

10 TIPS FOR A Stress-Free Wedding Day Timeline

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WELCOME

Thank you so much for taking the time to check out my work! My goal as a Wedding Photographer is to do everything I can to help my couples, or any couple really, be as prepared and informed as possible with wedding planning. My goal is to not only make it a stress-free experience, but a personal and enjoyable one as well!

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Introduction

If you're reading this, that means you are planning a wedding, which means some congratulations are in order!

Being engaged is such an exciting time in your life! Unfortunately, it can also be some of the most stressful times you can face as a couple.

Planning a wedding doesn't have to be that bad! There are so many great tips for a stress-free wedding day, but most of these tips are put into practice in the wedding planning process.

Having a stress-free wedding day starts long before the wedding day. I hope you find these tips helpful, and will put them into practice as you plan your wedding, so you can keep this time in your life exciting and as stress-free as possible!



TIP 1

Top 3

One of the first things I always recommend doing ,is picking the top 3 most important things to you. It's so easy to get caught up in all the little details and lose focus. When this happens, couples tend to over spend on things that really aren't important to them. So, pick the 3 things that are the most important. Whether that's flowers, venue, photographer, whatever they are, spend your money on the 3 most important to help you stay on budget, and still get what is most important to you.



TIP 2

Biggest Task First

This may sound like a no brainer, but taking care of the biggest tasks first, will help you big time! (no pun intended). Taking care of the biggest tasks first will help you from procrastinating. When couples procrastinate on the big things, it tends to cause a lot of un-needed stress.

TIP 3

Hire a Wedding Planner

Now, this one is not in everyone's budget, and I totally get that. If you are able to hire a wedding planner or a wedding coordinator, I highly recommend it. At the very least, if you can't afford to hire someone, I strongly suggest appointing someone you trust to help coordinate things.

Having someone to coordinate things helps to keep people from coming to you with any issues that may arise. It also keeps your photographer from becoming the one who has to coordinate things, and lets them be able to solely focus on capturing your images.



TIP 4

Practice

Practice putting on your dress. The part of the day that almost always runs behind is the getting ready portion of the day. Practicing putting on the dress can save time on the wedding day. Another thing to practice is bustling the dress. Practicing this can help you get to your guests and your party sooner!

TIP 5

Real Connection with your Photographer

Finding a Photographer with which you have a real connection with is huge. The person you will spend the most time with on your wedding day is actually your photographer. Having a photographer that you trust is essential to having a stress-free wedding day. When you trust your photographer to get everything you need/want, it will allow you to relax and not stress over what comes next all day.



TIP 6

Plan More Time

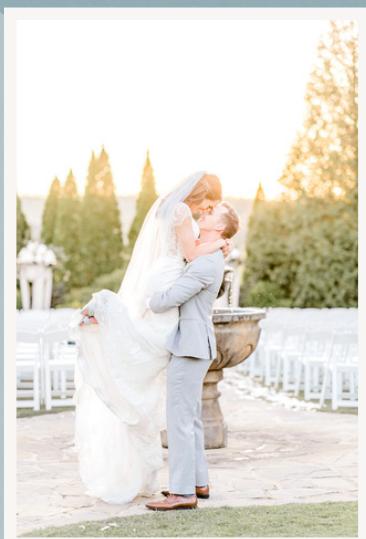
Plan for more time than you think you need. Weddings have a tendency to run behind, and the last thing you want to do is not plan for enough time, and be stressing over catching up all day. Make sure to give plenty of buffer time in case you need it.



TIP 7

Consider a First Look

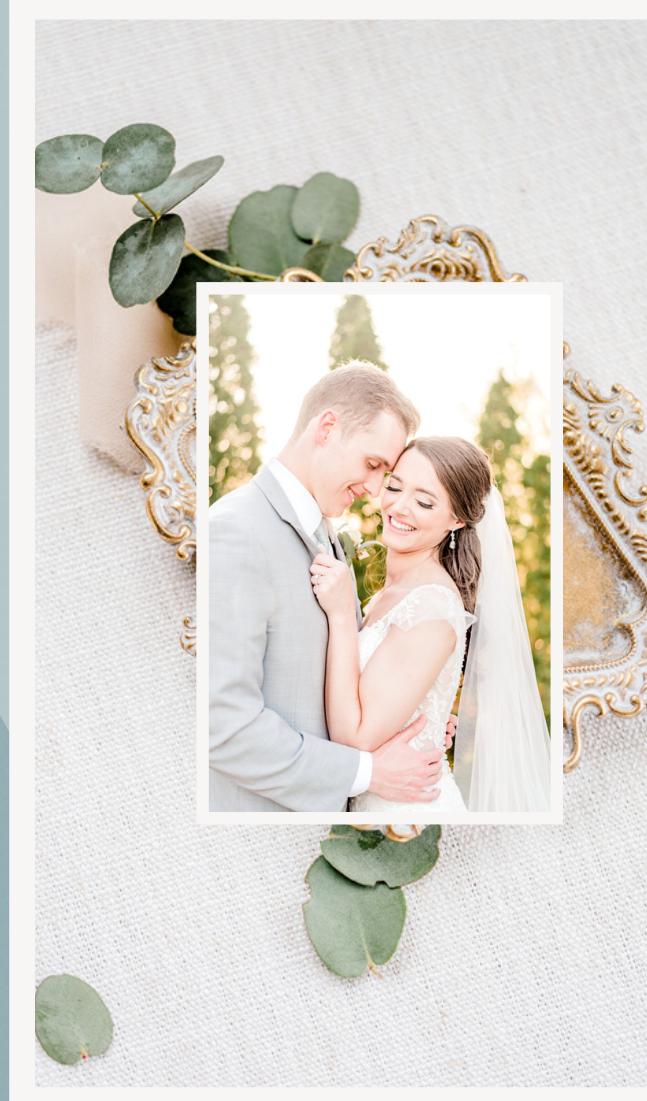
I know a First Look isn't for everyone, and that's ok! Doing a First Look though allows you to take most of the photos before the ceremony. Getting all the photos done ahead of time makes the schedule much more relaxed and allows you to be stress-free and enjoy your ceremony and receptions with all your friends and loved ones!



TIP 8

Delegate

Delegate, Delegate, Delegate! I cannot say this enough, having people in place to take care of all the little details is super important. The last thing you need to be doing on your wedding day is running around doing anything and everything! You should be sitting relaxed, sipping champagne, and hanging with your friends!



TIP 9

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff

I know this sounds cliché, but seriously, things can go wrong, and they may, but worrying and stressing will not help. You hired professionals, let them do their job, and handle it. Your wedding will be beautiful, and most likely no one (including you) will remember if any little details were out of place and not perfect, I promise.



TIP 10

Remember Why you're Celebrating

If you don't remember anything else, remember this one. You're celebrating the love and commitment to one another! Marriage is a beautiful, wonderful thing, and weddings such a wonderful way to celebrate. Don't get consumed with the perfection of the day. Take time to be present, and celebrate this wondrous occasion.

Thank You

I hope you find this guide helpful! I always love to help in any way I can. I wish I would have had information like this when I was getting married 8 years ago. Most couples have never been married, and so it can be overwhelming to know what the next steps are. I am always willing to help with whatever I can, so if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out! I also have several resource blogs with great information on wedding planning. Be sure to check it out if you're interested in more information.



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