Bachelor party checklist for the best man

Start with the groom’s limits and guest list, set a per-person budget, poll dates, collect deposits before you book, then lock lodging, travel, the headline activity and a simple itinerary. Keep one shared note of confirmations. UK readers: this is the same job as the stag do under a US name.

Checklist

- [ ] Ask the groom: vibe, hard noes, surprise level, and who must be invited.
- [ ] Decide who is organising — you alone, or you plus one co-pilot.
- [ ] Create one group chat or email thread for attendees only.
- [ ] Draft a guest list the groom has approved.
- [ ] Agree a budget range per person before destinations harden.
- [ ] Shortlist two or three date options; pick the one most people can do.
- [ ] Choose local vs destination.
- [ ] If travel is involved, sketch flights and rooms before activities.
- [ ] Collect deposits from confirmed guests.
- [ ] Book lodging for the confirmed headcount only.
- [ ] Book the headline activity and any group dinner that needs a deposit.
- [ ] Set one payment method and a balance deadline.
- [ ] Plan a weather or closure backup.
- [ ] Send a clear itinerary: addresses, times, what is prepaid, what is personal spend.
- [ ] Reconfirm bookings.
- [ ] Arrange airport meets or a rideshare plan.

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