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# Customizable Wedding Day Timeline & Guide



## Welcome to your Wedding Day Timeline Guide

I believe that every couple deserves a stress-free wedding day that allows them to soak in the joy of every moment. A well-planned timeline is one of the keys to making that happen.

This guide is here to help you create a seamless wedding day schedule, tailored to your unique celebration. Whether you're having an intimate ceremony or an all-day event, we'll work together to ensure your timeline allows plenty of time for photos, cherished moments with loved ones, and, most importantly, time to simply enjoy your day.

Inside, you'll find:

- Tips to ensure each part of your day flows effortlessly.
- A sample timeline to inspire your own schedule.
- Suggestions for creating buffer times to stay relaxed and on track.

Let's craft a day that celebrates your love story while giving you memories to cherish forever. Here's to making your wedding day as picture-perfect as your love story.

# Sample Timelines

For 10 hours

- 12:00 PM — Getting Ready, Hair, Makeup, Dress  
(First Looks with Bridesmaids/Parents)  
Detail Shots  
Travel between venues
- 2:30 PM — First Look  
Romantics (Couple Photos)
- 3:45 PM — Bridal Party Photos
- 4:30 PM — Family Photos
- 5:00 PM — Pre-Ceremony hide-away
- 5:30 PM — Ceremony
- 6:00 PM — Cocktail hour
- 6:30 PM — Reception  
Dinner  
First Dances  
Cake Cutting  
Open Dancing
- 1 HR BEFORE SUNDOWN — Sunset Photos
- 11:00 PM — Send-Off

For 8 hours

- 2:00 PM — Getting Ready, Hair, Makeup, Dress  
(First Looks with Bridesmaids/Parents)  
Detail Shots
- 3:45 PM — First Look  
Romantics (Couple Photos)
- 4:45 PM — Bridal Party Photos
- 5:15 PM — Family Photos
- 5:45 PM — Pre-Ceremony hide-away
- 6:00 PM — Ceremony
- 6:30 PM — Cocktail hour
- 7:00 PM — Reception  
Dinner  
First Dances  
Cake Cutting  
Open Dancing
- 1 HR BEFORE SUNDOWN — Sunset Photos
- 10:00 PM — Send-Off





# Tips to ensure each part of your day flows effortlessly

**Start with a solid plan:** Begin by identifying key moments that must happen at specific times (like the ceremony, reception, and first dance) and then build your day around these events. Having a clear structure will help everything fall into place.

**Allow for flexibility:** While it's important to have a schedule, allow for some wiggle room. Weddings are full of surprises, and having flexibility ensures that you can handle any unexpected changes without feeling rushed.

**Communicate with your vendors:** Ensure all your vendors are on the same page by sharing your timeline with them in advance. This includes the caterer, florist, DJ, and anyone else who is part of the day's events. Coordination will minimize confusion and help the day run smoothly.

**Prioritize your photo moments:** Let me know which moments are most important to you for photos, whether it's a first look, family shots, or candid moments during the ceremony. By prioritizing key moments, we'll ensure you get all the memories you've dreamed of.

**Factor in travel time:** Whether you're going from home to the venue or between locations for photos, be sure to leave enough time for travel. You don't want to feel rushed or risk being late, especially when you have lots of special moments planned.

**Keep hair and makeup on time:** Start your hair and makeup early so there's no rush before the ceremony. The bridal party should be ready ahead of schedule, and you'll thank yourself later when everything flows seamlessly.

**Break it up:** Spread out key moments of your day so there's a natural ebb and flow. For example, after an emotional ceremony, schedule a moment for your guests to relax and enjoy appetizers before starting the formal portraits or dancing.







## Now it's your turn!

Use the following page to customize the timeline for your special day! Print it out and keep it in your planner or somewhere easily accessible. You can even save it to your photo album on your phone.

TIME

PLANNED EVENT





# Suggestions for creating buffer times to stay relaxed & on track

Plan for at least 15-30 minutes of extra time between events: Whether it's for the ceremony to wrap up a bit late or for the bridal party to take longer getting dressed, buffer time gives you breathing room. It's much easier to adjust when you have extra time built in.

Allow time for "getting into the zone": If you're feeling anxious or need a moment to gather your thoughts before the ceremony, build in quiet time. This can also work for the groom and bridal party before they make their big entrance.

Keep a "cushion" for family photos: Family photos can take longer than expected due to varying group sizes or people not being in the right place at the right time. By giving yourself more time than you think you'll need, you'll reduce stress and get the shots you want.



Have a backup plan for outdoor events: If you're planning to have outdoor activities, especially for the ceremony or portraits, make sure you have an indoor backup ready just in case the weather doesn't cooperate.

Leave room for you to relax and enjoy the moment: Wedding days can go by fast, so scheduling a small block of time where you can just be present with each other—whether it's before the ceremony, during a break in the action, or after the reception—is invaluable.

Build in extra time for hair and makeup: Hair and makeup can sometimes take longer than anticipated, so build in a little extra time in case things run behind. It's better to have some leeway and start the day feeling calm.

Have a "wrap-up" buffer at the end of the night: The end of the night can sometimes feel chaotic. Adding buffer time for your last dances, farewell photos, and the after-party allows you to wind down without feeling rushed.





Your wedding day is a reflection of your unique love story.

By planning your timeline carefully and allowing space for the beautiful moments to unfold, you're setting the stage for a day filled with joy, love, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Remember, this guide is just a starting point.

Together, we can customize your timeline to suit your vision and ensure that every moment, big and small, is captured in a way that feels true to you.

Wishing you a smooth planning process and a day that exceeds your expectations!