PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

The Bachelor Party Planning Checklist

From the first group text to the last ride to the airport.

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Talk to the groom first

Two conversations before any group chat.

- [ ] **Ask the groom what he actually wants.** Big trip or local weekend, wild or low-key.
- [ ] **Get the guest list from the groom.** Names and phone numbers.
- [ ] **Check the wedding calendar.** Avoid the final two weeks before the wedding if you can.
- [ ] **Draft two or three date options.** Never one, never ten.

The budget conversation

Say the number before anyone books anything.

- [ ] **Set a per-person estimate.** Travel, lodging, activities and food, separately.
- [ ] **Decide how the groom's share is covered.** Most groups split it.
- [ ] **Lock the date with whoever can commit.** Pick the option most of the must-haves can make.
- [ ] **Collect a deposit to confirm.** Money in means a real headcount.

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Book the big pieces

Lodging and anything with limited capacity, first.

- [ ] **Book lodging.** A rental house or a block of rooms.
- [ ] **Book the anchor activity.** The one thing the weekend is built around.
- [ ] **Ask everyone to book their own travel.** Then collect arrival and departure times.
- [ ] **Write down every confirmation number.** In one place, not in your email.

Build the itinerary

A loose plan beats a tight one.

- [ ] **Rough out each day.** One big thing per day, plus meals.
- [ ] **Book dinners for big groups.** Large tables need reservations.
- [ ] **Plan transportation.** Who drives, or which rides you book.
- [ ] **Collect the remaining money.** Track who has paid, and how much.

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Confirm and pack

Turn the plan into one message everyone can read.

- [ ] **Reconfirm every booking.** Times, headcount, deposits.
- [ ] **Send the final itinerary.** One message with addresses, times and what to bring.
- [ ] **Share a short packing list.** IDs, chargers, any dress code, cash for tips.
- [ ] **Set up a plan for shared costs during the weekend.** One card for group expenses, settled afterward.

During and after

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- [ ] **Keep the groom out of logistics.** He should not be checking the itinerary.
- [ ] **Name a sober point person each night.** Rotate it.
- [ ] **Settle up within a week.** Share the receipts and the final split.
- [ ] **Send the photos to the groom.** After a light edit.

> **If you take one thing from this checklist:** say the budget before anyone books anything. A clear per-person number at the start decides the guest list honestly, and it prevents almost every money argument afterward.

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WHEN PAPER STOPS BEING ENOUGH

This checklist can't chase the money.

Paper works until the headcount changes twice, three people have paid different amounts, and the itinerary lives in a group chat four hundred messages deep. That is the point most best men end up with a list, a spreadsheet and a payment app that disagree.

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