

Sample Timeline - Full Day Coverage - NO First Look

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Saturday, December 31, 2050

Times to Be Determined

TBD	NOTES FOR SAMPLE TIMELINE -
	• Be sure to factor in any drive time between locations, plus a small buffer, and adjust the timeline accordingly. • Longer ceremonies may impact timing and should be accounted for when planning the day. • Check sunset time for your specific date and location, especially if you're hoping for outdoor portraits, to ensure the ceremony isn't scheduled too late in the day.

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12:30 PM	Photographers arrive at Ceremony Venue and begin preparations Florist - • Please have flowers delivered by this time so they can be included in detail photos. • If possible, asking your florist for a few extra blooms and greenery for detail photos is always appreciated.
12:45 PM	Photograph Details • Please gather any items you'd like photographed in one place: invitation suite, shoes, jewelry, rings, garter, etc. • Please have all 3 wedding rings with you, along with any of your fiancé's details that you want photographed (cuff links, watch, etc). Bride - • Please plan to have hair and makeup completed by this time, but do not get dressed yet. • Be sure to eat, drink water, and use the restroom.

1:45 PM	Bride begins dressing Bridesmaids & Bride's Mom - • Please be dressed and ready by this time (at the latest). • Once ready, you can help tidy the prep area (bags, food, trash, etc.) so we have a clean space for photos.
2:00 PM	Bride's Portraits (Prep Room)
2:15 PM	Dad's First Look Bride's Dad - • Please be dressed and nearby a few minutes before this time. Someone will come get you when we're ready.
2:30 PM	Bride & Bridesmaids Photos (Bride alone, Bride with each bridesmaid, Bride with all bridesmaids) FLOWERGIRLS - • If you'd like them included, they should arrive dressed and ready by this time. • If not, we can include them in a full wedding party photo after the ceremony.
3:00 PM	Bride gets hidden away after bridesmaids photos Groom & Groomsmen Photos (Groom alone, Groom with each groomsmen, & Groom with all groomsmen) Groom & Groomsmen - • Please be dressed and ready by this time. We'll let you know where to meet. • We work around Bride's schedule, so if we're not there right away, just relax until we arrive. • We'll photograph a few relaxed "getting ready" style photos during this time as well. • If you're able to have your boutonnieres on your left lapel, great. If not, just have them ready and we'll assist when we arrive. RINGBEARERS - • If you'd like them included, they should arrive dressed and ready by this time. • If not, we can include them in a full wedding party photo after the ceremony.
3:30 PM	Photos completed Groom's Parents - • Please plan to arrive at the ceremony location by this time so we can take a few photos with your son.

	If that's not possible, we'll still take these during the family formals after the ceremony as well.
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Photograph ceremony and reception details / prepare for ceremony
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Guests Begin Arriving
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Ceremony - Receiving Line? - Not recommended when not doing a first look due to time constraints. - If planned, allow an additional 20 minutes.
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Cocktail hour - When not doing a first look, we recommend allowing about 1.5 hours between the ceremony and reception. - This can be achieved with a longer cocktail hour (1.5 hours) or by starting cocktail hour about 30 minutes later.
5:00 PM	Family photos immediately following ceremony Everyone Listed on the Family Group Shot List - Please stay nearby immediately following the ceremony. Family photos begin right away and cannot start if people are missing. This can be the most chaotic time during a wedding, and we like to eliminate as much of that as possible.
5:30 PM	Full Wedding Party photos begin Wedding Party - - Please stay nearby so no one disappears. Wedding party photos will begin as soon as family photos are complete. The listed time is an estimate. Once these photos are finished, you'll be free to join cocktail hour. - Girls, be sure to have bouquets with you for these photos. - If you'd like ring bearers or flower girls included, please have them nearby and ready at this time.
5:45 PM	Bride & Groom's Portraits
6:15 PM	Bride gets bustled, photographers prepare for reception
6:30 PM	Reception begins - The specific order of events is not critical for photography. At this point, we transition into documentary coverage and photograph whatever is happening. - All formal reception events should be planned to take place during the first portion of the reception, followed by open dancing.

	• Example: introductions, first dance, toasts, welcome/prayer, dinner, cake cutting, parent dances, and open dancing.
TBD	Sunset Time • We'll keep an eye on the sky and let you know when it's best to step out for 5-10 minutes of evening photos.
8:00 PM	Sparkler photos or faux exit (if planned)
8:30 PM	Photographers' end time • I'm typically at the reception for approximately 2-2.5 hours with this coverage, which allows time to document all planned reception events along with some fun, high-energy dancing. • All formal events should be scheduled during the first portion of the reception to ensure they are captured. • Coverage wraps up once those key moments are complete and I've captured a solid set of lively dance floor images within the scheduled coverage window.
11:00 PM	Reception Ends