

A full-page background image of a wedding couple in a field of lavender. The bride is wearing a white lace gown with a long train and a veil, holding a bouquet of flowers. The groom is in a dark suit. They are embracing and kissing. The background shows a vast field of lavender under a clear blue sky with some clouds. The text 'Wedding Weekend Template' is overlaid in a large, white, cursive font.

Wedding Weekend Template

HOW TO CREATE SPACE TO ENJOY TIME WITH YOUR FAVORITE PEOPLE

IT'S NO SECRET THAT WEDDING DAYS FLY BY.

But the happiest, most joy-filled wedding galleries have one thing in common: couples who were fully present with each other and their guests.

That's why couples are beginning to opt for wedding weekends - more space to be fully present!

This sample weekend timeline is designed to help you create breathing room, curate core memories with each other AND your guests and leave with beautiful photos of your memories - not stiff, strained portraits - you will treasure forever.

Use this template as inspiration to create a loose schedule for your unique wedding weekend.

The Ultimate Wedding Weekend



REHEARSAL DINNER,
WEDDING DAY,
SENDOFF PARTY



The Day Before

4 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
Rehearsal begins	Couples portraits	VIP Dinner	Welcome party	After party (optional)

REHEARSAL LUNCH/DINNER

This is for the VIPs - your wedding party, immediate family, grandparents, and anybody else involved in the actual ceremony. Doing a lunch instead of a dinner allows for more buffer time and is a great option for destination weddings. Enjoy time with your favorite people! (This is a great opportunity for some golden hour portraits with your fiancé on “the night before”!)

- *Surprise & delight your guests with personalized letters on their table setting at rehearsal dinner!*

WELCOME PARTY

Think of this as the warm up for tomorrow’s cocktail hour. Invite either all your guests (if it’s a more intimate day), or the guests traveling to be there (if it’s a larger wedding). Use this opportunity to spend meaningful time with your guests!



The Wedding Day (one venue)

12 p.m.

Details & getting
dressed

1:30 p.m.

First look and
couples portraits

2:30 p.m.

Formal group
photos

4 p.m.

Ceremony into
cocktail hour

5:30/6 p.m.

Reception begins

FIRST LOOK

Not only is a first look a beautiful core memory to have with your spouse, but it also is a logistical maneuver to create space to be present. All formal photos (couples portraits, wedding party photos, immediate family photos) will take place before the ceremony.

- *Exchanging private vows here is a grounding practice that will create a core memory for your marriage.*

EXTENDED COCKTAIL HOUR

An extended cocktail hour (typically 90 minutes) ensures there is time for you & your spouse to have a private moment together post-ceremony and enjoy a full hour of mingling with guests before the reception room opens up the last 15 minutes of cocktail hour. Talk now, dance later!





The Wedding Day (multiple venues)

<i>11 a.m.</i>	<i>1 p.m.</i>	<i>2 p.m.</i>	<i>4 p.m.</i>	<i>4:30/5 p.m.</i>	<i>5:30/6 p.m.</i>
Details & getting dressed	Mass / ceremony	Group photos	Married portraits	Cocktail hour	Reception

FAMILY PORTRAITS AFTER CEREMONY

Since there is no first look, formal group portraits with you & your spouse together must happen after the ceremony. Starting with family (preferably at the ceremony site) is most efficient AND sentimental - hugging your parents minutes after being newly wed is a special moment.

- If you'd rather a private moment together first, take a separate car to your reception venue and meet your family there for formal portraits.*

PRE-COCKTAIL HOUR REFRESHMENTS

For out-of-town guests, this gives them somewhere to go after your ceremony instead of wandering around between ceremony and cocktail hour while formal portraits are taking place. Make sure this is close to but separate from the cocktail hour space - it will give time for your venue to set up cocktail hour and will be a fun change of venue for your guests when the cocktail hour transition happens.





The Wedding Night

GOLDEN HOUR & NIGHTTIME PORTRAITS

Golden hour portraits are a fantastic time to sneak away from the noise with your spouse for some time together ... and the light makes for stunning, print-worthy photos!

Nighttime portraits are quick & fun - after you change into your party dress, grab a fresh cocktail with your spouse for some flash portraits at the bar! This can take as little as 30 seconds or as long as five minutes; you'll be back to dancing in no time.

LATE NIGHT SNACKS

Chick fil A, pizza, breakfast sandwiches or cheeseteaks at 10 p.m. after two hours of dancing? Literally say less. Your guests will love it!

PRIVATE LAST DANCE

Clear the reception room after the last song to have one last dance with your spouse to end your wedding day. This is another grounding moment to be fully present with each other, creating one final joint core memory to carry into marriage together. (Still have the after party, but do this first!)





The Morning After

FAREWELL BRUNCH BUFFET

Buffet is the key word here - a formal sit-down meal the morning after your wedding is probably the last thing anyone will want to do (including you!). But having a location with food & coffee (& mimosas) with a loose time frame gives guests a chance to say goodbye without interrupting your dance floor.

- *Offering goodie bags with electrolytes & junk food is a well-timed party favor here!*

VIP SPA DAY

You know what would hit after a day spent on your feet in heels with more alcohol than food consumed? A massage and sauna. Offer this to your VIPs (wedding party and immediate family) as a final “thank you” for supporting you through the wedding weekend.

