

ON HIM:
Zara shirt, waistcoat and shoes;
Calvin Klein jeans.

ON HER:
Christing C. dress, Etsy headband,
Jeffrey Campbell shoes, Matches
Fashion necklace.



A Tale of Two Budgets



Have a wedding to plan and not sure how to go about it?
Set a budget first.



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My budget is \$200K. Tell me how I can plan a wedding in Hong Kong.

A budget of \$200,000 is perfect for about 60-80 guests. There are several government venues that can be considered for your ceremony, including gardens, parks or beaches. If you regularly attend a local church, you probably will have considered getting married there as well.

For the reception, a restaurant can be rented out depending on the type of dinner you want to have. If looking for a traditional Chinese banquet, most hotels have smaller ballrooms and restaurants have function/private rooms. There are good restaurants in Tsim Sha Tsui, at iSquare for example, that offer stunning views and great food. For a western-style venue, alternatives to the basic restaurant set-up include Butcher's Club Deli or Mavericks on Lantau, which also offers gorgeous beach views.

Also keep in mind a lunch can be a more cost-effective option!

For additional services like floral decor, entertainment and transportation, we suggest setting aside about \$50,000. Themes can easily be incorporated into this budget, and can be as simple as choosing a favorite color and having simple decor to match. Some venues even include options to choose from. Bliss Creations has created boho chic as well as vintage French themes—all at a very reasonable price.

For photography, hair and make-up, about \$25,000 should be set aside for quality vendors. In regards to wedding attire, we suggest renting the dress and tux as this can be a much cheaper option for as little as \$5,000. Rings are an additional cost that can vary greatly.

When dealing with a limited budget, we suggest cutting your guestlist down to create a warm and intimate environment for your closest friends and family. Bliss Creations suggests a beautiful ceremony in Kowloon Park followed by a stunning dinner overlooking the city. A three- to four-course menu with wine, simple decor and the entire Hong Kong skyline as a backdrop will really wow your guests.



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