

33 Tips to Save Your Wedding Budget

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Your wedding day is a day of romance, love, friendship, and family, filled with optimistic and beautiful moments. While wedding preparations are full of fun, as all brides discover, there's no way to avoid wedding expenses.

Most importantly, this day should best reflect you and your partner.

Balancing all the costs while having a wonderful day can be more challenging than solving a Rubik's cube.

So, I took the time to think through and gather 33 helpful tips for saving that will help you manage your finances more effectively...

My main advice? Set priorities for what you truly desire and what is most important for you and your partner. Are you a foodie? Invest in catering! Is music essential for you? Make sure you have a great band and DJ. Is style key for you? In that case, your dress and decorations should be your top spending priorities.

Spend more on what's important to you, and cut costs in areas that seem too expensive. I hope this helps you identify where you can save some cash...



Important: Saving on Venue

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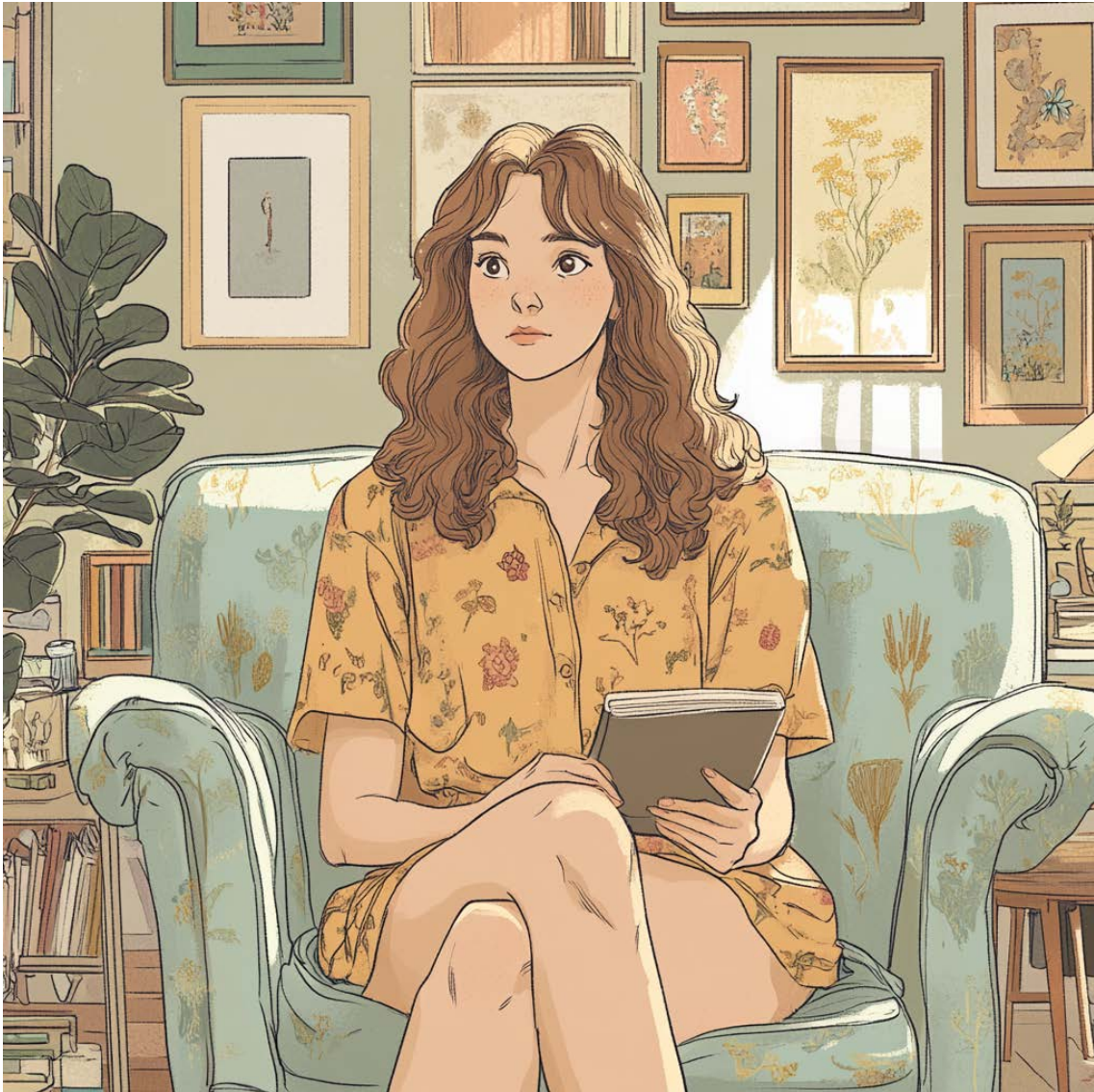
It's wise to book a venue outside the "peak season"—choose your wedding date thoughtfully. Most wedding venues offer great discounts for mid-week or off-season events. Weddings in November, early December, and even in January and February can come with favorable prices.