Multi-Day Wedding Weekend

KEEPING THE INTIMATE
CEREMONY WITHOUT
SACRIFICING THE BIG PARTY



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DAY ONE: THE CEREMONY

<i>1 p.m.</i>	<i>2:30 p.m.</i>	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>4:30 p.m.</i>	<i>5 p.m.</i>
Details & getting dressed	First look and couples portraits	Formal group photos	Intimate ceremony	Cocktail hour & VIP dinner

DAY TWO: THE RECEPTION

<i>3 p.m.</i>	<i>4 p.m.</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>6:30/7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>10 p.m.</i>
Married couples portraits	Extended cocktail hour	Reception formalities	Option for dinner	Dancing begins	After party

DAY THREE: THE SENDOFF

<i>10 a.m.</i>	<i>12 p.m.</i>	<i>2 p.m.</i>
Farewell brunch	Wedding festivities end	VIP spa day



Kind Words

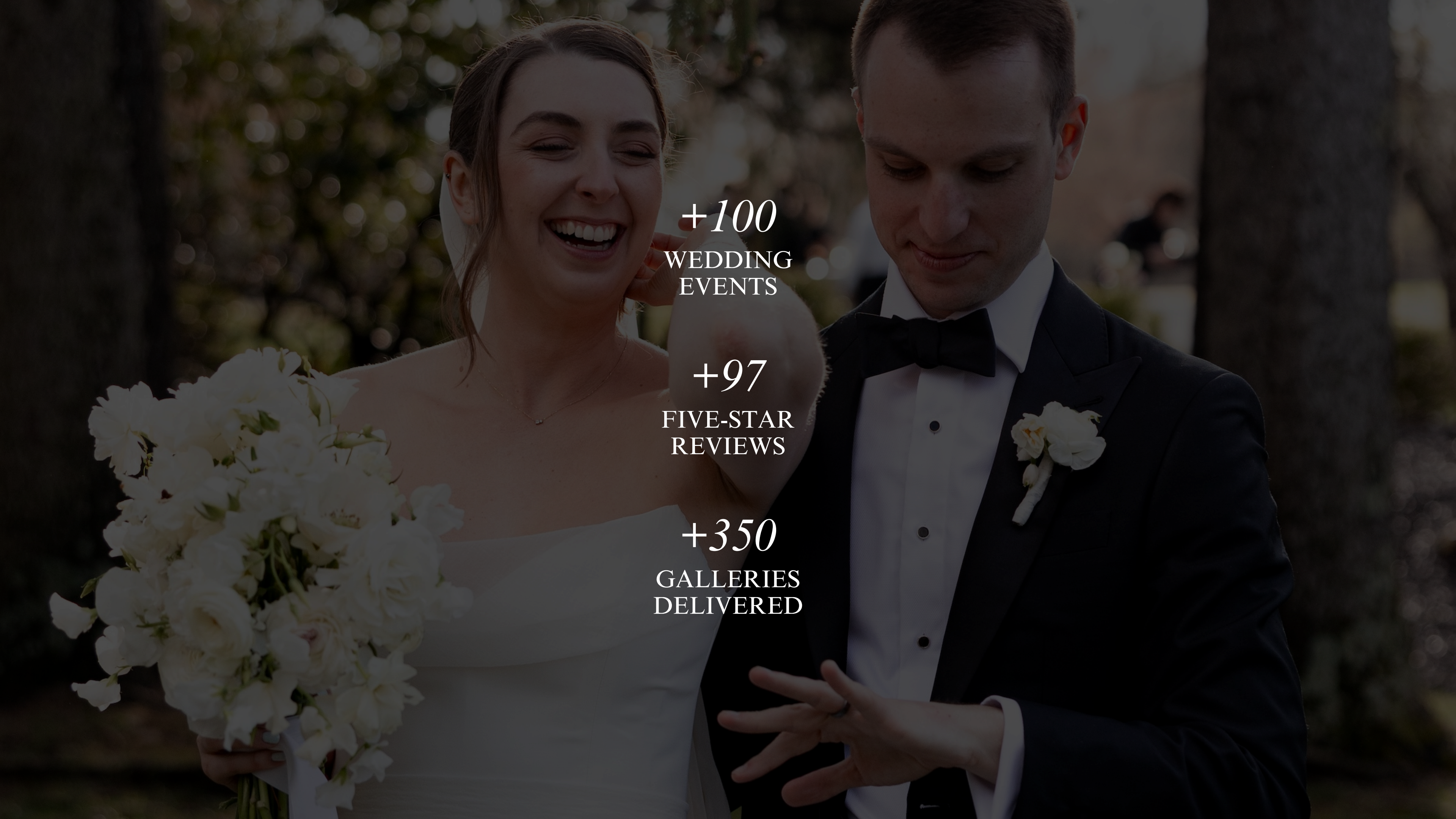
We are beyond grateful that we chose Gabriella to capture our wedding day! From the very beginning, she made us feel comfortable, listened to what was most important to us, and went above and beyond to make sure every special moment was documented.

On the wedding day, Gabriella was organized, calm, and such a positive presence - helping everything run smoothly while still keeping it fun. Our families and bridal party loved working with her. The photos are absolutely stunning - beautiful, natural, and truly tell the story of our day.

We couldn't be happier with our experience and will cherish these memories forever. If you are looking for someone talented, kind, and professional, look no further than Gabriella.

— *Gina & Max Antos*





+100
WEDDING
EVENTS

+97
FIVE-STAR
REVIEWS

+350
GALLERIES
DELIVERED



The Mission

Every couple who books with me receives a custom photography timeline built around their priorities - not a generic schedule - so your day is filled with everything you value and nothing you don't from emotional rehearsal dinner toasts to private last dance.

If that sounds like the experience you're looking for, I'd love to hear about your wedding plans! Inquire about your wedding weekend dates at the link below.

INQUIRE HERE

Wedding Weekend Investment begins at \$11,000 USD.