



Our Top Tips for a Successful Hen Party!

Tip 1: Talk to your Bride

Many brides enjoy taking part in the hen preparations so chat to your Bride to confirm which parts (if any) she wants to look after herself. It's nice to have a couple of surprises too! Other brides love to leave the entire weekend to the bridesmaids. If there is anything she would hate, for example being dressed up as Superwoman and paraded from pub to pub, respect her wishes!

Tip 2: Prepare early

It is important to plan the night or weekend well in advance. This will ensure that all of your guests are available and will give you enough time to create an unforgettable hen!

Tip 3 Compose the guest list

Hen etiquette regarding who to invite is a grey area. Should the future Mother-in-Law be invited? Should the Bride ask her childhood friends? It's her party, so she should feel free to ask everyone she knows or just a small number of close friends. Many brides opt for two separate celebrations – one for family and one for friends, to ensure that everyone is catered for.

Tip 4 Choose a date and stick to it

Once you have a list of everyone the Bride wants to invite, hi-light the most important guests. Discuss the date with the VIP's, to ensure that they are all free. Once you choose your date, try to stick to it!

Tip 5 Determine the budget

Remember to include transport, accommodation, meals and day-time activities as well as night-time fun and frolics.

Tip 6 Plan unique day-time activities

Come up with something different for the afternoon. Think of the all the great things girls love to do. Singing, dancing & being pampered are all good places to start! We offer so many different activities to suit every type of group, every size group, every personality and budget! Our most popular activity is cocktail making classes, from mules to martinis, mojitos to manhattans, the Skeff team will guide you through a maze of ingredients and instructions - mixing tutorial with demonstrations whilst

tantalizing your taste buds with all the tricks of the trade. Explore the history of cocktail making as well as learning about the three basic layers of any cocktail. Master the art of creating cocktails with shaking, stirring, straining and of course, drinking as you explore mixology. You will be guided through the world's most popular cocktails. After completion of classes you receive a cocktail certificate from our very own Tom Cruise!

Tip 7 Don't forget to eat

Dare to be different and tantalize your taste buds in our Skeff bar & kitchen where we offer 2 courses or 3 course dinner's that won't pinch your pocket. Ensure a longer night off fun, Afterwards we can reserve an area in our bar, where you can rest up before the club.

Tip 8 Dance the night away

Located behind The Skeff is our nightclub Karma. With the most popular DJ's in the west of Ireland, 3 floors, 4 bars, an electric atmosphere to make your night out one to remember. Hen goes free and chicks are half price groups over 10 get a free bottle of champagne.

Tip 9 Don't forget to hydrate

Most importantly have a good breakfast the following morning, we offer breakfast here up until 12 noon on a Saturday and all day on Sunday's.

Tip 10 Shopping

After you check out we can store your bags in our luggage area while you shop till you drop!

**Happy planning from us all here at the Skeffington
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