



It's A Date!

There are many days in your life that you will never forget – your birthday, your graduation, your first date. And now, it's time to choose another date that you'll never forget, the date of your wedding!

There are many things to take into consideration. Is there a season that you would prefer to have your wedding? Is there a particular location that you would like to host your wedding? Is there a better time of year when friends and family will be able to be in your desired location?

So many options. So many choices to make. But remember, this is **your** special day that you will be celebrating for the rest of your life! Here are a few suggestions on choosing the day that will mark the beginning of your lives together.

One of the first things to keep in mind when choosing your date is that there are two of you that need to be involved in the decision. Take the time to insure that the date you choose has relevance to you

both. Not to dampen the romance of this choice, but in opting for a date, be sure that it will be readily remembered in years to come.

You may wish to pick a memorable day that is important on a familial level, like a parents' or grandparents' anniversary. Or you may choose a special holiday: Valentine's Day, Independence Day, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve, Memorial Day or Labor Day. Not to disparage any of these choices, but be sure that you make **your** mark on the calendar.

Here are some alternative ideas on choosing the date of your nuptials!



Check into both of your families' histories and see if there is a particular date of note. For example, if your family can trace its roots far enough, the date that your ancestors first came to America would be a great tribute to them and establish yourself in the family tree. You can incorporate stories from your family history into readings during the ceremony as well as reception décor and special gifts for those in your wedding party.



Certain wedding days and dates may be considered more or less auspicious depending upon your religion and the religion of your guests. Consult the religious

leaders of your faith to determine which dates would be best in keeping with your beliefs.

On the other side, many couples will consult astrology to determine the most favorable options by charting their individual zodiac signs. By aligning these signs, a professional will be able to take into account a variety of influences. It can also make for a wonderful star-filled theme that can carry into decor and wedding favors.



Make Your Date As Unique As Your Love

There is a great website if you want to have fun with the theme of your wedding. Visit www.holidayinsights.com and discover some very unique date options:

January 28
National Kazoo Day
Instead of having guests throw birdseed after the reception, hand out wedding kazoos to give you a special exit from the reception.

May 14
Dance Like A Chicken Day
Need we say more? At least the DJ will have it pretty easy on choosing his playlist.

July 18
(3rd Sunday of the Month)
National Ice Cream Day
Use rich sherbet colors and have an ice cream bar at the reception.

September 13
Fortune Cookie Day
There are vendors that can create custom fortunes to use as favors for your special day.

November 12
Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
Have family members and friends read short excerpts from the Chicken Soup for the Soul book series, use the books as bridesmaids and groomsmen gifts, or use quotes from a special story as decorative accents in centerpieces.





A full moon always lends a touch of romance for an evening/night wedding, and would make a fantastic backdrop for photographs and videos.

The Winter Solstice takes place in late December and is the longest night of the year, while the Summer Solstice occurs in June and is the longest day of the year.

The Vernal Equinox in March is the opening of spring when day and night are balanced. Likewise, the Autumnal Equinox is the beginning of Fall when night and day are the same length of time.



The Practical Side to Choosing A Date

The practical side to choosing your wedding date is deciding which date **not** to choose. Although many dream of a summer wedding, often, venues can be more expensive during June, July, and August.

Depending on your career, or if you are still a student, those factors must be taken into consideration as well. There would be no end to stress if, for example, you choose a date during your company's inventory or the end of a fiscal year. And school finals are enough to take on by themselves without having to select flowers or a reception menu.

If your significant other is a sports fanatic and you aren't, definitely avoid dates around Superbowl Sunday, the NCAA Final Four games, or the World Series. Competing with tailgating parties, boisterous groups, and flying nachos can definitely put a damper on romance. However, if you are both huge fans, as well as the guests at your wedding, it can make for a fun-filled wedding theme. But if your team(s) lose, don't take it as a bad omen. The honeymoon should revitalize your spirit!

Whether you choose a date for a significant reason or not, you will always know that it will be significant for the two of you for years to come!