Stag do budget: how to set it and collect the money

Set a per-head budget before you book anything, based on what the least well-off person on the list can comfortably afford. Include travel, accommodation, activities, food and the group's share of the groom's costs, plus a small buffer. Take a deposit when people confirm, set one deadline for the balance, use one payment method, and keep a simple record of who has paid and what it's been spent on.

Checklist

- [ ] Start with the number, not the plan
- [ ] What to include in the budget
- [ ] How much does a stag do cost?
- [ ] A simple budget template
- [ ] Covering the groom's share
- [ ] How to collect money for a stag do
- [ ] Keep a simple record
- [ ] Kitties, rounds and extras
- [ ] Ways to keep the cost down
- [ ] When someone can't afford it
- [ ] Drop-outs and refunds
- [ ] Related guides
- [ ] Take a deposit when people say yes. It should cover at least their share of anything non-refundable, such as accommodation or flights.
- [ ] Set one balance deadline. Make it a week or two before your own payments are due, so late payers don't leave you short.

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