



Wedding Day Photography Timeline Planner

While each couples wedding day photography timeline will vary due to their locations, events, vendors, and family this planner will help get you started. [Schedule a no-obligated consultation with us](#) and we can help you put together the final pieces so it fits perfectly for your wedding day.

Getting Started: I recommend starting by entering the time of your ceremony, then figuring out the morning by working backwards. When you complete the morning, go back to the ceremony and figure out the reception.

Time (AM/PM)	Time Needed	Details	Tips
	90-120 minutes	Photographer Arrives Getting Ready Photos	Wedding hair and makeup should be complete within 15-20 minutes of the photographer arriving, ask your makeup artist the best time to start based on that. Bridesmaids/Attendants should also be dressed and ready by this time.
	60 minutes	First Look Couple Photos	If you are not seeing each other before the ceremony make sure to plan a cocktail hour as you will need that time for photos.
	30 minutes	Wedding Party Photos	Don't forget your bouquets and boutonnieres.
	30 minutes	Family Photos	Don't forget any boutonnieres or corsages for family. Each family photo grouping will take 2-3 minutes, if the family is properly organized.
	30 minutes	Couple Hidden Away Before Ceremony	This is a great time to freshen up before the ceremony, and check on any final arrangements.
	30 minutes	Ceremony	Make sure to ask your officiate to step to the side during the kiss.
	15 minutes	Sign Marriage Certificate	Don't forget to fill out everything on the fancy certificate before the wedding. Also bring the pen you used, if it's a good looking pen even better!
	60 minutes	Cocktail Hour	This is a great time to mingle and visit with guests. Or if you didn't have a first look, use this time for additional photos with family, the wedding party, and of course photos of the couple.
	5 minutes	Entrance to Reception	Let your DJ know how you want to be announced, and if it will be just the couple or the whole wedding party.
	45-60 minutes	Dinner	Whether its' a buffet or plated meal the couples gets to eat first!
	15 minutes	Toasts	If you decide to open the floor for others to speak after your assigned toasters, add an extra 10-20 minutes on the timeline.
	15 minutes	Cake Cutting	This is a great time for the couple to also say a few words and thank their guests for coming.
	3 minutes	First Dance	Check the length of the song you choose it might be longer then you think, your DJ can always cut it down a bit.
	3-6 minutes	Parent Dances	Traditionally these dances are Father/Daughter and Mother/Son, but depending on the makeup of your family you could also dance with another family member, or a member of your new spouse's family.
	15 minutes	Bouquet Toss / Garter Toss	Don't have single friends? Make it your own, have all the brides original friends go for the bouquet, and the grooms for the garter. Or make up your own tradition.
	60 minutes+	Open Dancing	Not doing a special exit? In that case you can end your photo time about an hour after the last event, in this case the tosses.
	15 minutes	Special Exit End Photo Coverage	Make a big exit! Consider leaving through a tunnel of sparklers, bubbles, or ribbon wands.

Personal Notes:
