

THE AHMEDABAD WEDDING MANUAL

A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING GUIDE & COMPLETE MICRO-CHECKLIST

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Planning a wedding in Ahmedabad requires harmonizing rich Gujarati cultural traditions, monumental guest counts, and seasonal weather windows. From booking high-production SG Highway party plots to coordinating elaborate multi-cuisine catering menus, this step-by-step master checklist ensures no detail is overlooked.

1. The Micro-Checklist Timeline

Execute your planning sequentially across these core logistical phases to maintain vendor premium options and prevent structural oversights.

Phase 1: 10 to 12 Months Out (Foundation & Core Booking)

Consult a Family Jyotish / Astrologer for Muhurat Dates

Secure the precise auspicious dates and time windows for the Vivah, Sanji/Sangeet, and Mairat. Ahmedabad wedding dates fill venues up to a year in advance.

Establish Budget Allocation by Category

Determine total expenditure split across Venue (40%), Catering (25%), Photography & Cinematic Video (15%), Decor & Production (15%), and Attire/Miscellaneous (5%).

Draft the Tiered Guest Matrix

Segregate your list into Tier A (Immediate family/Must-haves for all functions), Tier B (Extended relatives for main wedding), and Tier C (Business/Reception only) to calibrate venue capacities.

Book the Anchor Venues (SG Highway / Off-Highway Plots)

Lock in major locations such as premium clubs (e.g., Rajpath Club), heritage spaces (e.g., Praveg Adalaj Theme Park), or luxurious ballrooms. Confirm electricity/generator limits and curfew structures.

Secure Your Premium Editorial Visual Team

Book your luxury storyteller early to ensure visual consistency across pre-wedding shoots, Sangeet production, and the wedding day. Fine-art teams take limited bookings per muhurat.

Phase 2: 7 to 9 Months Out (Design, Decor & Outfits)

Execute the Luxury Destination Pre-Wedding Shoot

Plan location logistics (e.g., local architectural heritage or beach properties in Diu/Goa). Utilize these images for your invitations, save-the-dates, and digital website countdowns.

Finalize Executive Decor Designer & Production Team

Define structural layouts for Mandap styling, Sangeet technical lighting, truss rigs, and entry pathways. Check venue restrictions regarding outside decorators.

Trousseau and Main Wedding Attire Procurement

Initiate designer consultations for custom bridal lehengas and groom sherwanis. Allow a minimum of 3-4 months for intricate hand embroidery, zardozi work, and multiple tailoring fittings.

VISUAL PRESERVATION STRATEGY – TK SOLANKI PHOTOGRAPHY

To ensure your memories match the architectural scale of Ahmedabad's finest properties, coordinate your decor lighting color temperatures (ideally warm, ambient 2700K–3000K tones) with your photography team. Avoid heavy magenta or green laser wash lights during the Sangeet performance.

Explore Editorial Portfolios & Wedding Film Showreels at: tksolanki.com

Phase 3: 4 to 6 Months Out (Catering, Logistics & Printing)

Conduct Comprehensive Catering Food Tastings

Finalize live-counter menus incorporating traditional Gujarati delicacies, contemporary fusion, and international premium live stations. Ensure strict guidelines for pure vegetarian preparation areas if required.

Design and Print Invitations & Accompanying Custom Gifts

Finalize invitation typography, RSVP cards, and physical wedding box gift combinations (e.g., premium dry fruits, gourmet sweets, or artisanal keepsakes).

Book Out-of-Town Guest Lodging & Hotel Room Blocks

Secure hotel inventories nearby or on SG Highway to minimize travel time between guest accommodations and event lawns.

Phase 4: 1 to 3 Months Out (Micro-Scheduling & Custom Details)

Finalize Choreography & Sangeet Track Edits

Conduct regular dance rehearsals for family groups and couple entries. Deliver final mixed audio files to the DJ and technical sound team.

Appoint Specialized Artists: Mehndi, Makeup & Hair

Book master bridal makeup and hair artists, scheduling a trial session to lock in specific looks for the Sangeet, Wedding, and Reception. Secure your lead Mehndi artist and assistants.

Compile the Day-of Master Coordination Schedule

Draft an hourly timeline tracking Baraat arrival, Vidhi, Hasta Melap, dinner service, and Vidai. Distribute copies to all core vendors and family managers.

2. Vendor Evaluation Matrix

Use this standardized framework when assessing, negotiating, and locking down your local service providers.

Vendor Segment	Key Deliverables & Specifications	Critical Local Checkpoints
Venues & Plots	Lawn space, air-conditioned green rooms/ changing suites, parking infrastructure, basic illumination.	Verify noise curfew regulations, backup generator capacities, and AMC parking permissions.
Fine-Art Photography	High-resolution edited gallery, heirloom wedding albums, cinematic highlight films, multi-angle drones.	Confirm look-books and verify team size matches the guest count for comprehensive coverage.
Gourmet Catering	Multi-cuisine menus, live culinary counters, specialized service staff, custom mocktail lounges.	Ensure venue kitchen access, garbage disposal protocols, and strict ingredient quality checks.
Decor & Technicals	Theme conceptualization, floral design, stage structural build, line-array audio, and ambient lighting.	Inspect material safety certificates and verify structural integrity of elevated entrance trusses.

3. The Essential Checkpoints

These smaller tactical items prevent friction and protect your planning investments in the final days leading up to the celebration.

Baraat Route and Municipal Permissions

Confirm permissions for vintage cars, luxury entry vehicles, or traditional horses along public roads connecting to SG Highway venues. Check height clearances for overhead utility lines.

Weather Contingency Infrastructure

For outdoor winter settings, arrange commercial patio heaters. For pre-wedding summer events, ensure water-misting cooling fans are positioned along dining areas.

Valet Coordination and Parking Signage

Hire dedicated traffic-management teams if host party plots lack built-in security, ensuring seamless arrival for high-density guest turnouts.

Cash and Final Disbursal Packets

Prepare clearly labeled envelopes for vendor balances, transport fuel allowances, and traditional family tokens (Dastoor) to avoid day-of transactional stress.