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# Wedding Day Timeline



This is the day you've been dreaming of. Your favorite people are here, the dance floor's ready, and the champagne's chilled. Every detail is perfect, and now it's time to walk down the aisle to your true love. These are the moments you'll remember forever—the family, the friends, the laughter, and the tears. You deserve to have it all beautifully captured so you can relive and share your wedding story for years to come.





## *Decide the portraits you want*

- Wedding portraits typically focus on you and your spouse.
- To maximize time for artistic photos and fully enjoy your celebration, it's recommended to **limit formal family and wedding party photos.**
- It's always better to **overestimate** how much time you'll need rather than run short.

## *Decide Location*

- Think about dream spots like a beach, park, or cute garden for your photos.
- If you're using multiple locations, **factor in travel time**—10 minutes can easily turn into 20 on your wedding day when moving a bridal party or family members.
- Make sure **transportation is arranged** so everyone arrives on time.







## *First Look*

- Deciding on a "**first look**" is personal and up to you.
- It lets you take photos before the ceremony and enjoy more time with guests later.
- If you prefer waiting until the ceremony, make sure there's enough time in the schedule for photos.
- Talk to your photographer to plan for creative portraits.

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## *Know How Long Wedding Photos Will Take*

- The **"first look"** is a personal choice.
- Before the ceremony gives you more time to enjoy with guests later.
- After the ceremony, ensures your schedule has enough time for photos.
- **Don't cut into bride and groom portrait time—**  
these are important moments to capture.
- **Discuss with your photographer to plan the timing properly.**

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*Have You Thought About Doing A Champagne Spray?*

- A photo like the one above is known as a **champagne spray**.
- **Champagne sprays** are a **lot of fun** and make for a great **wedding day memory**.

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*Have You Thought About A Vail Shot?*

-**Long vail** shots add a **unique look** and **aesthetic** to your photos.

-For a **vail photo like this** you'll need a long vail such as **Cathedral or Royal**.

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## *Plan Plan Plan!*

Work with your photographer to **create a detailed timeline** for your wedding day. **Build in extra 5-10 minutes at key points** to handle **delays and factor in travel time** between locations. Share the schedule with important guests so everyone knows where to be and when. Even if you're typically early, **expect delays** and encourage your loved ones to stick to the plan. **It's better to overestimate how long things will take.**

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# Wedding Photography Timeline Template #1 (for couples not having a "first look"):

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Groom prep photos (Same Location):

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Bride Prep photos (Same Location):

12:50 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Travel to church

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – Ceremony

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 pm Church photos

- Bride & Groom photos
- Immediate Family photos

3:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Travel to photoshoot location

3:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. – Creative Location

- Bride & Groom portrait session
- Bridal party photo session

5:00 p.m. – 5:20 p.m. – Travel to the venue  
(Will vary from wedding to wedding)

5:40 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Venue Photos

- Photos with immediate or extended family members
- Bride and groom portrait shoot

6:30 p.m. – 7:10pm – Cocktail Hour

7:10pm–7:30pm– Bride and Groom Reception Room Photos

7:30 p.m. 11:30 – Wedding Reception

- Couple's grand entrance
- First dance
- Toasts and speeches
- Guest on the dance floor
- Parent dances
- Dinner (10 minute night photoshoot)
- Bouquet/garter toss
- Cake cutting



# Wedding Photography Timeline Template #2 (for couples having a "first look"):

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Groom Prep Photos (Same Location)

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Bride Prep Photos (Same Location)

2:10 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Travel To the venue

2:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – First Look and Couple Portraits

- Couple's Portraits

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Bridal Party Photos

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Family Portraits

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Ceremony

6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m. Cocktail Hour

6:40 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Bride and Groom Reception Room Photos

7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Wedding Reception

- Couple's grand entrance

- First dance

- Toasts and speeches

- Guest on the dance floor

- Parent dances

- Dinner (10 minute night photoshoot)

- Bouquet/garter toss

- Cake cutting

- Last dance

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