

# Attire Guide:

## Dress Codes from Casual to White Tie

Black tie, white tie; formal, semi-formal; Festive! Casual! Hitting the right note with attire can be confusing. Here are the details of how to dress appropriately for any occasion:

### White Tie

#### Women

- Formal (floor length) evening gown
- Long gloves (optional)

#### Men

- Black dress coat (tailcoat), matching trousers with a single stripe of satin or braid in the US; two stripes in Europe or the UK
- White piqué wing-collared shirt with stiff front
- Braces, to ensure a good fit
- Shirt studs and cuff links
- White vest
- White bow tie
- White or gray gloves
- Black patent shoes and black dress socks

### Black Tie

#### Women

- Formal (floor length) evening gown
- Dressy cocktail dress
- Your dressiest "little black dress"

#### Men

- Black tuxedo jacket and matching trousers
- Formal (piqué or pleated front) white shirt
- Shirt studs and cuff links

- Black bow tie (silk, satin, or twill)
- Black cummerbund to match tie, or a vest
- Dressy braces to ensure a good fit (optional)
- No gloves
- Black patent shoes and black dress socks
- In summer, in the tropics, or on a cruise: White dinner jacket, black tuxedo trousers plus other black tie wardrobe

## Creative Black Tie

### Women

- Formal (floor length) evening gown
- Dressy cocktail dress
- Your dressiest "little black dress"
- Fun or unique accessories

### Men

- Tuxedo combined with trendy or whimsical items, such as a black shirt or a matching colored or patterned bow tie and cummerbund

## Black Tie Optional

### Women

- Formal (floor length) evening gown
- Dressy cocktail dress
- A "little black dress"
- Dressy separates

### Men

- Tuxedo (see "Black Tie" above)
- Dark suit, white dress shirt, and conservative tie
- Leather dress shoes and dark dress socks

## Semiformal

### Women

- Short afternoon or cocktail dress
- A "little black dress"
- Long dressy skirt and top
- Dressy separates

### Men

- Dark, business suit
- Matching vest (optional)
- Dress shirt
- Tie
- Leather dress shoes and dark dress socks

## Festive Attire (usually for the holidays)

### Women

- Cocktail dress
- Long dressy skirt and top
- Dressy pants outfit or separates
- A "little black dress"
- Feature holiday colors

### Men

- Seasonal sport coat or blazer in color of choice, and slacks
- Open-collar shirt, or dress shirt
- Tie—festive or with a holiday theme

## Business Formal\*

### Women

- Suit
- Business-style dress
- Dress with a jacket
- Stockings (optional in summer)

- Heels, low or high

#### Men

- Dark business suit
- Matching vest (optional)
- Dress shirt
- Conservative tie
- Leather dress shoes and dark dress socks

### Business Casual\*

#### Women

- Skirt, khakis, or pants
- Open-collar shirt, knit shirt or sweater (no spaghetti straps or décolleté)
- Dress

#### Men

- Seasonal sport coat or blazer with slacks or khakis
- Dress shirt, casual button-down shirt, open-collar or polo shirt
- Optional tie
- Loafers or loafer-style shoes, and socks

\*Always check and abide by your company's dress code

### Dressy Casual

#### Women

- Dress
- Skirt and dressy top
- Dressy pants outfit
- Nice jeans and dressy top

#### Men

- Seasonal sport coat or blazer, and slacks

- Dress shirt, casual button-down shirt, open-collar or polo shirt
- Optional tie

## Casual

### Women

- Sundress
- Long or short skirt
- Khakis or nice jeans
- Shorts (depending on occasion and climate)
- Plain T-shirt (no slogans), polo shirt, turtleneck
- Casual button-down blouse

### Men

- Khakis or good jeans (clean, no holes)
- Cargo or Bermuda shorts—depending on occasion and climate
- Plain T-shirt (no slogans), polo shirt, turtleneck
- Casual button-down shirt and/or sweater
- Loafers, sneakers (with or without socks), sandals