

THE PERFECT WEDDING DAY
TIMELINE

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Thank you for downloading our perfect wedding day timeline! To ensure your wedding day runs smoothly, it's important to create a detailed, hour-by-hour wedding day timeline—doing so will help you stay organized, stress-free, and on time (because even running a few minutes late can throw the whole day off track).

After years of shooting weddings we have learned how to create a timeline that will capture your day in a beautiful way while also providing our clients with the care they deserve.

Every wedding is different which makes knowing how long to leave for speeches, photographs, and all the other bits and pieces a bit tricky when creating the perfect wedding day timeline. It can soon become an overwhelming task to complete. That's where we come in!

Let us alleviate some of the added stress that comes with planning a wedding by following our provided guide. Below you will find our breakdown and sample timeline for an 8 hour wedding so you can create the perfect wedding day timeline!

Cristian Mendoza

BRIDE & GROOM DETAILS | 45 MINUTES

This is the first task we cover when we arrive. This includes the shoes, dress, rings, invitations, jewelry, veil, tie, cufflinks, cologne/perfume, etc.

GETTING READY | 45 MINUTES

This portion includes a bridesmaids pj/robe photo, the bride getting into her dress, putting on jewelry, and the daddy-daughter first look! A portion of time will also be spent capturing the groom getting ready.

FIRST LOOK | 10 MINUTES

After the getting ready portraits have concluded, we will setup the bride and groom for the first look. We never interfere with this time until our couple says they are ready!

BRIDE & GROOM PORTRAITS | 30 MINUTES

These portraits immediately following the first look are always the sweetest! We bring back all the posing they learned from their engagement session and capture as many portraits in as many locations as we can! We also try to grab some individual bridal portraits during this time.

BRIDAL PARTY PORTRAITS | 20 MINUTES

We start with the combined bridal party (with everyone together) and then separate into bridesmaids and groomsmen. After we take all the group shots, we take individual shots (i.e. the bride with each bridesmaid individually).

RECEPTION DECOR/VENDOR CEREMONY SETUP | 1 HOUR

After we finish with portraits, the bride and groom go back inside to hide, rest, and re-touch makeup before the ceremony. During this time, we will get into your reception space and photograph all the décor before your guests arrive! We will also spend some time setting up at the ceremony area.

THE CEREMONY | 30 MINUTES

The moment has finally arrived!! We take a back seat and photograph things as they unfold. We like to remind the bridal party not to walk too fast down the aisle and to smile if they see the camera!

FAMILY PORTRAITS | 30 MINUTES

To help streamline these, we send our clients a questionnaire to fill out where they list all their family groups beforehand. We organize them by “brides side” and “grooms side” and in a way that flows without disassembling and re-assembling each group.

JUST MARRIED PORTRAITS | 15 MINUTES

After we finish family portraits, we always grab a few “just married” portraits before you walk into your reception! We know that once you get into your reception, you’re not likely to want to leave and go take more portraits so we view this time as our last chance for portraits!

RECEPTION | 3 HOURS

If our clients wish for more reception coverage, we add on one additional hour of coverage. If our clients want their reception to continue after the 3 hours but don’t need additional coverage, we suggest doing a faux exit!



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2:00 - BRIDE & GROOM DETAILS

