

# Questions to Ask Limousine Companies

By UrbanRide (www.urbanride.com)

We invite you to send us additional questions for the below worksheet by sending email to [info@blissweddings.com](mailto:info@blissweddings.com)

		Company #1	Company #2	Company #3
Company Name				
Contact Person				
Address				
Phone Number				
Email Address				
Web Site Address				
1.	Are you properly insured?			
2.	Are you affiliated with any industry associations such as the National Limousine Association?			
3.	Are you open 24-hours a day?			
4.	Do you have a toll-free phone number?			
5.	What types of limousines do you have?			
6.	How many people will comfortably fit in each vehicle? (Remember everyone will be dressed up and you do not want them to wrinkle or be uncomfortable)			
7.	What colors are available for each vehicle?			
8.	How many limos do you have and what is your policy if one breaks down?			
9.	Do you have any special wedding packages? If the answer is YES, ask questions 10-13. If the answer is NO, ask questions 14-15			
10.	What is the price?			
11.	How many hours are included?			
12.	What amenities are included with the package? (red carpet, champagne, glasses, just married sign, and decorations)			
13.	If I get a package, what is the additional price per hour if I choose to keep the vehicle longer?			
14.	What is the price per hour for each size vehicle available?			
15.	What is the minimum number of hours required?			
16.	Do you offer sedan or van airport transportation, in case my guests need transportation from the airport to the hotel/ceremony?			
17.	Can you provide service in other cities in case some of my guests need service from their homes to their local airports?			

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18.	Can we have alcohol in the vehicles?			
19.	Can we eat in the vehicles?			
20.	Is the chauffeur well acquainted with the area?			
21.	Does the vehicle have a CD player? Can I request to play my own CD or request a particular type of music to be played in the limo?			
22.	What year is the vehicle? (for each vehicle desired)			
23.	What make is the vehicle? (for each vehicle desired)			
24.	What model is the vehicle? (for each vehicle desired)			
25.	What color is the outside of the vehicle? (for each vehicle desired)			
26.	What color is the inside of the vehicle? (for each vehicle desired)			
27.	What amenities are included in the vehicle (CD player, TV, etc) (for each vehicle desired)			
28.	Do the vehicles have air conditioning/heating systems?			
29.	Will the vehicles I need be available if I decide to keep it longer on the day of the wedding?			
30.	Can you mail or email photographs of the vehicles I will be using on your wedding.			
31.	What will the chauffeur be wearing?			
32.	Is the driver's gratuity included in the quoted price?			
33.	If not, what percentage is added for driver's gratuity? (standard is 15% - 20%)			
34.	Are there any additional charges? (tax, tolls, parking, fuel surcharge, etc.)			
35.	Do you offer discounts if additional vehicles are booked? (bachelor/bachelorette parties, entire wedding party, shuttle for guests, etc.)			
36.	Can I get a signed contract stipulating the date, time, all locations, prices, type of vehicle including year, make, model, and color, payment, deposit, and cancellation policy.			
37.	How far in advance do I need to book the service?			
38.	Do I pay by credit card or check?			
39.	Is a deposit required? If so, how much?			
40.	When is the deposit due?			
41.	What is the cancellation policy?			
42.	What fee is charged within the cancellation policy?			
43.	A question to ask yourself: Has the limousine company addressed your personal concerns satisfactorily?			

*[This is another worksheet from BlissWeddings.com.  
A collection of ALL our worksheets is available by downloading the  
"Bliss! Weddings Wedding Planner" from MyFreeWeddingPlanner.com]*

# How to Choose a Limo Company

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## **Plan Ahead**

A common mistake many couples make is to overlook the importance of planning ahead for limousine service and other wedding ground transportation. It is not uncommon for a limousine service to get a call two days before the wedding. Please keep in mind that weekends are the busiest periods for limousines so you should plan at least three to four months in advance to ensure availability.

## **Determine Scope**

An important thing to keep in mind is the enormous array of options available. In addition to traditional limousine service, you may also choose to arrange shuttle service from the hotel to your wedding venue, airport shuttles (vans or minibuses), and site-seeing trips for out-of-town friends and family (perhaps the day before the wedding). You may even decide to honor your special out-of-town guests with VIP service to and from the airport. If you are serving alcohol at the reception, it is advisable to provide some form of backup transportation for your guests.

## **Wedding Day**

Traditionally, the bride will ride with her parents to the wedding ceremony. The groom and best man will ride together in a second limo. The bride's attendants will follow in a third vehicle. Another common configuration is for the maid-of-honor and best man to ride in the first limo with the couple. The rest of the wedding party follows in a second limo. Whatever you decide, make sure that the vehicles are large enough to keep everyone's clothes wrinkle free. After the reception, you should also plan on service for the newlyweds from the reception to the airport or hotel.

## **Making a Decision**

Now that you've hopefully decided what you want, the important task is to make sure that you get what you expect. You should find out exactly what size the vehicles are, how many people can COMFORTABLY fit in the vehicles, the makes, models, years and colors (interior and exterior). If you are unsure, ask for a picture. You should also ask what the chauffeur/s will be wearing. Many chauffeurs will wear a tuxedo for weddings, which adds a classic touch. Ask what else is included in the package. Many wedding packages include complimentary champagne, red carpet and a customized "Just Married" sign. Keep in mind that newer limousines are typically equipped with better cooling and heating systems.

## **Making a Reservation**

Once you make your reservation, insist on getting a written contract. The contract should include the date, itinerary, types of vehicles including years, makes, models and colors, rates (including gratuity and taxes), deposit amount and cancellation policy. If you are quoted a package rate, make sure the contract stipulates the rate for additional hours in case you decide to keep the vehicle/s for longer than expected. After making your reservation, you should reconfirm one month and one week prior to be on the safe side.

## **Important Details**

Make sure your limousine service gets a detailed copy of the schedule. You should provide them with instructions on where they will be going along with the names of each person traveling in each vehicle. If you want to get photographs of your grand entrance, make sure the limousine service knows in advance so the chauffeur doesn't open the door before the photographer is ready.

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### **Conclusion**

When shopping for a limousine service, you will be faced with a wide range of prices for your desired services. Just as you wouldn't choose a restaurant or hotel based solely on price, the same is true for your limousine service. Old or poorly maintained vehicles, unprofessional chauffeurs, tardy service and lack of proper insurance coverage are potential risks of lower priced limousine services. If you base your decision on price alone, you will likely have a disappointing wedding day experience. Use the attached **Bliss! Weddings** limousine worksheet to help you make an informed decision.

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love and laughter on your wedding day and  
everyday thereafter. Best Wishes!

We are happy to present you with this worksheet from our website ***Bliss!* Weddings** [www.blissweddings.com] in a printable and easy-to-fill-in format. We hope that this worksheet will help you achieve wedding day bliss!

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Feel free to forward this worksheet to your engaged family members and friends.

### **Contact Us!**

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