



Planning your wedding photography

Ready to say 'I do'? Make sure you look and feel your best at that moment, with nothing to worry about with our tips to planning for your wedding photography.

1. Plan your pre-wedding pictures

Do you want preparation photographs of both the bride and groom? It's a lovely way to see what you were each doing before the ceremony, and highlights all the details you took so much care in choosing – from hairstyle and shoes to jewellery and flowers. Your photographer can't be in two places at once though, so if you'd like the groom photographed this needs to be planned ahead with the second photographer.

Do you want candid getting ready shots as well as the key posed portraits with parents & attendants? This affects how long your photographer should be with you before departure so talk it through with them.

2. Be realistic with timelines

Your photographer can help you plan the timings to keep your day stress free. They will be there ahead of you, with plenty of time to park and set up to capture your arrival at both the ceremony and reception. Check ahead about any access restrictions with the location. Don't pressure yourself by rushing to tight timings between hair and makeup, and car pickups. Just relax and enjoy the anticipation, they can't start without you!



3. Location, location, location

You've picked your venue for a reason, or perhaps your photographer helped you choose, but feel free to make a list of any dream shots you'd like to see in your collection. Don't be shy, a good photographer will be inspired by hearing your thoughts and will of course add their own flavour too. Your photographer will advise on the best positions for light, drama, effect and colour.

4. Think about guest dynamics

Will Aunt Mary refuse to stand next to Uncle Bill? Do you want to make sure you get a photograph of your grandparents together, or all the nieces and nephews? Make a list of the must-have guest portraits, special guests, and any family dynamic 'issues' that could cause impromptu conflict. A good wedding photographer can subtly make sure it all goes smoothly if forewarned.

5. Photographers are people too

Wedding photography shoots are often very long days (or nights), so remember to provide your photographer with some refreshments or a snack. Ask the caterers to time this so it doesn't clash with the speeches though! Bands can stop then, but photographers or videographers should eat when guests do. Make sure you reserve some parking for your photographer near the entrance, so they can't miss a precious moment.



Want to find out more?

If you like what you've seen and read, we'd love to pop in for a chat. It's a great way for you to see for yourself how we'll fit in with your team. Just call or email us to make a time to discuss your needs, and we'll look forward to getting to know you better.

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