

Sample Timeline - Full Day Coverage with 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	Photographer(s) 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.
	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.

1:00 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. • You'll be included in getting-ready photos and will then have a break until wedding party photos begin. Groom - • You may begin getting dressed around this time as well (whether or not a photographer is present).
1:15 PM	Bride's Portraits (Prep Room)
1:30 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.
1:45 PM	Bride & Groom's First Look & Portraits together Groom - • Please be dressed and ready by this time. • I'll let you know where to meet. • I work around Bride's schedule, so if I'm not there right away, just relax until I arrive. • 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.
2:45 PM - 3:30 PM	Wedding Party photos (we will be doing full party & all the breakdowns at this time) GROOMSMEN - • Please be all dressed and ready by this time. • I'll let you know where to meet. • 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. BRIDESMAIDS - • 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. FLOWERGIRLS / 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	Wedding Party Photos completed, Bride gets hidden away 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 ◦ If planned, allow an additional 20 minutes.
5:00 PM - 5:30 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 I like to eliminate as much of that as possible.
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Cocktail Hour
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Newlywed Portraits (if wanted)
5:30 PM	Couple joins cocktail hour after family formals and any additional newlywed portraits, Bride gets bustled, photographer(s) prepare for reception
6:00 PM	Reception begins • The specific order of events is not critical for photography. At this point, I 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 • 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.
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