

Wedding Reality Checklist – Expectations vs What Actually Happens

Expectation	Reality Check Tip
Everything will go exactly as planned	Always build in buffer time + contingency plans.
Pinterest decor = your venue vibe	Adapt vision to venue dimensions + local vendors.
Friends will help with coordination	Assign tasks but hire a pro for execution.
One big checklist is enough	Split into pre-event, day-of, and emergency lists.
Everyone will RSVP properly	Track with Google Form + confirm personally.
Family will agree on rituals	Have a pre-wedding meeting to finalize traditions.
Outfits will fit perfectly	Book trials 1 month before + keep alternates.
Makeup artist will show up	Have 1–2 backup MUAs and confirm 48 hrs prior.
Rain won't affect you	Always have a tent or indoor Plan B.
Guests will follow timing	Expect delays – structure timeline flexibly.
Budget won't slip	Track everything in a shared spreadsheet weekly.
Everyone will be happy	Focus on your joy, not pleasing everyone.
Your energy will be high	Sleep well, eat clean, and schedule downtime.
Photos will be perfect	Prep a mood board + confirm priority shots.
Nothing will go wrong	Something might. Breathe. You've got support.