2:45 - GETTING READY

3:30 - FIRST LOOK

3:40 - BRIDE & GROOM PORTRAITS

4:10 - BRIDAL PARTY PORTRAITS

4:30 - RECEPTION DECOR/VENDOR CEREMONY SETUP

5:30 - CEREMONY

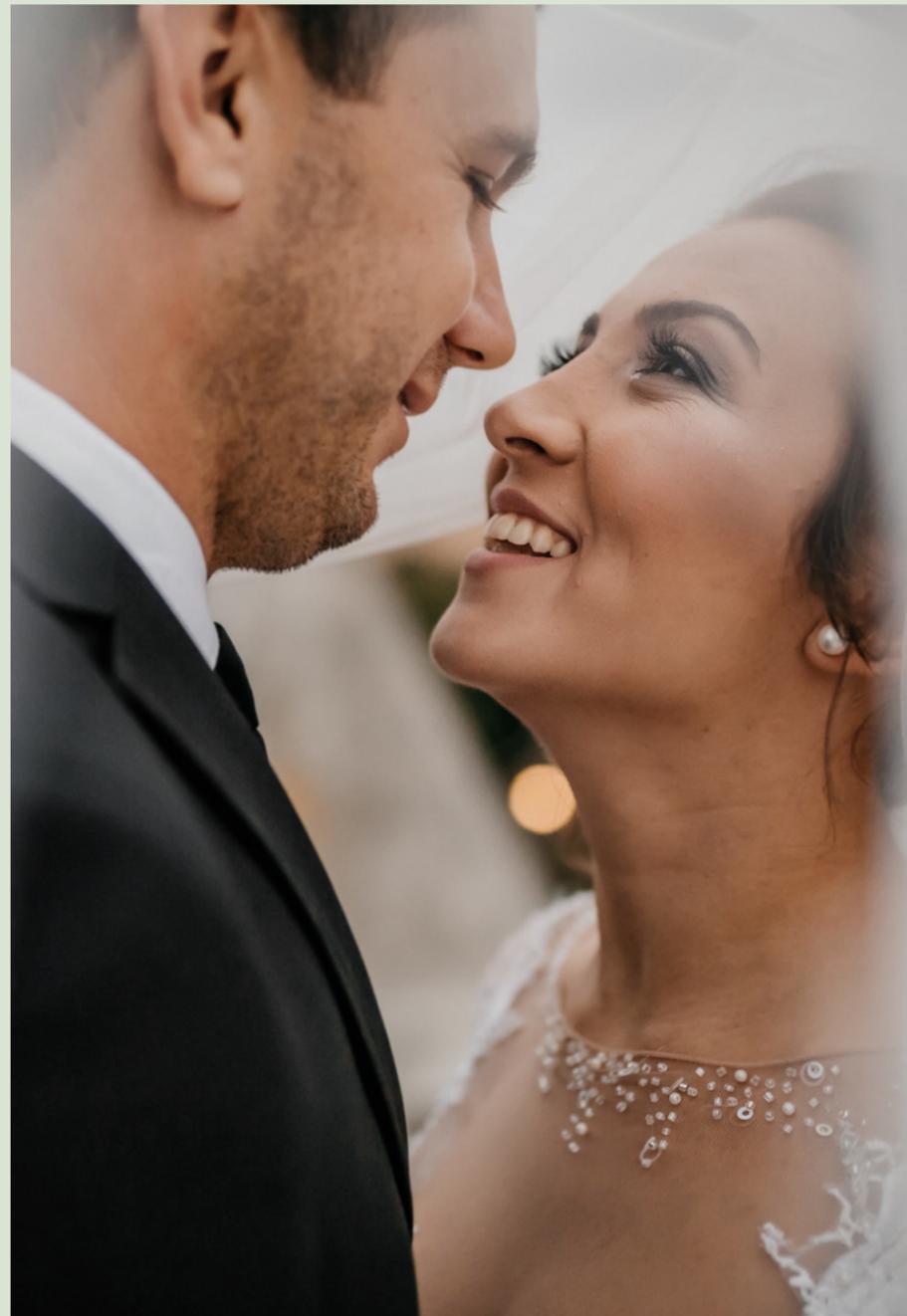
6:00 - FAMILY PORTRAITS

6:30 - "JUST MARRIED" PORTRAITS

6:45 - RECEPTION INTRODUCTIONS

7:00 - DANCES, DINNER, ETC.

10:00 - EXIT



ADJUSTING THE TIMELINE

This sample timeline includes 8 hours of coverage with a first look and a 7:30pm sunset.

To adjust the timeline for other times of the year, start with the ceremony time and work forwards and backwards. We like our ceremonies to begin about two hours before sunset.

For weddings without a first look, we require one hour after the ceremony divided into three 20 minute segments for family, wedding party and bride and groom portraits. We capture separately the bridal party before the ceremony.