

24 QUESTIONS YOU NEED TO ASK YOUR WEDDING DJ



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CHOOSING A WEDDING DJ IN MONTREAL CAN BE HARD!

It doesn't need to be! Your wedding will likely be the first time you have ever hired a DJ before! What do you look for? What do you ask them? Continue reading for a list of twenty four questions you can ask a potential wedding DJ in Montreal to help you make the right decision.



1. ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR MY WEDDING DATE?

This is the most obvious question to ask first! Sometimes people get so excited to be talking about their wedding that they forget to mention when it is.

2. HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE?

It is important to know the experience level of the wedding DJ you will be hiring. How many weddings do they perform at a year? How many years have they been a wedding DJ?

3. DO YOU SPECIALIZE IN WEDDINGS?

Many DJs will say they specialize in weddings and sweet 16's and bar mitzvahs and corporate events and club events. No one can specialize in all things. Ask this question to gauge whether weddings really are their specialty.

4. ARE MC DUTIES INCLUDED IN YOUR SERVICE?

Some DJs in Montreal will also act as your Master of Ceremonies (MC). Make sure to ask this because it might not always be the case. They may offer it as an extra expense, or not at all. Also ask if the DJ and MC are a two-person team, or does one person act as both the DJ and MC.

5. WILL YOU BE THE DJ/MC AT OUR WEDDING?

There are companies that offer several DJs and perform many weddings a day, and then there are companies with only one DJ performing at one wedding a day. Multi-operators typically will not let you meet with your DJ/MC before your wedding, as they might not know who it will be. With a single-operator, you are meeting the person who will be performing at your wedding.

6. DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL TRAINING AS AN MC?

Have they taken any Master of Ceremonies or Love Story training? How about performance workshops? Improv classes? Attended educational conferences?

7. WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AS MC? WHAT WILL MAKE IT MEANINGFUL?

This question will surprise many DJs. Their answer is going to be subjective as it will show you what their mindset is on this topic and how seriously they take the role of being a Master of Ceremonies at a wedding reception.



8. WHAT SETS YOU APART FROM YOUR COMPETITION?

Listen closely to their answer, if they are bad mouthing other DJs you might not want to work with this vendor (that should be an automatic red flag!). They should be explaining what makes them different. What are some things that they do that no one else in Montreal does?

9. HOW CAN YOU MAKE MY WEDDING UNIQUE, DIFFERENT AND SPECIAL?

Some DJs will say they've performed at hundreds of weddings. Truth is, many of them are repeating the same routine a hundred times over. What do they do to make each wedding different, special, one of a kind, personalized and unique?

10. HAVE YOU PERFORMED AT OUR VENUE?

It always helps to know that a DJ has performed at the venue you've chosen in the past. This is definitely not a make or break type of question, but you will hopefully get some tips on the layout of the room at the same time!

11. HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU PROVIDE SERVICE FOR?

Some DJs will have packages for weddings that go by number of hours. Some might charge overtime as well. Does their service include music for the ceremony? Music for cocktails? It is important to understand what is included. Keep in mind, Montreal weddings can be 8 to 10 hours long!



12. DO YOU TAKE REQUESTS?

Some DJs, surprisingly enough, do not take requests! Make sure to ask this question and watch how they react. You will be able to tell if they are really open to requests or not right away.

13. ARE YOU BILINGUAL?

Having a wedding in Montreal typically means several languages will be spoken at the wedding reception. Having a DJ who speaks French may be important to you.

14. DO YOU HAVE REFERENCES / TESTIMONIALS?

Always ask for references! The wedding DJs you are meeting with should be able to either show you a list of referrals, video testimonials from past clients, or have Facebook, Google or Wedding Wire reviews for you to read or watch! The more the better here! Also make sure these testimonials are recent!

15. HOW FAR IN ADVANCE SHOULD WE BOOK YOU?

After meeting with a DJ, make sure you know when the best time to book them is. Some DJs in Montreal will book their weddings 8 to 12 months in advance, sometimes more! The last thing you want is to miss your chance to book your first choice for a DJ because you waited too long to book them.



16. CAN WE COME SEE YOU IN ACTION AT A WEDDING?

Some DJs will allow you to come see them in action at another wedding. Our opinion is that weddings are private events and should not be open for others to join. The DJ at that wedding should be focused completely on their clients that night and not trying to impress a new client. Not to mention, the flow, the vibe, the setting, will likely be different at any wedding you drop in on then what yours will be, they can't really be compared. This is why recent video footage and testimonials are so important; it lets you get a feel for what they do.

17. WHAT DO YOU WEAR AT A WEDDING?

This one might seem a little silly to ask but it is very important! Will you be ok with your MC and DJ not wearing a suit at your wedding? Be sure to know what to expect from them and that you are comfortable with their style.

18. WHAT IS YOUR MC STYLE?

Some MCs are very loud and in your face. Some are very calm and not very engaging. Some are great story tellers and feel like they are part of the family. There are so many styles that an MC can be! This is why it is so important to personally meet with the person who will be the MC at your wedding!

19. WILL WE MEET AGAIN BEFORE OUR WEDDING?

Once you book your DJ, what are the next steps to be taken with them? What information will they need? Will there be planning meeting(s) to discuss the flow or the night, any interactive segments, song choices and speeches? A wedding DJ/MC should help you create a flow for your reception.

20. WHAT KIND OF COORDINATION DO YOU DO AS MC?

A good wedding MC will also coordinate your reception for you. They will have planned out the night with you and then they will execute that plan. But if something has to change, which sometimes happens, it will be the MC's job to mitigate it. Also, the MC should be letting your photographer and videographer know what's happening next so they can always be ready for it.



21. DO YOU HAVE INSURANCE?

Many people don't know it is something a wedding DJ should have. They should! Liability insurance is slowly becoming a requirement in some venues around Montreal. Your DJ having liability insurance provides you with extra piece of mind and also shows the level of professionalism they operate at.

22. DO YOU HAVE BACKUP EQUIPMENT?

Will they have backup equipment on site, or if they have a plan to have backup gear available quickly if something should go wrong.

23. WHAT WILL THE PRICE BE?

You obviously need to know how much they will charge for their services!

24. DO YOU OFFER A MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE?

If the DJ is confident in what they are telling you and what they can create for you, they should offer a 100% satisfaction money-back guarantee! Make sure to ask this! Watch their faces for a shocked look if they don't offer a guarantee!

I hope these questions will help make your journey to deciding on a wedding DJ in Montreal a little easier!



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