



Sample Timeline

I know this isn't the most exciting aspect of the wedding day, but I like to start with discussing the timeline as it is the most important thing that can make or break your photography! These next pages will outline an ideal wedding day working off of a 5:00 PM ceremony time-frame. This ideal timeline is also based off of a wedding day that includes a first look. Most of my couples choose to do a first look and you can read more about that option in a few pages! Remember that all wedding days are different and your timeline may differ due to travel times and unique events.

1:00 DETAIL PHOTOS

2:00 GETTING READY: BRIDE W/ CORINNA, GROOM W/ SS

3:00 FIRST LOOK & BRIDE + GROOM PORTRAITS

3:30 BRIDAL PARTY PORTRAITS

4:15 BRIDE IN HIDING / PHOTOGRAPHING CEREMONY DECOR

5:00 CEREMONY

5:30 COCKTAIL HOUR & FAMILY FORMALS

6:00 NEWLYWED GOLDENHOUR PHOTOS (FOR 7PM SUNSET)

6:30 RECEPTION BEGINS

8:00 OPEN DANCING

9:00 PHOTOGRAPHY COVERAGE ENDS



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1:00 DETAIL PHOTOS

While you and your friends are starting to get ready or finishing up hair and makeup, I will start by photographing your beautiful detail photos! This will include things special to your day like the dress, shoes, both the rings, jewelry, perfume, bouquet, vows, invitation suite, suit jacket, tie, watch, cufflinks, vows, cologne, boutonniere, extra copies of your escort cards, wedding favors, etc.

2:00 GETTING READY: BRIDE W/ CORINNA, GROOM W/ SS

Now we will photograph the finishing touches of you and your friends getting ready- you getting into your dress, shoes, and jewelry. The second shooter will capture the groom as he gets on his jacket, tie, cufflinks, etc.

3:00 FIRST LOOK & BRIDE + GROOM PORTRAITS

3:30 BRIDAL PARTY PORTRAITS

4:15 BRIDE IN HIDING / PHOTOGRAPHING CEREMONY DECOR

Guests will be arriving soon, so we will have you go and relax until the ceremony begins while we photograph your decor!

5:00 CEREMONY

Most ceremonies are around 30 minutes. Please let me know if you plan on having it be shorter or longer.

5:30 COCKTAIL HOUR & FAMILY FORMALS

While your guests head off to enjoy your cocktail hour, you two & your immediate family will join me for Family Formals. The second shooter will capture your reception decor at this time as well as your friends enjoying cocktail hour!

6:00 NEWLYWED GOLDENHOUR PHOTOS

Depending on the ceremony time & sunset time of your wedding, this will either be directly after family formals or for a few minutes during dinner. Golden hour is the hour before the sun sets.

6:30 RECEPTION BEGINS- GRAND ENTRANCE, FIRST DANCE, DINNER

8:00 OPEN DANCING

I suggest having photography coverage end after 1 hour of dancing, or after grand exit.

9:00 PHOTOGRAPHY COVERAGE ENDS





Timeline Cont.

HOW WILL MY TIMELINE DIFFER?

While there are many factors that will go into your timeline, below are a common few that could change your photo timeline and need additional hours added on.

MULTIPLE VENUES If getting ready, the ceremony, and the reception are all happening at different venues then we will need to add in travel time that accounts not only for the distance but also traffic and parking.

SUNSET TIME If you are having a late fall, winter, or early spring wedding- the sun will be setting in the early evening- thus you will have an earlier timeline and earlier ceremony. Be sure to look up your date's sunset time! Remember that all the portrait photographs must be done before the scheduled sunset time of your wedding date!

NO FIRST LOOK While I highly encourage first looks (more info to come), they are not required. Let me know if you'd prefer to not have a first look so we can rearrange the timeline accordingly.

LONGER CEREMONY Most ceremonies are around 30 minutes. Let me know if you plan to have one longer or shorter so we can adjust the timeline accordingly.

NO COORDINATOR If you will not have a wedding coordinator for your big day, then it will be important to add in cushion time throughout the day.

WANT MORE DANCING PHOTOS If you know you have a rowdy family and friend and would like more dancing coverage- let me know!

GRAND EXIT Let's chat if you are thinking about having some sort of a grand exit so that we can add on a few hours.

NO SECOND SHOOTER Having a second shooter will reduce your morning getting ready time since each photographer only needs 1 hour, otherwise we will need to add extra time here. They also allow you to get some sweet portraits & candids of your guests at cocktail hour as well as more reception decor photo, and they add more variety to your entire gallery!

