

fabulous day

bespoke wedding planning

guide to prices

Everyone needs an idea of cost and we know it is important that you get great value for money as well as excellent service. We have a minimum fee of £500 for our On the Day Service to ensure we can provide the level of service every wedding deserves, however all costs are tailored exactly to your requirements and you have full control and visibility.

As each client and wedding are so different, it is difficult to give an accurate price without conducting a consultation. However we thought you would find it useful to see three case studies, which give an overview of the work we did for previous clients and how much we charged them. This should hopefully let you see that we don't charge the earth and are surprisingly good value!



Case Study 1: Our first Christmas wedding

This bride came to me with only three months to go to her big day, which was the weekend before Christmas but, conveniently, I had recently worked at her venue so was familiar with how they ran their days; this also meant I didn't need to conduct a venue visit.

The bride had booked all the main suppliers but was struggling to bring everything together. She also had some concerns about the venue as their wedding was particularly complicated, and she really wanted peace of mind that it would all go smoothly on the day.

To help her prioritize what she needed to do next, I created a detailed 'To Do' list for her and the groom to follow. We also discussed some new ideas which really impressed her: an ice sculpture table plan, some first dance lessons, and I knew of a great cheese company that could provide the cheese for a cake as part of their evening reception. We then had a meeting a few weeks later to see how everything was progressing.

There were a lot of practical things to consider with this wedding. I attended the final venue meeting eight weeks before the big day, where we discussed in detail what was involved, so that the staff at the venue knew exactly what they needed to do and when. At this meeting I also walked through the day with the bride and groom, to check that everything would flow just as they wanted it to.

In the run up to the big day I ensured the venue had all the information it needed, liaised with key suppliers, created a detailed timeline for the day, reviewed the To Do list, and advised the bride and groom on how to do their table plan. I also compiled a list of jobs for the best men and ushers, to ensure they knew what they needed to do and when.

On the week of the wedding, I spoke to all the suppliers to make sure they had their final instructions and let them know I was their point of contact on the day. I had a final meeting with the bride, the groom, the chief bridesmaid and one of the best men to ensure they were happy with everything, plus I collected all the items that needed to go to the venue –it's a good job my car has a big boot!

I was there on the wedding day from 8am to ensure the venue was set up the way the bride wanted it – just perfect! I met the groom, best men and ushers, and checked they all knew what they were doing, whilst also helping to keep their nerves at bay. Once I had overseen the start of the ceremony, I worked closely with the venue to help with the turnaround of the room and met the remaining suppliers. I continued to work in the background until 10.30pm, with my final jobs being to put out even more candles in the residents bar, assembling the cheese cake and decorating it, and taking all their gifts and cards up to the bridal suite.

It was a great day and, supported by careful coordination from Fabulous Day, the venue and suppliers worked really well together to give the bride and groom their dream day.

Service provided: Tailored Rescue Pack, including on the day coordination.

Price £765

Price typically ranges from £650 - £975 for this service.

Case Study 2: An English country garden wedding

Having heard about Fabulous Day through a friend, this Mother of the Bride contacted me and arranged a consultation with her and her daughter fourteen months before the big day.

They were planning a church wedding followed by a marquee reception in the stunning grounds of a historic venue. They needed someone to guide them through the maze of planning a marquee wedding (there is definitely a lot more to think about - exciting things like skips, toilets, power, water, caterers, bars, and, of course, marquee companies!). Plus they wanted help with finding a few key suppliers.

I attended tastings at the caterers, sourced their photographer, florist and DJ, and prepared their guest information sheet, as well as conducting a detailed meeting with the venue and their selected marquee company. We were also in regular phone and email contact.

I had a number of meetings with the couple and the bride's parents at which I would check where their planning was up to and advise them of what they needed to do next. I was also able to give them useful information about how to do their table plan, suggest ideas for their first dance and look at timings for the day, and so on. Six weeks prior to the wedding, I attended their final caterers meeting and conducted my last detailed meeting with the family, where they handed over all the supplier information to me.

A week before the wedding, I started to contact all the suppliers, giving them their final instructions, and letting them know that I would be their point of contact on the day. I visited the family a few days in advance of the wedding and collected any items they wanted me to take to the venue, such as the place cards, table décor, gifts for the bridal party, guest book, cake knife, and so on.

I was on site two days before the wedding, receiving my handover from the marquee company so I knew where all the power points were and could show the caterers where the water came from, and other such logistical details.

The day before a marquee wedding is always set-up day, when we get the tables in the correct position, making sure the cake table is on a nice stable part of the floor! I also oversaw delivery of the topiary, put out the garden games and hat ribbons (so the ladies could have somewhere to hang their hats) and received instructions on how to set up the cake. I attended the church rehearsal that evening.

On the day (which was a lovely sunny one), I was there from 8am to oversee the caterers and remaining suppliers, meet the groom at the church and make sure everything we had planned for this beautiful wedding went smoothly.

**Service provided: Partial planning including Mother of the Bride and marquee wedding specialist.
Price £1500**

Partial planning service such as this usually ranges from £1250 - £1650.

Case Study 3: Wedding weekend celebration for 300 guests!

You can probably guess this is the big one!

This groom's PA contacted me to arrange a consultation with the happy couple who had got engaged just a few weeks earlier and were keen to get married as soon as possible. They both had busy, demanding careers and would never have had the time to plan the day they dreamed of on their own.

From the first meeting it was clear this was no ordinary wedding. They wanted to get married within the space of three to four months in a venue they could call their own for the entire weekend. They wanted some accommodation on site and more nearby as they planned to invite guests from all over England and Ireland. There would be lots of children attending who needed to be accommodated within the planning too. They wanted to have an Irish Ceilidh on the Friday evening, followed by the ceremony and reception on Saturday. The theme for the wedding day was a grand masquerade ball, with all the guests to be dressed in black tie and ball gowns. Sunday was to be a relaxed farewell - a perfect end to a perfect weekend.

A bit of a challenge but we like a challenge!

My role was to find their perfect venue, and to source and manage the majority of their suppliers. I also attended regular meetings with the clients and let them know what decisions they needed to make next. And I came up with ideas and inspiration where needed. All in fourteen weeks. For three hundred guests.

Once we found the venue then the planning could begin in earnest and, as always, I prioritised what was needed and sourced things accordingly. I negotiated hard with each supplier as this wedding was off peak, and the couple were able to benefit from some really good savings. I created a Status Report so they could see at a glance where things were up to, plus a To Do list and payment schedule, which allowed them to see when they needed to pay suppliers. I was able to manage most of these payments for them.

The logistics of moving the guests from place to place over the weekend and how we could best use the venue were further challenges, and ones which took some thinking about. I arranged a detailed meeting at the venue to discuss these matters, as it was crucial we worked together to ensure the weekend ran like clockwork.

Again, I was in constant email and telephone contact with the bride and groom, and we had lots of meetings to ensure we were preserving their vision of the day. As I am sure you can imagine planning this wedding was pretty much a full time job for three months.

When the weekend came I had an assistant working with me, as we really did need to be in two places at once! We were there from the Friday morning to liaise with the venue and caterers, and to ensure everything was as it should be, until very late Friday night. We returned for 8am on Saturday until late again, and then went back on Sunday morning to oversee breakfast and the bride and groom's departure. I was delighted as we managed to exceed their expectations and achieve exactly what they wanted: for guests to say 'it was the best wedding they had ever been to'!

Service provided: Full Planning for a weekend wedding.

Price £3500

Full planning ranges from £2,500 - £3,500+ depending on how simple or complicated your day is.