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Choose a venue that reflects your style. Think long-term and save money (and heartache) by avoiding locations chosen solely for social media popularity. Instead, select a venue with interesting interiors that you truly love and that will be perfect for your dream ceremony. The less you need to decorate, the more you'll save on small details and overall costs. An elegant restaurant could be an excellent choice.

Trim Your Guest List

It's not the most fun task, but if saving money is a priority, you might consider reducing the guest list. Venue selection, food, and drinks typically take up about 50% of your budget, so if you want to lower costs, reducing the number of guests is an effective strategy. You can always invite others to a bar celebration or host a gathering with official guests once the venue closes. Nowadays, people are more understanding than a few years ago, and many also recognize the costs associated with weddings!



A Few Tips on Saving on Stationery

An Easy Way to Create Beautiful Invitations

For an ultra-cheap and simple stationery design, look for templates online. You can find many great designs for invitations, labels, and guides. Alternatively, if you (or your partner) are skilled illustrators, create your own design and print it yourself.

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DIY Invitations

Grab your pens and go back to basics. Hand-signed invitations are an easy way to save a few hundred zlotys, and they're really quite lovely and personal.

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Email Invitations

This can be a bit controversial, especially with parents and older guests, but if you're on a tight budget, you'll need to find simple ways to save. Reducing design, printing, and mailing costs can save you a few hundred zlotys. Choose one of the template options available online and send it to the provided email addresses.

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Skip the RSVP Cards

Invitation sets with RSVP cards and extra stamped envelopes add to the costs. Simply providing a phone number and email address will go unnoticed by most guests and can save you money.

Don't Go (Too) Overboard with Decorations

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It's wise to DIY when possible.

If you're not naturally crafty, don't force yourself to do it all—you might end up stuck like a fly in jam. However, if you are creative, choose one area you can manage on your own, which will be beneficial. Whether it's ceremony

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Don't Get Carried Away with Extra Expenses

Set priorities. Do you really need a candy table, dessert bar, photo booth, personalized holders, etc.? Most likely, only you and your partner will notice these small details.

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Skip Wedding Favors (if you haven't already)

Another thing that may surprise traditional parents at a wedding is the number of extra trinkets. Each piece can cost at least \$10 (even if handmade), and for 100 guests, this can add up significantly. Those few hundred dollars could be spent in other ways. Moreover, wedding favors often go unnoticed, and if you've made them yourself, feelings might get hurt—yours or your mother's.



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Think of Decor as an Investment

When buying wedding decorations, consider whether you'd like to keep them as mementos for your home or perhaps sell them on Craigslist or store them in the barn. If you plan to appreciate these decorations, it's a great idea, but if you think they'll just become clutter after the wedding, consider renting instead...

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Ask Your Florist About Decor Options

Ask your florist if they have any "hidden" decorations you could rent. They often have various decorative items stored away. You never know what secret treasures you might uncover together.

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"Recycling"

Don't be afraid to reuse flowers from the ceremony directly at the reception. A trusted friend can move the flowers and place them on tables or in the entrance hall for you.

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Choose One Type of Flower

Flowers are sold in bulk, and the more varieties you choose, the higher the cost will be. That's why it's worth selecting a bouquet and arrangements made from just one type of flower. Have you seen hydrangea bouquets or arrangements with lots of lavender? They're simply stunning and will save you a fortune compared to arrangements with 12 different flowers.

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Choose Seasonal Flowers

Every flower has its "own" season when it's in full bloom, but many are now available year-round, which means they're often grown halfway around the world, making them... expensive! A florist can advise you on the best time of year for your favorite flowers. Choosing seasonal blooms for bouquets can save you a lot of hassle and money.

