



# WEDDING SCHEDULE BASICS

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Your Wedding Day Schedule IS...	Your Wedding Day Schedule ISN'T...
General idea to go from	Written in stone
Keeps the action moving	Intended to add stress
Helps make sure everything you wanted to do is completed	One size fits all

**NOTE: THIS GUIDE HAS GENERIC THINGS TO THINK ABOUT. CONSULT YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER / PLANNER FOR A CUSTOMIZED VERSION FOR YOUR WEDDING**



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## What Influences your Schedule

- **Time of year**
  - Summer has more daylight, meaning more time to accomplish events before the sunset
  - Fall / Winter has earlier sunset, meaning a shifted order of events
- **First Look or Traditional**
  - First looks allow for more to be done sooner, meaning more laid back once guests arrive
  - Waiting to see the bride requires more time / photos in between the ceremony and reception
- **Venue (sometimes)**
  - Do you have an allotted ceremony time?
  - Do you have to be out of the facility at a certain time?
- **Number of people**
  - More people means more time
    - Guests, Bridal party, Family, etc
  - Make sure you account for the number of people and how they will take time from your wedding day





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### Time Traps to Be Wary of

- **Hair and Makeup**
  - Add more time than you think
  - Make sure to communicate with vendors and that they are prepared
- **Not Delegating Tasks**
  - Give those around you the opportunity to help
  - Get the balls rolling prior to the day, then let others roll them on the day
- **Family Photos**
  - Have a list
  - Communicate with those involved before the day / before the ceremony
- **Travel between locations**
  - Make sure to account for accurate travel times
  - When in doubt, add more time to the travel budget





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## Ways to Add Meaning to your Wedding

- **Time with your groom**
  - Reading handwritten notes
  - Time to smell the roses
- **Time for the important**
  - Whatever that is to you, make time for it
  - Is it just the two of you?
  - Is it the people at the wedding?
  - Don't want to do something? DON'T!
- **Get Personal**
  - Add personal touches in as many places as you can
  - Handwrite your vows. Period. End of story.
  - Have a family tradition? Incorporate it!





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## Ways to Reduce Stress on your Wedding

- **Make sure to EAT**
  - Hangry decisions on your wedding day are not the right decisions
- **Add in buffer time (10-15 minutes) to events throughout the day**
- **Be realistic about time it takes to do things, not what you want it to be**
- **Build a family shot list before the wedding to make the photo section more efficient**
- **Try to stay as close to schedule as possible**
- **Communication across the board**
  - Family
  - Vendors
  - Bridal party



# WEDDING SCHEDULE WORKSHEET

## TRADITIONAL

Event	Adjustments	Start Time
photographer arrive	-20 min	
detail photos	-60 min	
getting in dress	-30 min	
first look with dad	-15 min	
bridesmaids photos	-5 min / bridesmaid	
arrive at ceremony	-30 min	
<b>ceremony (START HERE)</b>	<b>0</b>	
family portraits	+30 min	
bridal party photos	+15 min	
bride + groom photos	+15-30 min	
arrive at reception	+10 min	
reception starts (dinner, etc)	+ 5 min	

