CHECKLIST

Hidden venue costs checklist

- [ ] List every service the venue mentions and ask which ones sit outside the base hire fee
- [ ] Request a sample contract before you commit
- [ ] Confirm when overtime charges apply and how the venue calculates them
- [ ] Check whether cleaning fees cover confetti, glitter or adhesive decorations
- [ ] Ask what condition the venue expects at handover
- [ ] Find out if corkage is charged per bottle or per person
- [ ] Identify which deposit is refundable and when it comes back
- [ ] Compare the total cost of each venue including all extras
- [ ] Add a contingency line equal to one-tenth of the venue cost