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# 10 essential tips for a successful stag weekend

## 1. Plan in advance.

It may sound obvious but a great stag weekend includes activities and a plan of where you want to go and when. The more the best man plans in advance the more relaxed he can be during the stag weekend – which leaves more time for the important things such as drinking copious amounts of lager and vodka!! You don't want to arrive at your chosen destination only to find you have no idea where the go-karting track is! Release travel can help you organise in advance to ensure all of your activities are booked and you don't end up being let down.

## 2. Organise a good payment system with everyone travelling

Depending on where you go, the food and beer can be cheap, but costs can quickly escalate. Decide on a budget and stick to it – remember people may have different levels of income and therefore planning a budget ahead will help everyone stay on track with how much money they'll need. Using a stag company such as Release Travel to book the weekend for you can help as they can make sure all costs are included in the overall price and even chase payment for you.

## 3. What goes on tour stays on tour!

The unwritten rule of all stag do's. What she doesn't know won't hurt her etc. Ban all cameras during dodgy moments and keep the secrets to yourselves! The hen may not appreciate the fine photos of Olga the stripper.

## 4. Embarrass the stag as often as possible

He may not thank you for it but he'll definitely remember the memories for a long, long time. This is your opportunity to go to town on him with silly outfits and activities, just bear in mind that if you're not married he may well get you back at some point.

#### 5. Assign roles to each person on the stag weekend

Rather than panicking when you get there about who has the costume, who has the kitty, who has the map and who's ordering the t-shirts, assign roles to each person in advance to make sure everything is organised for the weekend. This gets everyone involved as well and also encourages conversation between members of the group – who may not necessarily know each other beforehand.

#### 6. Get served at the bar quicker

Take advantage of table service in bars that you're in and ask for the waitress/waiter when you are being shown to your seats so they know you are ready to order!

## 7. Get info on the best bars/clubs

Research where you are going to make sure you know the best bars and clubs to go to in your chosen destination. Release Travel have in-depth knowledge of bars and clubs in the local area you'll be staying in so use their expertise to plan ahead. They can often get VIP and free passes to bars and clubs as well so ask when you book.

## 8. Get to grips with the currency

If travelling abroad for the stag do work out the currency beforehand so that when you need to tip, for example, you don't end up leaving more than you bargained for. Bear in mind 'thank you' in some countries can mean 'keep the change' so get clued up on this before you go and ask for advice when booking.

#### 9. Keep an eye out

When you first get to your stag destination, do a quick check of the local area and check out the bars/clubs and also late night fast food joints that you'll be needing in the early hours of the morning.

#### **10.** Enjoy yourself and go prepared

Alka Selzer, condoms, mobile phone chargers, bank cards, a change of clothes.... Need we say more?

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