



Wedding Photography Itinerary

Example: 6pm Wedding

Getting Ready Photography - 1:30 to 3:30. Getting ready typically takes 1.5 to 2.0 hours. The bride and bridesmaids would typically arrive with their hair, but not necessarily makeup, done. The wedding photographers will start taking pictures from the moment they arrive. Wedding day detail photos will be taken during this time (i.e. the dress, flowers, rings, shoes, etc). After dresses have been put on, one wedding photographer may take bridal portraits while the other wedding photographer photographs the groomsmen getting ready. The groomsmen will only need about ½ to 1 hour and can start getting ready around 2:30.

Pre-Wedding Photography – 3:30 to 5:30. All photography typically stops 1/2 hour before the wedding to allow the wedding party to freshen up. Since the bride and groom will see each other beforehand, the wedding photographers will start with the “First Look” followed by other wedding couple photographs. The wedding party photographs will start around 4:15. I plan to do mostly bridal party photographs while the second photographer will do mostly groomsmen photographs with some overlapping. All formal and informal photography with family will also be taken at this time; therefore, all appropriate family should arrive by 4:00 for these photographs, in case we are ahead of schedule. I will need a family member from each side assigned to assist in rounding up the appropriate people for the shots we want.

Wedding Ceremony Photography – 6:00-7:00. The ceremony itself will take about a ½ to 1 hour. Both photographers will be positioned in separate locations for different camera angles. The second photographer will be available immediately after the ceremony to get reception detail photographs while I set-up for the post-wedding formal photographs.

Post-Wedding Photography – 7:00 to 7:30. Formal family photography will begin immediately after the ceremony, unless these photos were taken prior to the ceremony.

Reception Photography – 7:30 to 10:00. Some of the reception detail photographs will be taken by the second photographer prior to the ceremony and as soon as the ceremony ends. Specific photographs will be taken of the dances, cake cuttings for the bride and groom, the bouquet and garter toss, and the send-off.