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A Beautiful, Budget-Friendly Bouquet

Baby's Breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*) has long been known in the flower world as a cheap filler, but it's now widely used as a standalone flower. It's truly a lovely option.

Save on the "Sweet" Budget

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Opt for a single-tier wedding cake. Prioritize quality over quantity and choose a delicious, beautifully crafted single-tier cake.

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"Fake" the Wedding Cake

If a tall, traditional confectionery masterpiece is your idea of a wedding cake but your budget doesn't allow for it, there's an easy trick to achieve the look at a lower cost. Add faux layers (made of styrofoam and decorated with icing) to make the cake appear more impressive. You could even create an entirely fake cake using pieces of regular frosted cake. Talk to your wedding cake baker—they know these tricks well!

Or Go DIY (Sort of)

If you're not a professional, I wouldn't really recommend baking your own wedding cake—you already have so much to do! But if a close friend or family member is a skilled baker and willing to help, making your own wedding cake can save significantly.

Store-Bought – Simple and Easy

If the wedding cake isn't a top priority, there are great options available in stores.

Choose Seasonal Ingredients

Following the same principle as with flowers, stick to seasonal food choices. This will save you time and money, plus local and seasonal ingredients will taste better. For example, lamb is less available in winter, and fresh berries



Opt for Food That Doesn't Require Formal Seating

If you're planning a more relaxed wedding day, why not go with a buffet or BBQ-style meal? A laid-back celebration is really popular now, and the options have become more sophisticated. Serving fewer dishes also means lower costs.

Saving on Budget Through Style Choices

Smart Savings on Quality Gowns

Why overpay for a brand name when you can get the same quality at a fraction of the price? By ordering a dress from us, you can save up to 70% while still enjoying impeccable craftsmanship and style. Check out our Instagram to see how we work and the stunning results we deliver. Stay tuned for the latest offers and save yourself hundreds without compromising on elegance.



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Complete Your Look with Family Heirloom Accessories

Like many of our brides, you can add borrowed pieces to your wedding look. Jewelry and accessories from parents or grandparents are beautiful and guarantee that no one else will have the same pieces. This can save you

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Choose Versatile Shoes

Let's be honest—your guests won't see your shoes; they'll be focused on the dress. And if someone does see your shoes, they're probably too drunk and lying on the floor. Pick a versatile pair of shoes and save money. If you're choosing designer shoes, avoid white patent leather and opt for a pair you can wear repeatedly.

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Budget for the Groom's Attire

Renting a suit is a great option with plenty of choices available. Alternatively, consider stores like Next, Topman, or Zara, where you can find excellent options for under \$200 (you'll likely spend more on the dress!).

"Wholesale" Wedding Party: Groomsmen and Bridesmaids

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Limit the Number

Do you really need a large team of bridesmaids at your wedding? Keep the number small to make buying dresses and organizing makeup easier. A simple way to avoid expanding the bridal party is to focus on close family

Entertainment Options

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DIY Music

Is professional music not at the top of your list? Use an iPod or a Spotify playlist for the party, but ask a friend to help manage the evening, control the music, and avoid any "I absolutely hate this song!" moments.

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Photo Booth

A photo booth is a lot of fun, but it can be expensive. For a DIY version, you can gather some selected props and masks. Then simply ask your guests to take their own photos. You can also create a unique Instagram hashtag to collect the photos or use one of the convenient apps available.

How to Save on Transportation

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Travel in Style (as a Wedding Gift)

