



WEDDING
PLANNING GUIDE
FOR SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

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Wedding Planning Guide

San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

Introduction

This guide was created to help you plan an unforgettable destination wedding in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Fr

12-Month Planning Timeline

12–10 Months Before:

- Choose a date
- Hire a wedding planner
- Set a budget
- Book your venue
- Begin guest list

9–7 Months Before:

- Book vendors (photo, video, catering, music)
- Choose dress/suit
- Send save-the-dates
- Plan guest accommodations

6–4 Months Before:

- Finalize menu and flowers
- Book hair and makeup
- Confirm entertainment
- Venue visit if possible

3–2 Months Before:

- Confirm guest list
- Create seating chart
- Confirm all services
- Conduct dress and makeup trials

1 Month Before:

- Prepare emergency kit
- Pack bags
- Backup weather plan
- Finalize schedule with planner

Wedding Day:

- Enjoy every moment—your team has it all under control.

Estimated Budget Breakdown

Venue – 25%

Catering & Beverages – 20%

Photography & Video – 12%

Planning – 10%

Flowers & Decor – 10%

Music & Entertainment – 8%

Attire & Beauty – 5%

Accommodation & Transport – 5%

Miscellaneous – 5%

Legal Requirements in Mexico

For a civil marriage:

- Valid passports
- Tourist permits
- Local blood test
- Four witnesses with ID

Many couples opt for a symbolic ceremony and handle the legal paperwork in their home country.

Mexican Wedding Traditions You Can Include