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BACHELORETTE PARTY

PLANNING GUIDE

FOR THE MELANATED BRIDE & BRIDE-TO-BE



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Enjoy this complimentary guide to planning an unforgettable, extremely lit bachelorette party. Use this helpful guide while planning

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THE BRIDE GETS WHAT THE BRIDE WANTS!

This party should embody what your friend is into. Don't make it a party for everyone else or plan it as if it's your own party. Make it one that *the bride* will enjoy and be comfortable with. **Ask the bride what she wants and what she doesn't want for her bachelorette party.** Will it be a chill night at home with a few friends with drinks and music? A luxury spa day? Pool party? How about a crazy night on the town? Or what about an out of town turn up? Are strippers desired or will strippers make the bride want to throw up? Strippers are not for everyone, so keep that in mind. Incorporate the guest of honor's favorite foods, activities, colors, etc. into the party plans. Ask the guest of honor what she wants and start your brainstorming and planning from there.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING 🕒

Literally, the first thing you need to do is **set the date**. If you're like me, a calendar and dates operate your life schedule. Some ladies will need to block their calendars well in advance to attend the party. Some ladies opt to celebrate a few months before the wedding, while others choose a weekend night 1 month – 1 week before the wedding. If you're really brave you can do the night before. I've experienced this before and it was absolutely crazy (in the best way ever). Keep in mind that members of the bridal party may need to travel to attend the bachelorette party. If you plan on having a destination bachelorette party setting a date right away is vital.



CREATE THE GUEST LIST

Ask the bride-to-be who she wants invited to her bachelorette party. Help remind her of people she may be forgetting. It's super important to make sure you include the groom's sisters and or mom. It's a good idea not to invite anyone who isn't invited to the wedding itself. But generally speaking the bride will let you know everyone she wants invited. Get all invitee's e-mail addresses and phone numbers (hit them up on social media, ask them in person, etc). It's a good idea to save all of this information in one place if you are sending out physical invites.



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BENJAMINS BABY

Now let's be honest, money will determine how extravagant or budget friendly your bachelorette party will be. Will the party be funded by the bridal party (family included) or will the bride be paying for her own party? Maybe everyone is pitching in. Best case scenario the bride doesn't pay for anything and is treated like the queen that she is! Also think about if the party activities/entertainment will be completely paid for by the party funds or will attendees need to purchase their own tickets or chip in a set amount? Let invitees know well in advance how much money they may need for the night's festivities.

A NIGHT OF FUN, NOT GIFTS

Save the gifts for the bridal shower, where the bride can be showered with the sexiest lingerie imaginable. Ladies should not have to bring gifts to enjoy the bachelorette party. Asking for food or drink contributions is a good idea for at home parties!



SAVE THE DATE

Sending out a save-the-date is helpful. This doesn't have to be the full invite and all party details don't have to be arranged yet. This is just something that tells invitees to mark their calendars and gets the date on their radar. This is especially important if the party is far away/ out of town. Try to get the word out at least three months before the party. This is the perfect time to let the ladies know estimates of how much money you expect each person to contribute for the evening of fun.

SAY CHEESE!

Photos make everything better, yeah I said it. Having a designated area for photos like a decorated photo wall or a photo booth area with props is always a good idea. Polaroid or digital photos that attendees have access to on the spot are fun! Most brides will want some sort of photo memories, however, it's best to not have every detail of the night shared on social media. Some people don't want photos of themselves drinking alcohol or letting a half-naked man grind all over them plastered all over Facebook. Ask the bride what she thinks is best, have her tell you what's ok to take photos of and post online and what's not. As soon as everyone arrives, make sure the photo rules are clear and make everyone aware.

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THREE - TWO MONTHS BEFORE

Pick your theme and color scheme for the evening. Having everyone wear the same color is a dope way to be the main attraction when you're out on the town and it looks good as hell in photos. The color scheme is essential when buying décor for the party.

Brainstorm games, entertainment, food menus, drink options. Don't do too much with food, people tend to go all out and over feed people. Bite sized foods and small plates are great, just enough food to absorb some of the liquor. Ask the bride what types of foods she may want. A specialty signature drink for the evening is always cute. Save money by having relatives or friends contribute foods or drinks they make well.

Make reservations! If you're getting a table at the club, contact the promoter and reserve your space and inquire about bottle service. Having dinner, call the restaurant to make a general reservation (you may have to change the number of people once you get RSVP's). Buy tickets for a show you might be attending. Don't be last minute with this type of stuff. Be sure to ask each vendor, entertainer or venue about drink specials, group rates and bachelorette freebies.

Research and book male entertainers. You may even have a nice male strip club in your city, so look into that also.

Arrange transportation. With most ladies drinking, its best to have designated driver arranged, plan on taking Uber/Lyft or consider booking a party bus or limo. Depending on when your party is taking place it could be peak season for party buses and limos, be sure to confirm this ahead of time.

Get your specialty foods and drinks taken care of now. If you plan on having a specialty bachelorette cake, a caterer or bartender book them now, since they tend to book event well in advance.

ONE MONTH BEFORE

Send invitations! Texting, emailing, calling and sending physical or online invites are all acceptable. Make sure to check for typos and make sure all of the party info is included (who you're celebrating, date, time, location, a brief description of the night's festivities). Including suggested attire, requested a monetary contribution (if there is one) and the link to purchase tickets is very helpful. Make sure there is a way for invitees to RSVP. Keep track of expected attendees, this is helpful when figuring out the amount of food needed, transportation options, club entry, space limitations, etc.

Make your timeline/agenda. Map out exactly what you plan to do and create a schedule, keeping track of the duration of each activity on the schedule. If you all plan to meet at someone's house for a party bus before going to the first destination set the time. Some people may only be able to attend portions of the evening so having set times for arrivals and departures from locations and durations will help the night flow smoothly. A schedule and plan will also help when booking transportation and entertainment. If the party is more than 1 night, plan to have some downtime/ quiet time. Partying like a rock star is fun but having some chill group activities is rejuvenating and will be appreciated.

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Ask for help! Especially if you are celebrating in someone's home. Having 3-4 people to help shop, decorate, cook food, rearrange furniture, lead games, clean up etc. is a good idea. Be sure to tell your neighbors that you are having a party so that they are aware that parking may be limited and that it may be louder than normal.

If you're an online shopper like I am now is the best time to do your online shopping.

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ONE WEEK BEFORE

Finalize the games you will play. If needed make the rules and think about tie breakers. Always have a gift for the winners of the games. 5 games, you'll need 5 gifts. Candles, body lotion, gas or amazon gift certificates, are all great gift ideas.

Confirm RSVPs.

Begin shopping for food and drinks and other items not purchased online.

Confirm transportation arrangements.

Confirm any reservations at restaurants, parties/clubs.

Confirm any entertainment.

Confirm any vendors.

Confirm set up times with helpers for parties taking place in home.

Make a playlist! Be prepared for the party bus, car ride, house party or male entertainer with music that will keep everyone energetic and turn't.

ONE DAY BEFORE

Touch base with the bride and make sure she's ready for the night. If some aspects of the night are a surprise don't spoil the surprise, just make sure the bride knows what to bring with her so that she's prepared and can enjoy the night with no worries. She may need an overnight bag or a pair of flats.

Send a short reminder text to attendees. Remind everyone of the meeting place (include the address) and time. Also include the address to any secondary locations for those who arrive late.

Reconfirm all reservations and entertainment.

It's important to make sure that everything is set, and ready to go!

Get plenty of sleep. It will probably be a long night, so being well rested will help you keep the party going!