

# Sample Timeline - Half Day with First Look

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Saturday, December 31, 2050

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## Times to Be Determined

| TBD | NOTES FOR SAMPLE TIMELINE -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be sure to factor in any drive time between locations, plus a small buffer, and adjust the timeline accordingly.</li><li>• Longer ceremonies may impact timing and should be accounted for when planning the day.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul> |

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| 2:00 PM | <p>Photographer(s) arrive at Ceremony Venue and begin preparations</p> <p><b>Florist -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please have flowers delivered by this time so they can be included in detail photos.</li><li>• If possible, asking your florist for a few extra blooms and greenery for detail photos is always appreciated.</li></ul> |
| 2:15 PM | <p>Dad's First Look (if wanted)</p> <p><b>Bride's Dad -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please be dressed and nearby a few minutes before this time. Someone will come get you when we're ready.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                    |
| 2:30 PM | <p>Bride &amp; Groom's First Look &amp; Portraits together</p> <p><b>Groom -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please be dressed and ready by this time.</li><li>• I'll let you know where to meet.</li><li>• I work around Bride's schedule, so if I'm not there right away, just relax until I arrive.</li></ul>                              |

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|                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you're able to have your boutonniere on your left lapel, great. If not, just have it ready and I'll assist when I arrive.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>3:30 PM - 4:00 PM</b> | <p>Wedding Party photos (we will be doing full party &amp; all the breakdowns at this time)</p> <p><b>GROOMSMEN -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please be all dressed and ready by this time.</li> <li>I'll let you know where to meet.</li> <li>If you're able to have your boutonnieres on your left lapel, great. If not, just have it ready and I'll assist when I arrive.</li> </ul> <p><b>BRIDESMAIDS -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Don't forget your flowers! If they are wet when you remove them from vases, wipe off the stems and/or don't let them touch your dress right away.</li> </ul> <p><b>FLOWERGIRLS / RINGBEARERS -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul> |
| <b>4:00 PM</b>           | Wedding Party Photos completed, Bride gets hidden away                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>4:00 PM - 4:15 PM</b> | Photograph ceremony details / prepare for ceremony                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>4:00 PM - 4:30 PM</b> | Guests Begin Arriving                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>4:30 PM - 5:00 PM</b> | <p>Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receiving Line <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If planned, allow an additional 20 minutes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>5:00 PM - 5:30 PM</b> | <p>Family photos immediately following ceremony</p> <p><b>Everyone Listed on the Family Group Shot List -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 I like to eliminate as much of that as possible.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> | Cocktail Hour                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>5:30 PM - 5:45 PM</b> | Newlywed Portraits (if wanted)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>5:30 PM</b>           | Couple joins cocktail hour after family formals and any additional newlywed portraits, Bride gets bustled, photographer(s) prepare for reception                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>6:00 PM</b>           | <p>Reception begins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The specific order of events is not critical for photography. At this point, I transition into</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                 | <p>documentary coverage and photograph whatever is happening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With this coverage, reception photography is focused on formalities rather than extended open dancing. To ensure all key moments are documented, all formal reception events should be planned to take place during the first portion of the reception.</li> <li>• Example: introductions, first dance, toasts, welcome or prayer, dinner, cake cutting, and parent dances.</li> </ul>                                            |
| <b>6:30 PM</b>  | <p>Photographers' end time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With this coverage, I'm typically only at the reception for the first portion to cover the formalities. This includes introductions, first dance, toasts, and parent dances if they are scheduled early in the reception.</li> <li>• If you'd like cake cutting photographed, it should also take place before dinner.</li> <li>• Coverage concludes once these formal moments are complete, as dinner is the natural stopping point for this collection.</li> </ul> |
| <b>TBD</b>      | <p>Sunset Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'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.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>TBD</b>      | Sparkler photos or faux exit (if planned)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>11:00 PM</b> | Reception Ends                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |