Setting the Date

Choosing Your Date

Before you set your date, there are several important things to consider:

- The honeymoon: Consider the type of honeymoon you want. For instance, if you are both sun-worshipers, don’t plan a wedding date when your favorite island is experiencing monsoon season.

- Work schedules: You both may have work periods when you can’t take time off. Select a date when the rest of your life is at its least demanding.

- Holidays and family occasions: Some couples go out of their way to schedule a wedding over a three-day weekend, so everyone has more time together. This idea works best if you send invitations at least eight weeks in advance; otherwise, people might already have plans.

- Menstrual cycle: You want to look and feel your best on your wedding day. If you suffer unpredictable cycles, a quick chat with your gynecologist may bring up solutions.

- Day of the week: Saturdays are generally the preferred wedding day. That way, out-of-town guests can easily stay overnight. Weekday dates result in many regrets.

- Alternate dates: If possible, have a first-choice date and at least one backup date.

Wedding Date Priority List

List the preferred season or month and the day of the week.

Bride
1st choice __________________ 2nd choice _________________ 3rd choice __________________

Groom
1st choice __________________ 2nd choice _________________ 3rd choice __________________

Bride’s family
1st choice __________________ 2nd choice _________________ 3rd choice __________________

Groom’s family
1st choice __________________ 2nd choice _________________ 3rd choice __________________

Major considerations (e.g., other weddings and special events) ____________________________