

CLIENT GUIDE



TIPS, TRICKS & EXPERIENCE TO CREATE
YOUR IDEAL WEDDING DAY



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A NOTE ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Chances are if you're reading this, you have just got engaged and are planning your perfect wedding day.

Congratulations.

If you are already working with us - thank you so much for trusting us with your photographs! We can't wait to get started. If you have just downloaded this guide to help you plan your wedding - welcome. Thank you for taking the time to check out our work. We truly hope this guide will help you have the best wedding day.

We have worked on various weddings for our clients.

That experience is what this guide is all about. We are going to share with you the best tips and tricks for planning your wedding day. This will include a suggested timeline, ideas on when to schedule taking photos, and other considerations you might not have thought about.

We are obsessed with creating artistic storytelling that makes you and your photographs stand out from the crowd.

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YOUR ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Engagement sessions are the best way for you and your photographer to get to know each other. They help us get a feel for your natural chemistry and figure out how we can tell the absolute best version of your story. It will also make you feel so much more comfortable on the wedding day.

The entire experience from session planning, wardrobe styling, on-location shooting, right through the product selection and design process is exciting and fun. We want to ensure that the photos we create are meaningful and special, so we've created this guide to help you make the most out of your engagement session.

WHAT TO WEAR

You'll get the best results from your engagement session when you style your wardrobe in a way that fits your personality.

Embrace your ripped jeans and leather jacket or whatever clothes make you feel your best. Forcing yourself into an outfit that doesn't feel "you" will only make you uncomfortable. Let's create a session that allows you to be yourself.

DO SOMETHING FUN

You can't fake natural chemistry and there's nothing quite like a genuine smile and capturing you both doing what you love together. If you're in an environment and doing something that you really enjoy, those emotions & chemistry will flow naturally and the photos will be more authentic. This could be going to your favourite place or just hanging out at home.



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HOW TO PLAN YOUR WEDDING DAY TIMELINE

The schedule of your day is the single most important piece to make sure things run smoothly. If you are not working with a coordinator or planner, it's important that you work together with your suppliers and photographers to create a schedule that will allow the day to be stress-free.

As photographers, we like to let your wedding day flow and always work around the day as it's planned out.

It's always a good idea to schedule more time than you need when getting ready. Hair and Makeup tend to overrun a little and you do not want to feel rushed before the ceremony. This also allows you time to do some bridal portraits. Definitely try to schedule some time later in the day for some couples photos of the two of you together.





YOUR WEDDING TIMELINE

7:00 Photographers arrive, Capture Details & Hair/Makeup
Finishing touches

8:00 Bride + Bridesmaids robe photos

8:30 Bride puts dress and accessories on

9:00 Reveal with Bridesmaids

9:30 Bride + Bridesmaids portraits

10:00 Groom + Groomsmen portraits

10:30 Leave for Ceremony

11:00 Ceremony

12:30 Photographers capture family portraits and ceremony
group shots

1:00 Reception portraits, details + decor

1:40 Wedding Party portraits all together

2:00 Bride + Groom portraits

3:00 Entrance into Reception, Welcome speeches

5:55 Dinner

6:45 Cake Cutting and Toasts

7:00 First Dance, Parent Dances

7:20 Dance Floor Opens

8:30 Photographers Depart

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GETTING READY

The getting ready portion of the day is such a fun and memorable part of a wedding because that's where all the true nervousness and excitement is so evident.

However, the thing that is often forgotten about this part of the day is how chaotic it can be. How cramming 8 bridesmaids, the make-up artist, the hairstylists, and the photographers into a single room filled with make-up, curling irons, hairspray, bags, garbage cans, water bottles, food, and clothing can start to feel overcrowded and LOOK very cluttered. The goal of classic and elegant getting ready images is space & light.



This is why we often recommend couples consider their getting-ready space instead of leaving it until the last minute - and it doesn't have to be limited to a hotel room. Looking at homes on Airbnb is a great option as well — they tend to have more interesting and lovely backgrounds AND better light. And just more room to spread out and not feel cramped.

IF you are getting ready in a hotel room, consider getting an extra room OR asking friends if their room can be cleaned and used as a clutter-free zone — aka: people's belongings should be hidden away in this space!

Are you getting ready at your venue? Perhaps there is a whole separate room where the dress can be photographed free of clutter. In both of these options, light is something to take note of as well. We typically like to be able to shoot in a room with all of the lights off, so this means lots of good natural light.

This is also easier in a room that has space as the light stands and softboxes we use take up a little bit of extra room.

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POTRAITS

Whilst we focus on documentary photography for ninety percent of your wedding day, your portraits are always really special images that you will look back on forever. There is absolutely no pressure on you during this part of the day.

We have years of experience working with couples that have never been photographed before. That allows us to get really natural interaction between you as we hang out together for twenty minutes or so. You can see some of our couples' photos on the next few pages, as well as some stunning bridal portraits.

