



# How to Create a Wedding Timeline That's Stress-Free + Photo-Friendly

PLAN A DAY THAT FLOWS BEAUTIFULLY, CAPTURES EVERY MOMENT, AND LETS YOU STAY FULLY PRESENT.



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Breathe. This is your day.





Your wedding day should feel like a celebration, not a checklist. The truth? A timeline isn't just about keeping things "on schedule." It's about creating a flow that lets you relax, be present, and soak in every moment—while making sure your photos tell the full story.

After photographing hundreds of weddings, elopements, and courthouse "I dos," I've learned that a great timeline is the secret to a day that feels effortless and photo-friendly.

This guide will walk you through how to build one that's just right for you.







Anchor your day in what you care about most.

DO YOU WANT A SLOW MORNING TOGETHER WITH COFFEE AND VOWS? A GOLDEN HOUR ADVENTURE IN THE MOUNTAINS? A BIG GROUP PHOTO WITH YOUR CLOSEST PEOPLE?

YOUR TIMELINE SHOULD REFLECT YOUR PRIORITIES—NOT WHAT PINTEREST OR TRADITION SAYS.

✨ QUICK PROMPT: WRITE DOWN YOUR TOP 3 NON-NEGOTIABLES. THESE ARE THE MOMENTS YOUR TIMELINE SHOULD BE BUILT AROUND.





# LIGHT IS EVERYTHING.

Photos look best when the light is soft and golden. If you're dreaming of glowing portraits, plan your ceremony or couple photos around sunrise or sunset.

- Courthouse Wedding Tip: Book a morning slot so you can wander downtown after with gorgeous mid-morning light.
- Destination Elopement Tip: Consider a sunrise ceremony for total privacy and dreamy photos, then celebrate all day.



Buffer Time = Freedom Time  
Leave room to breathe.

Rushing = stress. Adding a 15–20 minute buffer between events creates freedom, peace, and space for those unscripted, magical photos. Think: an unplanned ice cream stop, laughing with friends outside the courthouse, or simply a quiet moment together before your vows.





# Sample Timeline: Destination Elopement

ADVENTURE MEETS ROMANCE.

2:00 pm – First look at lodge or Airbnb

3:00 pm – Travel to ceremony location

4:00 pm – Private vows + ceremony

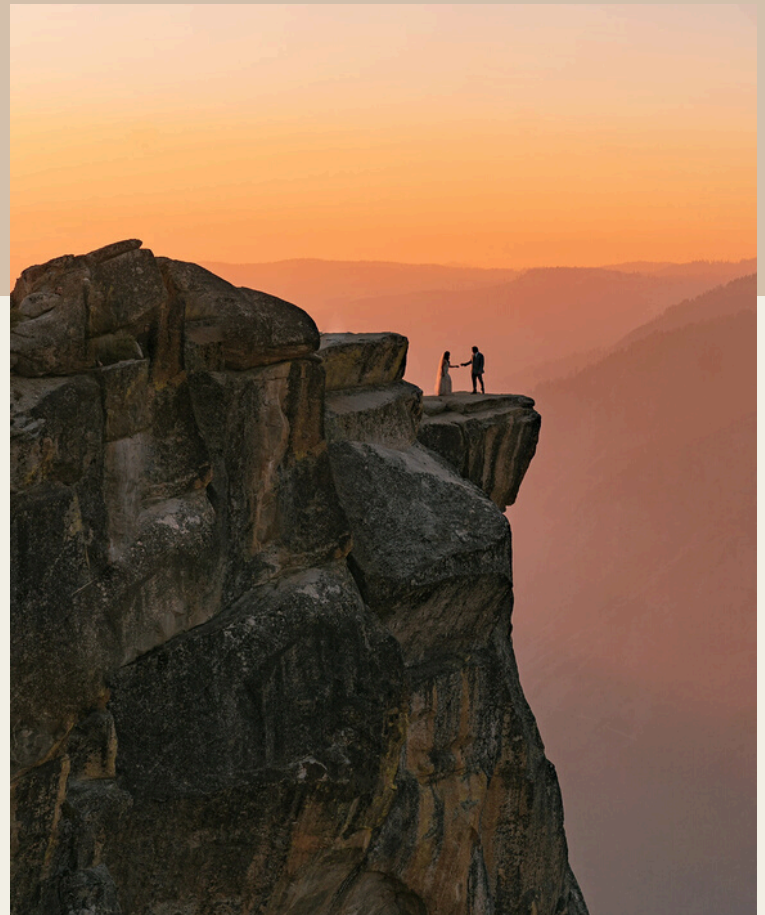
5:00 pm – Adventure photos while exploring

7:00 pm – Golden hour portraits + champagne toast

8:00 pm – Dinner under the stars







# Leave Space for the Unexpected

THE MAGIC LIVES IN THE IN-  
BETWEEN.

The best photos often aren't on the shot list. They're the stolen glances, the wind in your hair, the spontaneous laughter. When your timeline has space, these moments get to shine.



# Ready to create your dream timeline?



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MY COUPLES DO. TOGETHER,  
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LET'S CRAFT YOUR TIMELINE →  
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