How to plan a stag do

Start with a short conversation with the groom about who's coming, roughly when, and what he'd actually enjoy. Then set a per-head budget, pick a date well before the wedding (Hitched recommends one to three months before), choose the format (a day, a night or a weekend), book the big things in the right order, take deposits as people confirm, and plan a simple running order for the day itself. Write it all down in one place, because you'll be asked the same questions twenty times.

Checklist

- [ ] Start with the groom
- [ ] Build the guest list
- [ ] Pick the date
- [ ] Set the budget before you book
- [ ] Choose the format
- [ ] Book in the right order
- [ ] Collect the money without falling out
- [ ] Plan the day itself
- [ ] Look after everyone
- [ ] A stag do planning timeline
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- [ ] Related guides
- [ ] What does he want? A big weekend away, a day doing something he loves, or a quiet dinner and a few drinks are all proper stag dos.
- [ ] What doesn't he want? Ask directly. Some grooms dread fancy dress, strip clubs or a trip abroad. Better to know now.

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