

Organizing your wedding in the Centre-du-Québec

Step by Step



Twelve (12) months before the Big Day

- ☐ *Decide on the type of wedding and reception.*
- ☐ *Establish a budget.*
- ☐ *Draw up a list of guests who will be visiting our beautiful region.*
- ☐ *Contact the courthouse or church to undertake the necessary steps.*
- ☐ *Set the place, date, and time of the ceremony and reception.*
- ☐ *Make appointments to visit [reception halls](#) and reserve.*
- ☐ *Choose witnesses.*
- ☐ *Select a florist; consider our local florists: [Rose Drummond](#) or [Jardinerie F. Fortier](#).*
- ☐ *Make appointments with local pastry shops to choose your wedding cake. Add a regional touch to your cake and select local products: maple, cranberries, and other berries.*
- ☐ *Reserve your caterer; offer local cheeses – the region has more than five [cheese factories](#) offering quality products.*
- ☐ *Start thinking about your photographer and/or video maker and reserve early because the wedding season is a busy one for them.*
- ☐ *For a successful evening, consider reserving a DJ or musicians to provide entertainment. Wedding locations often have lists of references to help you with your choice.*

More than six months before the Big Day

- ☐ Shop for a wedding dress and groom's outfit.
- ☐ Choose the wedding rings.
- ☐ Plan your honeymoon – you might find a peaceful hideaway right here in the region.
- ☐ Order your invitations.
- ☐ Meet with the manager of your chosen reception hall to plan the decorations.
- ☐ Reserve the necessary materials for the reception (decorations, sound system, lighting, etc.)
- ☐ Draw up your wedding gift list. Request unique [regional products](#) and quick [romantic getaways](#) that could enhance your first year together.

Four months before the Big Day

- ☐ Meet with your caterer to determine the menu. The region has an abundance of [unique products](#) – introduce them to your guests.
- ☐ Try on your wedding dress.
- ☐ Send out your invitations.
- ☐ Choose your hairdresser and make appointments.
- ☐ Create and order your thank-you cards. Select your music.
- ☐ Make an appointment with your notary regarding the marriage contract.
- ☐ Finalize preparations and reservations for your honeymoon.

Two months before the Big Day

- ☐ Try on your wedding dress for the last time.
- ☐ Order your cake.
- ☐ Treat yourself to a spa treatment; check out the [different spas and beauty centres](#) in the region.

One month before the Big Day

- ☐ Visit your hairdresser and test a few hairstyles, as well as your make-up artist to test your make-up.
- ☐ Call your caterer and confirm the number of guests.
- ☐ Suggest a few ideas for lodgings (hotels, motels, B&Bs) to your out-of-town guests.
- ☐ Plan your seating arrangement.
- ☐ Hold your bachelorette and stag parties.
- ☐ Consider offering your guests a small [thank-you gift](#).

One week before the Big Day

- ☐ *Confirm your various appointments including with suppliers.*
- ☐ *Don't forget the tradition: Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue!*
- ☐ *Take a break and enjoy a great meal together at one of our [local restaurants](#).*

Tomorrow is the Big Day

- ☐ *Prepare your dress and accessories.*
- ☐ *Check final preparations and the day's schedule.*

The Big Day!

- ☐ *Appointments day (hairdresser, make-up, etc.).*
- ☐ *Slip into your beautiful dress.*
- ☐ *Enjoy your special day!*

You can plan souvenir photos after the wedding. Several [tourist attractions](#) in the region offer charming settings to create a warm atmosphere.