We have developed a really relaxed way of taking these images. The bridal portraits are always fun and it doesn't feel like you're being photographed. It's more a time to enjoy your dress whilst we elegantly capture you and it before the ceremony.

For our couples portraits, we always have you two focusing on each other rather than the camera. That gets different images for different couples but always produces some beautiful moments. We will be there to guide you through it every step of the way.





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Ceremony & reception lighting

Lighting & locations during the wedding: the part of the day we feel like is talked about the least. We know how to create lighting in dark venues that will look fantastic and can make suggestions about the ceremony time and location if it's outside to set you up for success.



Lighting is everything

in photography, so there are things that you can do that will make an impact on your final images no matter the venue or location. Prior to each wedding we shoot, we will take a look around the venue to scout the best locations, and depending on the light at the time of day we do your portraits and family photos will make suggestions to help smooth the process for you.

If you have a special place in mind, let us know before your day so we can take a look to see if it will be a good fit during different types of weather, light, and see if it will work into your time-line.

DURING the wedding (ceremony & reception) there are a few questions worth asking before you make any final decisions that will vastly improve the quality of your images and how they feel.



IF YOU'RE HOLDING AN OUTDOOR CEREMONY, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- What will the lighting be like during the time of your ceremony? Will you both be in direct sunlight? Only one of you in the shade? Perhaps it means moving you both into the shade or tilting the ceremony set-up slightly so you're not both squinting into the sun.
- Will there be anything above you or behind you? A gazebo, an arch, standing on a stage? Sometimes these things will play a part in what to expect with your images and if they are casting shadows or not.
- Is there enough space for your photographer to walk around the perimeter of the ceremony space? If so, this will allow for a lot more variety in your final images

IF YOU'RE HOLDING AN INDOOR CEREMONY:

- What will the available lighting be? Is there any natural light or is it all ambient/artificial light?
- If you're getting married in a church, what are the photography restrictions? Some churches don't allow photographers past the alter.
- Does your venue/church allow flash photography?

RECEPTION SPACES ARE IMPORTANT TOO:

- What lighting are you providing during dinner? Hanging lights? Candles? All of these impact mood AND photos. We always add in light to help create a beautiful atmosphere but candlelight & hanging lights, and lots of fairy lights definitely help create intimacy and warmth
- Where is the head table and what is behind you? I.e. is it a full set of speakers, a catering table, or is it a nice clean background?
- When people stand for speeches, will they be near you or standing at their seats? Closer is better for the reactions!



REMEMBER YOUR
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CELEBRATION OF THE
BIGGEST DAY OF YOUR
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TIPS & tRICKS

So, you can probably see how much thought goes into your wedding day coverage and planning. It's a BIG day. It's also a really long day with a lot of people vying for your attention. Of all the weddings we've shot, there are a few other random tips and tricks throughout your wedding day that not only improve your photographs but allow you to enjoy it that much more. :)

- **THE WEDDING PLANNER** For weddings with over 50 guests, hire a non-guest wedding planner or day-of coordinator to handle logistics, so you can enjoy your day stress-free. Friends and guests may not be as reliable.
- **UNPLUGGED WEDDING** Consider an uninterrupted ceremony, ask guests to put away their electronic devices, like cell phones and cameras. This allows everyone to focus on the couple, creating a more special atmosphere without distractions.
- **STARTING YOUR DAY** with a dedicated breakfast/ time with your other half completely alone. It is a peaceful/fun way to calm our nerves and start our day.





- **HAIR & MAKE-UP** often overrun so getting them to start earlier than you think you need by one hour will make the pre-ceremony fun all the more enjoyable. Ideally, you want to be ready to put the dress on an hour before the ceremony starts.
- **WRITE OUT YOUR VOWS PRIOR** . This is so worthwhile and removes any stress about finding the right words or worrying you don't have time to think about them with everything that is going on.

- **RAIN** . Having a plan B is essential if you are planning an outside wedding. It can rain. Whilst this provides fantastic opportunities for creative photography, you won't want to be stuck with no alternative if the heavens open on the day you get married.
- **SET ASIDE ALONE TIME** This is your big day and it can pass by without you even seeing each other much. Block in some time to just be together and take it all in. Pop outside between courses at the reception and have a glass of champagne together. You will really be grateful you did this in the days and years afterward
- **AND MOST IMPORTANTLY** Have fun, enjoy it, go with the flow. You will have the best day of your life if you relax and let others do the organizing.



**WOW. YOU GOT THROUGH THAT ENTIRE GUIDE.
CONGRATS**

We absolutely love working with couples from around the world that want special memories created for their wedding day. This guide is a small snippet of our experience, that we really believe will help you have an amazing day. There are of course many ways to do things well. These are just some suggestions to get you started. Cheers,

THANK YOU

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