

YOUR GROUP PLANNING COMPANION

Good plans.
Clear budgets.
More room to celebrate.

Bachelorette Budget & Group Decisions

A practical guide for the maid of honor coordinating a group of 6 to 12. Make the cost clear, record the yes, and keep track of who paid.

A PLAN EVERYONE CAN UNDERSTAND

01

Set a comfortable limit

02

Approve the actual plan

03

Track payments and settle

Includes a worked eight-person example, a one-page workbook map, and five ready-to-adapt messages.

Use with [Bachelorette_Budget_Kit.xlsx](#). All worked amounts use USD. The same process works in one other currency at a time.

03 / BUILD THE PROPOSAL

Make the scope as clear as the price.

Before comparing venues, agree who is included and how the group will share the costs.

MESSAGE 02 / AGREE THE SHARED-COST RULES

Quick check before I build the budget: are we happy to share [listed costs] between [names/number of people]? [The bride pays her own share / the group covers the bride's agreed share.] Travel, extras and optional activities are [included/excluded]. Nothing is booked yet. Please flag any change privately by [date]; I will send the actual amounts for approval next.

WORKED EXAMPLE / 8 ATTENDEES, ALL 8 PAY EQUALLY

Proposed shared cost	Group total	Per person
Accommodation	\$640.00	\$80.00
Dinner	\$360.00	\$45.00
Activity	\$240.00	\$30.00
Groceries	\$160.00	\$20.00
Unspent planning cushion	\$80.00	\$10.00
Planning total	\$1,480.00	\$185.00

All eight attendees pay in this example, including the bride. Personal travel and extras are excluded. The \$80 cushion is planning room, not money already spent or permission to buy more.

08 / WORKED EXAMPLE

Who paid is different from what they owe.

Eight people. Equal shares. Every listed cost is shared by all eight. No reimbursements or refunds have been recorded yet.

Actual costs	Paid by	Amount
Accommodation	Maya	\$640.00
Dinner	Leah	\$352.00
Activity + groceries	Noor	\$392.00
Total paid to suppliers		\$1,384.00

$$\$1,384 \div 8 = \$173$$

Each person's final share, based on actual recorded costs.

Participant	Already paid	Position before transfers
Maya	\$640.00	Receives \$467.00
Leah	\$352.00	Receives \$179.00
Noor	\$392.00	Receives \$219.00
Ella, Priya, Tess, Chloe, June	\$0.00 each	Each owes \$173.00

The five unpaid shares total \$865. The three advances above the payers' own shares also total \$865. The \$80 planning cushion was never spent, so it is not added to the final expenses.

11 / INSIDE THE WORKBOOK

See the numbers in the actual file.

This is a detail from the Example tab in Bachelorette_Budget_Kit.xlsx. The example is separate from your live group records.

Cost	Planned	Actual	Paid by
Lodging	640.00	640.00	Maya
Dinner	360.00	352.00	Leah
Activity	240.00	240.00	Noor
Groceries	160.00	152.00	Noor
Buffer	80.00		Unspent
Total	1,480.00	1,384.00	
Per person	185.00	173.00	

Real workbook excerpt: proposed costs compared with the amounts actually paid. Amounts shown are USD.

The Example tab then records one transfer.

Ella has already sent Maya **\$173**. Ella's share is now settled. Maya's amount still to receive falls from \$467 to **\$294**. Leah still receives \$179 and Noor \$219. Priya, Tess, Chloe and June each still owe \$173.

$$\text{\$294} + \text{\$179} + \text{\$219} = \text{\$692}$$

The amount still to settle after Ella's completed transfer.

This is the next step after the no-transfer example on page 9. A transfer changes who still needs to pay or receive money; it does not change the \$1,384 event cost or the \$173 share.