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*Ideal Wedding Photography  
Timeline Template*

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*Hello there friends,*

I AM SO EXCITED YOU GOT YOUR HANDS ON THIS ONE! THIS GUIDE WILL HELP YOU CREATE YOUR OWN IDEAL WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY TIMELINE SO YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF HOW LONG TIME WISE EACH SEGMENT OF YOUR WEDDING DAY REALISTICALLY TAKES. SO GO AHEAD AND GET STARTED!

*xo, Ly sue*

### QUICK TIPS

- THERE ARE TWO TIMELINE TEMPLATES INCLUDED, ONE THAT IS SET FOR DOING A FIRST LOOK, AND ONE THAT IS SET FOR NOT HAVING A FIRST LOOK. I SUGGEST THAT YOU FILL THEM BOTH OUT, AND IF YOU ARE WONDERING ABOUT THE PROS | CONS OF A FIRST LOOK, BE SURE TO READ THIS ARTICLE ([HTTP://BLOG.LH-PHOTO.COM/FIRST-LOOK-RIGHT/](http://blog.lh-photo.com/first-look-right/))
- START BY FINDING OUT WHEN IS THE SUN SUPPOSED TO SET ON YOUR WEDDING DAY. YOU CAN EASILY FIGURE THAT OUT BY USING THIS WEBSITE ([HTTPS://WWW.TIMEANDDATE.COM/SUN/](https://www.timeanddate.com/sun/)).
- WHEN YOU FIND OUT WHEN THE SUN SETS ON YOUR WEDDING DAY, THAT IS THE FIRST TIME ENTRY YOU WILL PLUG INTO YOUR TIMELINE. I'VE OUTLINED IT WITH AN ( \*\*\* ) SO IT IS EASY TO FIND.
- FROM THERE, SUBSTRACT THE ALLOCATED START TIME FOR EACH SEGMENT (OUTLINED IN EACH SECTION OF THE TEMPLATE AS "START TIME") FROM THE SUNSET TIME. FOR EXAMPLE. IF THE SUNSET TIME IS 6:00P, THEN THE CEREMONY SHOULD START AT 5P (ONE HR BEFORE SUNSET), THE PORTRAITS WITH FAMILIES SHOULD START AT 4:30P (1.5 HRS BEFORE SUNSET), AND SO ON.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT TRAVEL TIME NEEDS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR DEPENDING ON WHERE EACH EVENT IS TAKING PLACE.
- THIS TIMELINE TEMPLATE IS A STARTING GUIDE. AS EVERY WEDDING IS UNIQUE, TIMES AND LENGTH OF EVENTS WILL VARY DEPENDING ON BRIDAL PARTY SIZE, THE AMOUNT OF FORMAL FAMILY PHOTOS, AND OTHER VARIABLES.
- ALWAYS CONSULT WITH YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER, AND LET THEM GUIDE YOU AND HELP YOU COME UP WITH YOUR SPECIFIC TIMELINE BASED ON YOUR SPECIFIC NEEDS AND THE SPECIFIC EVENTS HAPPENING ON YOUR WEDDING DAY.

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WITH A FIRST LOOK

START TIME	WEDDING DAY EVENT
	BRIDE GETTING HAIR AND MAKEUP DONE   PHOTOGRAPHER PHOTOGRAPHING DETAILS (DRESS, RINGS, STATIONERY, HEIRLOOMS, AND BRIDE GETTING READY AND DRESSED). SECOND SHOOTER PHOTOGRAPHING GROOM GETTING READY AND DRESSED.  (*START TIME: 4 HRS AND 30 MIN BEFORE SUNSET) (USUALLY LASTS 1 HR)
	FIRST LOOK THEN BRIDE & GROOM PORTRAITS  (*START TIME: 3.5 HRS BEFORE SUNSET) (FIRST LOOK USUALLY LASTS FOR 1 HOUR)
	BRIDE & GROOM PORTRAITS WITH BRIDAL PARTY  (*START TIME: 2.5 HRS BEFORE SUNSET) (USUALLY LASTS 30 MINUTES)
	PORTRAITS WITH FAMILIES  (*START TIME: 2 HRS BEFORE SUNSET) (USUALLY LASTS 30 MINUTES, ENDING 30 MINUTES BEFORE CEREMONY FOR PROCESSIONAL)
	CEREMONY START TIME  (*START TIME: 1 HOUR BEFORE SUNSET) (USUALLY LASTS 30-45 MINUTES)
***	SUNSET TIME
	COCKTAIL BEFORE RECEPTION  (*START TIME: RIGHT AFTER THE CEREMONY ENDS) (USUALLY LASTS 1 HR)
	RECEPTION  (*START TIME: RIGHT AFTER THE COCKTAIL HOUR ENDS)

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	BRIDE & BRIDESMAIDS PORTRAITS GROOM & GROOMSMEN PORTRAITS  (*START TIME: 3.5 HRS BEFORE SUNSET) (USUALLY LASTS 30 MINUTES)
	CEREMONY START TIME  (*START TIME: 2.5 HOUR BEFORE SUNSET) (USUALLY LASTS FOR 30-45 MINUTES)
	PORTRAITS WITH FAMILIES  (*START TIME: 1 HR AND 45 MIN BEFORE SUNSET) (USUALLY LASTS FOR 30 MINUTES)
	BRIDE & GROOM PORTRAITS WITH BRIDAL PARTY  (*START TIME: 1 HR AND 15 MIN BEFORE SUNSET) (USUALLY LAST FOR 15 MINUTES)
	BRIDE & GROOM PORTRAITS  (*START TIME: 1 HR BEFORE SUNSET) (FIRST LOOK USUALLY LASTS FOR 1 HOUR)
***	SUNSET TIME
	COCKTAIL BEFORE RECEPTION  (*START TIME: RIGHT AFTER THE CEREMONY ENDS) (USUALLY LASTS FOR 1.5 HRS + DEPENDING ON PORTRAITS)
	RECEPTION  (*START TIME: RIGHT AFTER THE COCKTAIL HOUR ENDS)

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