

A Wedding in the USA

PRE-WEDDING

- Dating, living together
- Getting engaged, the proposal, engagement photos
 - o Bride receives an engagement ring at the proposal, and then a wedding band at the wedding

PLANNING

- small weddings, destination, non-religious vs traditional
- ceremony and reception
- location (venues, cost, food, and contracts)
- save the dates, invitations, RSVP, food allergies
- roles of the bridal party, flower girl, ring bearer
- the dress
- photographer and videographer
- bridal shower, games and gifts (registry and bouquet of bows)
 - o typically, just for the bride, it's becoming more common to see the groom attend
- bachelor + bachelorette parties
- Rehearsal dinner

TYPICAL SCHEDULE DAY OF THE WEDDING:

1. Getting ready, hair & makeup
2. First look and photos
3. Ceremony, vows, guest book
4. Introducing the bridal party
5. Dinner
6. Speeches – maid of honor, best man, parents, etc.
7. First dance & additional dances
8. Cake
9. Party

NEW TRENDS:

- first look and “getting ready” photos instead of seeing the bride at the ceremony
- DIY (decorations, flowers, photographer, etc.) instead of wedding planner
- donuts instead of cake
- food truck, ice cream truck, taco truck, etc. for a more casual dinner
- no cell phones at the ceremony
- “Pick a seat, not a side. Today two families become one”
- photo booths for guests

POST WEDDING:

- Honeymoon, typically a tropical destination
- Last name change
- “thank you” cards to all guests
- Couple prints photos, creates a photo book, shares pictures with family

EXAMPLES OF ITALIAN CULTURE IN OUR WEDDING:

- Family sits at the head table during dinner
- Jordan almonds (confetti) at each person's plate
- Prosecco with dinner
- Vows in English and Italian

OTHER RESOURCES:

- <https://www.theknot.com>
- <https://www.weddingwire.com/>

BAROLO WEDDING VIDEO:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vodxJDVuaMc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0NHPzAoLPEOJGOIJYGFa5sad4kWfTuUtWdaPFpKADget2qqTKZBsGtMNs&app=desktop>

Save the Date



Wedding Invitation





Rings: Engagement Ring & Wedding Band



Dress Shopping

Bridal Shower Invitation



Bridal Shower



Bachelorette Party



Venue



Bride Getting Ready



Groom Getting Ready



The First Look



Portraits: The Couple, The Bridal Party, The Flower Girl, and Family



Bridesmaids



Groomsmen



The Dress



Flowers



The Ceremony



The Reception Entrance



Dinner



Dinner



Best Man Speech



The First Dance



Cake Cutting



Dancing



Party