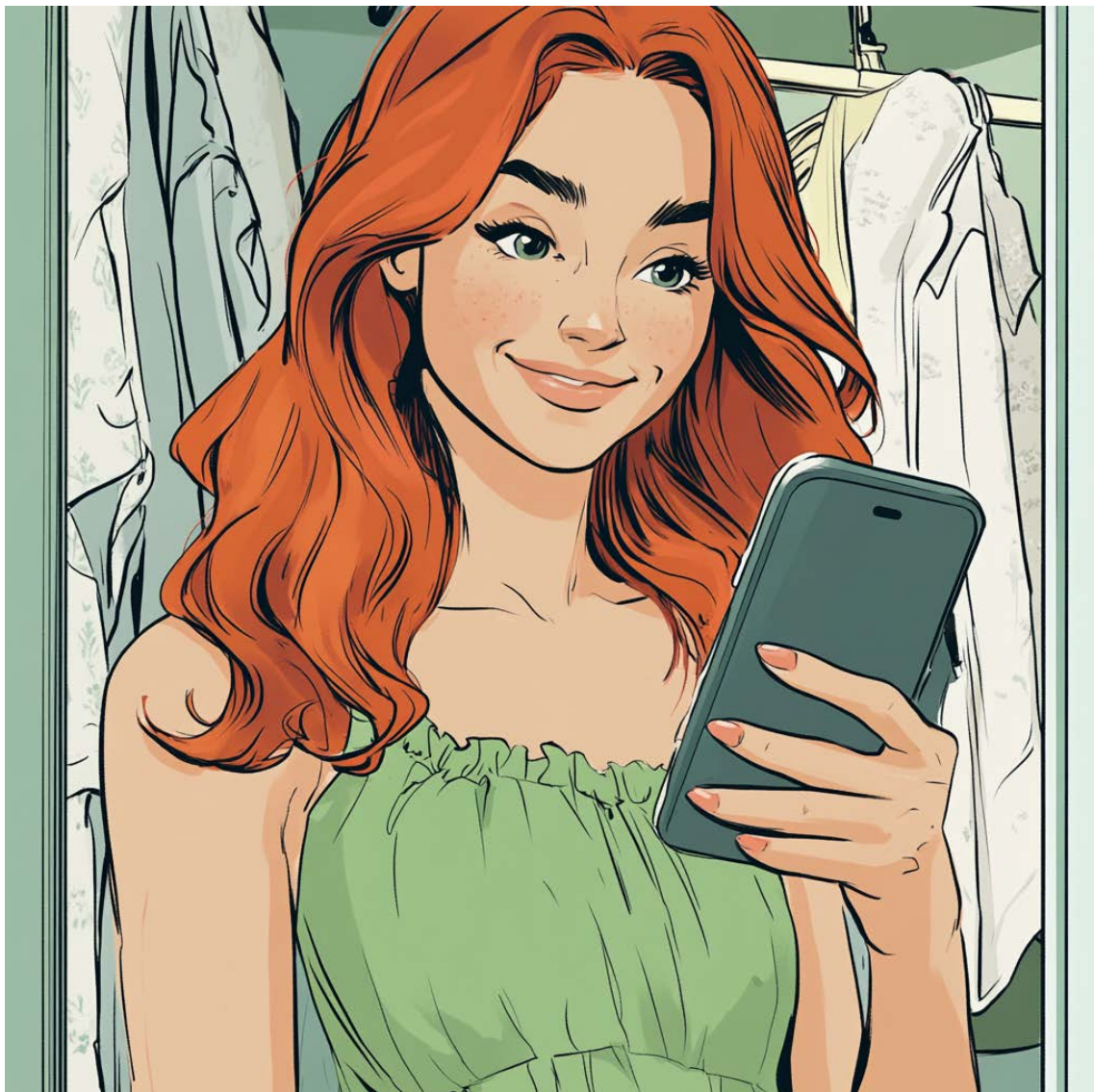
Transportation is another expense often overlooked. If having a specific car isn't important to you, ask a friend or family member with a unique car to help out for the day. You'll save money, and they'll provide you with a memorable wedding gift—a win-win for everyone.

Honeymoon

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Honeymoon at Home

You don't have to spend a fortune on a luxurious honeymoon abroad, as honeymoons within Poland are also popular these days and can be just as romantic.



Plan a Mini Honeymoon

A mini-moon is a shorter getaway after the wedding, and cities are especially popular for this option. Our top choice is Carlsbad. You can visit later because...

Delayed Gratification

You don't have to fly off on your honeymoon right away. If you prefer a tropical escape, enjoy it a bit later. Save up and find the best deal at another time of year. There's also something amazing about looking forward to a trip.

Focus on Value, Not Just Cost

Ultimately, this list is just a guide for what you can do. It's important not to cut back on everything, but to save in areas that aren't very important to you so that you can use your hard-earned money for something you'll truly enjoy and always remember. Of course, this isn't a definitive list. Have you come across other helpful tips? I'd love to hear them and might even include them!

Struggling to choose the perfect wedding dress style? Write the word "style" in the comments under any post on our Instagram, and receive a full expert "insight" tailored to your body type, beauty, and personality type from a designer with many years of experience.



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