send save-the-dates
- ☐ Order your outfits and book fittings
- ☐ Plan your honeymoon
- ☐ Start a wedding email folder to keep quotes and contracts in one place

3 to 6 months to go

- ☐ Send invitations and ask for dietary needs
- ☐ Choose your menu, cake and flowers
- ☐ Book hair, make-up and transport
- ☐ Meet your celebrant and plan your ceremony words
- ☐ Write a first draft of your day timeline
- ☐ Share your must-have moments with your photographer

Legal steps in Scotland (3 months to 29 days before)

- ☐ Collect your birth certificates, photo ID and any divorce or civil partnership papers
- ☐ Submit your M10 marriage notice to your local registrar
- ☐ Do this no earlier than three months and no later than 29 days before the day
- ☐ Choose two witnesses aged 16 or over
- ☐ Collect your marriage schedule from the registrar once your notice is processed
- ☐ Give the schedule to your celebrant or registrar, and make sure it is signed and returned after the ceremony

1 to 2 months to go

- [ ] Chase any RSVPs still missing
- [ ] Confirm final numbers with your venue and caterer
- [ ] Plan your seating
- [ ] Finalise your timeline and send it to every supplier
- [ ] Write your vows, if you are writing your own
- [ ] Do a final fitting

The final week

- [ ] Pack for the wedding night and honeymoon
- [ ] Pack a small emergency kit with plasters, safety pins and tissues
- [ ] Hand rings, schedule and spare copies of the timeline to a trusted person
- [ ] Confirm arrival times with every supplier
- [ ] Pass on any family group photo list to your photographer
- [ ] Get a good night of sleep

After the day

- [ ] Sign and return any final paperwork
- [ ] Send thank-you messages to guests and suppliers
- [ ] Check the registrar has received your signed marriage schedule
- [ ] Update your name on documents, if you are changing it
- [ ] Look through your photos and order a printed album