

How to have a winning wedding Day timeline

How to build a perfect wedding day timeline to get the most
out of your wedding day!



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Where to start?

First things first, what aspects of your wedding day are the MOST important to you? Do you want photos of you and your bridesmaids getting ready? Do you want a first look? Do you want dreamy formal photos of just the two of you? Get out a pen and paper and write down a list of everything you want captured on your wedding day!



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The possibilities are endless...

Are you having a hard time making your list of
"MUST HAVES" on your wedding day?

Here are some ideas:

- Flat lays of bride + groom details
- Bride getting ready
- Bride + Bridesmaids in robes/cute pajamas
- Mom helping you get your dress on
- Bridal photos putting on jewelry, shoes, touch-ups
- First look with the bridesmaids
- Groom getting ready
- Groom hanging with the guys
- Groom GQ photos (putting on jacket, straightening tie, putting on shoes)
- First look with Bride and Groom
- Bridal party photos
- Family portraits
- Ceremony details
- Ceremony outdoor or indoor
- Bride and Groom portraits
- Bride and Groom portraits during golden hour/sunset
- Cocktail Hour for guests
- Grand entrance
- First dances
- Speeches
- Cake Cutting
- Dancing with friends/family
- Quiet moment/Last Dance
- Send off with sparklers or confetti
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TIMING IS CRUCIAL



Now that you have nailed down the aspects of your wedding day that are the most important to you, now you need to know how much TIME will need to be allocated for each aspect of your wedding day!

Lucky for you, I'm going to tell you exactly how much time you'll need to set aside for the biggest moments of your day!

How much time do you need?

This is a rough amount of time for each aspect of the wedding day that is needed to get the photos you want to remember + keep your wedding day running as smoothly as possible!

Photos of Details/Flatlays: 45 mins

Bride + Groom Getting Ready: 45 mins

First Look: 15 mins

Bride + Groom Portraits: 30 mins

Bridal Party: 30 mins

Family Portraits: 30 mins

Wedding Ceremony: 15-30 mins

Husband + Wife Sunset Portraits: 30 mins

Reception: 120 mins +



Lighting

Something I run into with almost every timeline I help build for my clients is issues with LIGHTING. In order to get the BEST photos possible, you need to make sure you have plenty of light.

Questions to ask regarding lighting:

- 1.What season is your wedding day in?
- 2.What time is sunset?
- 3.Is your ceremony outside?

Depending on what season your wedding is in, this will determine what time the sun sets. The sun usually sets later in the spring/summer and earlier in the fall/winter.

Look up the exact time the sun sets on your wedding day and plan your timeline around this time! Be sure to end all of your important photos before the sun sets.

Time to put it all together!

Now that you know what aspects of the day are important to you, you have created a comprehensive shot list for your photographer, and you understand lighting, it's time to put it all together!

The order of events on your wedding day will have a big impact on how smoothly the day goes and how many great quality and beautiful images you will receive!

Feeling overwhelmed? Because I know how confusing this process can be, I have provided you with 3 SAMPLE TIMELINES to help you plan your wedding day!



Summer Wedding Sample Timeline (Full Day)

Sunset is around
8:30pm

Bridal Details/Flatlays/Decor 3:00pm

Bride + Groom Getting Ready 4:00pm

First Look 5:15pm

Bride + Groom Portraits 5:30pm

Bridal Party 6:00pm

Family Portraits 6:30pm

Break/Final touch-ups (Photographer captures ceremony details)

Ceremony 7:30pm

Husband + Wife Sunset Portraits 8:00pm

Grand Entrance 8:30pm

Reception + Send Off 8:30pm-10pm

Fall/Winter Wedding Sample Timeline (Full Day)

Sunset is around
5:00pm

Bridal Details/Flatlays/Decor 11:30am

Bride + Groom Getting Ready 12:30pm

First Look 1:45pm

Bride + Groom Portraits 2:00pm

Bridal Party 2:30pm

Family Portraits 3:00pm

Break/Final touch-ups (Photographer captures ceremony details)

Ceremony 4:00pm

Husband + Wife Sunset Portraits 4:30pm

Grand Entrance 5:00pm

Reception + Send Off 5:00pm-7pm

Spring Wedding Sample Timeline (Full Day)

Sunset is around
7:00pm

Bridal Details/Flatlays/Decor 1:30pm

Bride + Groom Getting Ready 2:30pm

First Look 3:45pm

Bride + Groom Portraits 4:00pm

Bridal Party 4:30pm

Family Portraits 5:00pm

Break/Final touch-ups (Photographer captures ceremony details)

Ceremony 6:00pm

Husband + Wife Sunset Portraits 6:30pm

Grand Entrance 7:00pm

Reception + Send Off 7:00pm-9pm



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