

The perfect wedding day timeline

Here it is! The perfect wedding day timeline for a relaxed day of celebrations! This may not be the most exciting aspect of your wedding day but it is the one thing that can make or break your day in terms of your photography and creating a stress-free celebration with your friends and family! This timeline outlines an ideal wedding day working off a 4pm ceremony timeframe (ideal for late Spring, Summer and Early Autumn).

This timeline is also based off of a wedding day that includes a first look. Remember that all wedding days are different and your timeline may differ due to travel times and unique situations.

Bridal Details

1.00-1.45

Every bride loves having those beautiful shots of her bridal details. They are details that you've worked hard to select to create your wedding day vision so it makes sense to capture them. They are an important part of your story and I love having some time to shoot the dress, shoes, jewellery, invitations, etc. This time also allows me to meet your bridesmaids and get warmed up for the rest of the big day. While I'm shooting details, I also capturing some shots of you and your girls getting ready! If the groom is getting ready nearby, I will also get some shots of them.



First Look

2.30

This is a special intimate part of the wedding day! I will find the perfect location for your First Look prior to the getting ready portion of the day! Don't stress about that one bit! I will make sure the location is private and as secluded as possible.



Bridal Prep

1.45-2.15

After the details have been photographed, it's time for you to get into your dress! This is a big moment! I usually ask the mother of the bride and all of the bridesmaids to be dressed by the time you're ready to get into your dress. This ensures that everyone will look nice in those images. After you're in your gown, you can put on your jewellery, veil, shoes, etc. and I will shoot some additional bridal portraits!





Wedding Party Portraits

3.20 - 3.50

During this time I will be capturing all of you looking your best and one way to make sure we stay on schedule for wedding party portraits is to have someone put the boutonnieres on the guys BEFORE they arrive for portraits. During wedding party portraits, I will make sure to take some...

Portraits

2.45-3.15

After you both take your time with the First Look, I will begin taking a few romantic portraits of the two of you while you're admiring each other! I will find the locations for these shots as well! Remember, the LIGHT determines where we shoot and so I can't always decide on portrait locations until the day-of. As we shoot these portraits, the wedding party can start making their way to us for some wedding party portraits!



Reception Details

4.00-4.20

If the reception is in the same location as the ceremony, I will use this time to shoot the reception decor before guests enter. If the ceremony and reception are in different locations, I recommend having a cocktail hour outside of the main reception area if possible so that I can grab some great shots of your reception before the night begins and guests start laying down purses and coats on their seats!

Bride in Hiding

4.00-4.30

..... great shots of the guys and girls both separately AND together! After wedding party portraits are complete, the bride will go into hiding so that early guests don't sneak a peek and the ushers will begin their duties.





Ceremony

4.30 - 5.00

Let's do this!! Most ceremonies are between 30 and 45 minutes long. If your ceremony is longer than 30 mins, we can always make adjustments to the timeline! Your ceremony will pass by so quickly so it's important to take it all in and enjoy.

Family Formals

5.15-5.45

Family formals normally take place immediately following the ceremony while everyone is together. I'll need about 30 minutes for family formals and I will send a questionnaire before the wedding where you can list out the groupings that you want. I will find a nice spot outdoors if possible where we can use natural light for these images, especially if the ceremony location is dark!



A Few "Just Married" Portraits

5:45-6.15

This is when we get our soft glowy light and so I will spend a few extra minutes with the bride and groom to take a few "Just Married" portraits right after family formals!

Reception Begins

6.15

This is when the bridal party enters to cheering guests and the party begins!! At this time, depending on the lighting in the reception, I will begin using flash photography and focus on capturing the reception events!





Exit

9.30

I include up to 10 hours of coverage so that I can be present for the reception formalities and about an hour of dancing! If you are having an exit, we can discuss a faux exit with just your bridal party so you can capture it! Or if you just want to dance the night away, that is perfectly fine also.

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