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My budget is \$500K. Tell me how I can plan a wedding in Hong Kong.

Planning a wedding in Hong Kong can be relatively straightforward compared to other places, mainly because the work culture ingrained among people means things happen when they are supposed to!

You can therefore confidently leave the entire planning in the hands of professionals who can guide you through the process, shortlist vendors and manage the whole event. This will save you a lot of time and money as they will recommend reliable sources to get the job done according to the budget.

Another option, should you have the time, is to scout for the vendors yourself and have someone help you just manage the event on the day.

Hong Kong has ample options to choose from when it comes to weddings: from banquet halls or private clubs which allow you to rent their functions rooms, to picturesque Repulse Bay or Discovery Bay. Depending on the time of the year and the number of attendees, you could book a function room at a five-star hotel, which gives a grander feel.

You can easily accommodate 100-150 people within this budget. A four-course meal or a decent buffet spread can be had, depending on the setting of your choice. You could also splurge \$20,000 on your own customized wedding gown.

A good planner should be able to incorporate any theme according to the budget by using certain elements based on the theme, whether it's "An Evening in Paris" or "Enchanted Forest." Use flowers available during your wedding season for your floral arrangement, keeping in mind the theme. Props according to the theme can also created.

A tip to save costs: always confirm services long before the event, as prices increase as the event gets closer. Whether it's to book AV production, the décor or the wedding gown itself, vendors often look for reasons to mark up the costs when they know you are in need of it urgently.



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