



THE TIMELINE GUIDE

I know this isn't the most exciting aspect of the wedding day, but I promise it is one of the most important, especially when it comes to photography.

5:30 Ceremony : After daylight savings WITH First look - Sunset around 8pm

- 1:30 Ashley begins with details & getting ready (Assistant is with the guys!)
- 2:30 Dress on!
- 3:15 First Look & Portraits
- 4:00 Bridal Party Portraits
- 4:30-4:45ish Have assistant photograph untouched ceremony before guests arrive
- 5:00 Bride in hiding (Photograph reception details if at same location)
- 5:30 Ceremony
- 6:00 Family Formals
- 6:30 A few portraits of the newlyweds if the light is pretty! (If not, they can join cocktail hour!)
- 7:00 Reception Entrance
- 7:30 Sunset Portraits (15-20mins) during dinner
- 9:00 Nighttime Portraits (5-10mins) optional
- 9:30 Contracted coverage ends

5:30 Ceremony : After daylight savings WITHOUT First look - Sunset around 8pm

- 3:00 Ashley begins with details & getting ready (Assistant is with the guys!)
- 4:00 Bride in her dress!
- 4:30 Bridesmaids portraits/Groomsmen Portraits in separate locations if possible
- 4:30-4:45ish Have assistant photograph untouched ceremony before guests arrive
- 5:00 Bride in hiding (Photograph reception details if at same location)
- 5:30 Ceremony
- 6:00 Family Formals (Limited amount due to lack of time)
- 6:20 Quick & efficient Bridal Party Portraits
- 6:40 As many Bride and Groom Portraits as we can fit into 20mins!
- 7:00 Reception Entrance
- 7:30 Sunset Portraits (15-20mins) during dinner
- 10:30 Nighttime Portraits (5-10mins) optional
- 11:00 Contracted coverage ends

GENERAL RULES OF THUMB FOR BUILDING YOUR OWN TIMELINE:

I need certain amounts of time allotted to each portion of the day in order to capture your day in a way that reflects what you have seen on my blog and website! In the event that our timeline gets thrown off or it is impossible to give me the desired amount of time for each section of the day, we'll be as efficient as humanly possible!! It is ALWAYS our goal to capture the images that you've always dreamed of for your wedding day! However, capturing images that you are going to freak out over later can take some time! So here are some general guidelines for photo times!

BRIDAL DETAILS :

30-45mins (I can usually get these done while stepping into the getting ready area and photographing the girls hanging out at the same time!)

GETTING IN THE DRESS :

30-45mins! This can take 10mins or 45! You just never know! This is an area where we build in extra time just in case! Also, I love having a few minutes to capture just the bride in her gown!!

BRIDAL PARTY PORTRAITS :

20-30mins depending on the size of the party. We always capture just the bridesmaids, just the groomsmen, the entire group together and then individuals with the bride and groom separately. Even with our super fast workflow, this can take some time!

BRIDE AND GROOM PORTRAITS :

I love having 30 minutes before the ceremony and 30 minutes after the ceremony. However, I know this is not always possible. My goal is to be able to give my couples some additional portraits that add a little extra variety from the ones that we took pre-ceremony! If you are not sharing a first look, I cannot stress enough how important it is to at least have 30 minutes of portrait time after the ceremony!

FAMILY FORMALS:

This is the hardest part of the day as far as photography is concerned! We made it our mission to make family formals fast, easy and as efficient as possible! We recommend 30 minutes for family formals, but not at the expense of your Bride and Groom portrait time! We can always grab large group photos during the reception. That glowy sunset light for Bride and Groom portraits has to be taken advantage of right when it's happening because it will disappear quickly!

RECEPTION DETAILS:

I would love 20 minutes to photograph all of the beautiful details and decor of your reception. However, if I'm only able to have 10 minutes, that will suffice and I will work quickly!