

Planning Your Wedding Day Photo Shoot

Years later after your wedding ceremony the most vital remembrance you will have of that day will be your photographic album. What can you do to set up your wedding photography so that the whole photo shoot and dealing with the photographer will be like a piece of cake – in this case lay your wedding? Just like all the other planning on your wedding day – it should be smooth sailing with no small details left to chance.

The first question may well be which photographer. The answer is – one with a good reputation – used by someone else you know. Next the cost of the photographer's services should be within a reasonable percentage of your wedding day budget. The next questions are fairly basic – how many photos, how many vantages or viewpoints of the shots, will you get to see and / or keep the proofs. How much for the extra prints. Lastly how many other photographic events will the photographer have on that day? You want the photographer to arrive on time and as well not be rushed.

You may well run into the question of whether it is fair and acceptable protocol to take pictures ahead of the wedding ceremony. Some care. Some in your family or that of your spouse is reminded of superstition and bad omens. In the end it's what you, your spouse and your family are comfortable with. In the end if you can take of the load off ahead of time, by photographing a number of the key shots and events before the actual ceremony your life, and wedding day, will be a lot easier with less hassle - the photographer does not have to rush around getting all the shots on your list before hungry guests get upset. As well the crowd does not have to wait through the tedious task of getting all the photos and all the pictures "just right".

If taking photos ahead of the ceremony is not the preference of yourself or the family then again plan ahead to make your wedding day more hassle free, Arrange, ahead of time, to take as many of the pictures as possible before the ceremony, without the groom. This way you will be able to get some of the major work out the way before events get rushed and busy. For example the basic photos of the bride alone can be shot, then photos taken of the bride with her family and with her attendants can done and take care of. It's possible that even photos of the groom and his family can be taken at that point as well

When the time does arrive of the actual reception, in order to have the whole photo shoot run like clockwork, ensure that everyone and everything are in their correct places and any supporting materials or backdrops be available at that time as well. This way the photo shoot will go as quickly and as seamlessly as humanely possible.

What of the location of the photo shoot? Basically it is anywhere you like and anywhere where a nice picture can be taken. In some cases it may not be the most scenic choice – yet the view or location means a great deal to either one or both of spouses or their families some couples will opt to take their formal wedding photos at a location other than the reception site itself.

It is amazing the venues that are available for wedding photos – if one only thinks or asks. Many parks, along with the most tended too gardens are often available for formal photo taking. It often only a case of phoning ahead or visiting ahead of time to ask. Many locations consider this to be a major compliment of their professional efforts of their grounds keeping. In addition the hotel or banquet areas that you are renting often provide excellent backdrops. Of course there are many fine examples of excellent and exceptional places to host photo shoots Think of beaches , gardens , forest areas , golf courses etc etc etc. Different locations may have different appeals at different times of the year and in different seasons.

Remember though that if you do plan to take your photo shoot "on the road", remember that your wedding reception guests will have to wait even longer than usual, on the wedding day for you to arrive at the reception. Plan of course to make the photo shoot as close to the wedding banquet venue and location, and for places, times and people to be as simple and as straightforward as possible. It's all as simple as that.

Above all take time to remember and note that it's your wedding day and "Your Day in the Sun".

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