

Indian Wedding Checklist

Mehndi · Sangeet · Haldi · Baraat · Pheras · Vidai

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Mehndi Ceremony

%j	Book professional mehndi artist (books 6+ months out)
%j	Choose mehndi design style (traditional / contemporary)
%j	Order mehndi supplies for guests
%j	Plan seating and lighting for the mehndi area
%j	Arrange refreshments and snacks
%j	Coordinate outfits for bride and close family

Sangeet Night

%j	Book Sangeet venue (or set up at home)
%j	Hire choreographer for family performances
%j	Arrange dhol player or live musicians
%j	Plan sound system and stage lighting
%j	Create and rehearse performance acts
%j	Coordinate family outfit colors / theme
%j	Arrange catering for the evening

Haldi Ceremony

%j	Prepare haldi paste (turmeric, sandalwood, rose water)
%j	Arrange yellow and orange floral decorations
%j	Coordinate matching Haldi outfits for family
%j	Set up outdoor or garden area
%j	Arrange photographer for candid shots
%j	Plan post-Haldi skincare routine

Baraat Procession

%j	Book horse or decorated vehicle for groom
%j	Hire dhol players and baraat band
%j	Confirm procession route with venue
%j	Arrange lighting (LED sticks / flower garlands)
%j	Coordinate groom attire (sherwani / achkan)
%j	Plan welcome ritual (aarti) with bride's family

Pheras & Main Ceremony

%j	Book pandit / priest and confirm rituals
%j	Arrange mandap design and flowers
%j	Prepare sacred fire setup (havan kund)
%j	Confirm rituals: kanyadaan, sindoor, mangalsutra
%j	Coordinate 7 vows (saat phere) script
%j	Arrange garland exchange (jai mala)
%j	Hire dedicated ceremony photographer

Vidai

%j	Prepare rice and flower petals for bride to throw
%j	Arrange bridal car decoration
%j	Coordinate emotional farewell timeline
%j	Assign family members for Vidai rituals
%j	Ensure videographer captures the moment
%j	Plan post-Vidai reception (if separate)

12+ Months: Big-Picture Planning

%j	Set overall multi-day budget per ceremony
%j	Book main wedding venue and separate ceremony spaces
%j	Start guest list (Indian weddings often 300–600+ guests)
%j	Shortlist pandit and confirm availability

%j	Begin bridal outfit shopping (5–7 outfits across events)
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3–6 Months Before

%j	Send invitations for all ceremonies
%j	Finalize vendors for all 6 events
%j	Order jewelry (booking well in advance)
%j	Confirm all rituals with pandit
%j	Rehearse Sangeet performances
%j	Arrange accommodation for outstation guests