

WEDDING

GUIDE



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*"photography
is a way
of feeling, of touching,
of loving...
it remembers
little things, long after
you have forgotten
everything"*

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Thank you for trusting me to portray one of the most memorable days of your life and for taking the time to read through this guide. Its purpose is to become a helpful tool in your planning process. Thus, I've included valuable tips from a photographer's perspective for your iconic day to flow seamlessly. In essence, when you radiate beautiful stress-free energy, it will be translated into your wedding imagery, resulting in better photos. You will be able to curate a stress-free wedding that is true to your personality.

Before we dive deeper, I would like to share something – my only goal is to visually narrate and embellish your memory lane with the most candid images. I will weave a visual heirloom that will allow you to relive all the intimate moments for decades to come. Photos that whisper loving poetry of the heart and evoke profound emotions every time you look at them.

Please don't shy away from asking me anything about this guide or your wedding day.



engagement session

show your
loved ones how
it all began.

The engagement session will be a beautiful prelude to your special day. You will gain some photography experience, overcome camera anxiety, become more comfortable in front of the lens, and prepare yourself for wedding photos. It will also elevate the portrayal of your story and share a little glimpse of who you are as a couple.

Furthermore, this iconic milestone will help us get to know and understand one another. I will evoke your unique romance and discover your personalities, along with the most flattering angles. On the other hand, you will become more comfortable in my presence, which will give you a more relaxed feel at your wedding.

Regardless of whether you wish it to be formal or informal, this engagement portrayal will complement your overall story – your images can also be used for save-the-date cards, invitations, or thank you cards.

The fact that this is not your wedding, but an intimate session will help you cast aside any anxiety and enjoy the moment.



"everything depends on the light."

BEST TIME – The timing of the engagement session depends on the light. I would suggest either half an hour before sunrise or an hour before sunset. This is the perfect time to avoid unflattering shades on your face and achieve a beautiful golden glow that would soften your complexion.

Another important aspect is avoiding crowds – choose any weekday! If you wish to get the photos you deserve, we mustn't lose natural light so please arrive on time.

WHAT TO WEAR / STYLING – Pick the attire that makes you feel the most comfortable and confident – the way you feel will be translated into your photos. Choose something that matches your personality and style but also compliments the location.

Also, ensuring the colors, pattern and texture are aligned will elevate your aesthetic.

Add a few details, such as jewelry or accessories, to up your styling too.

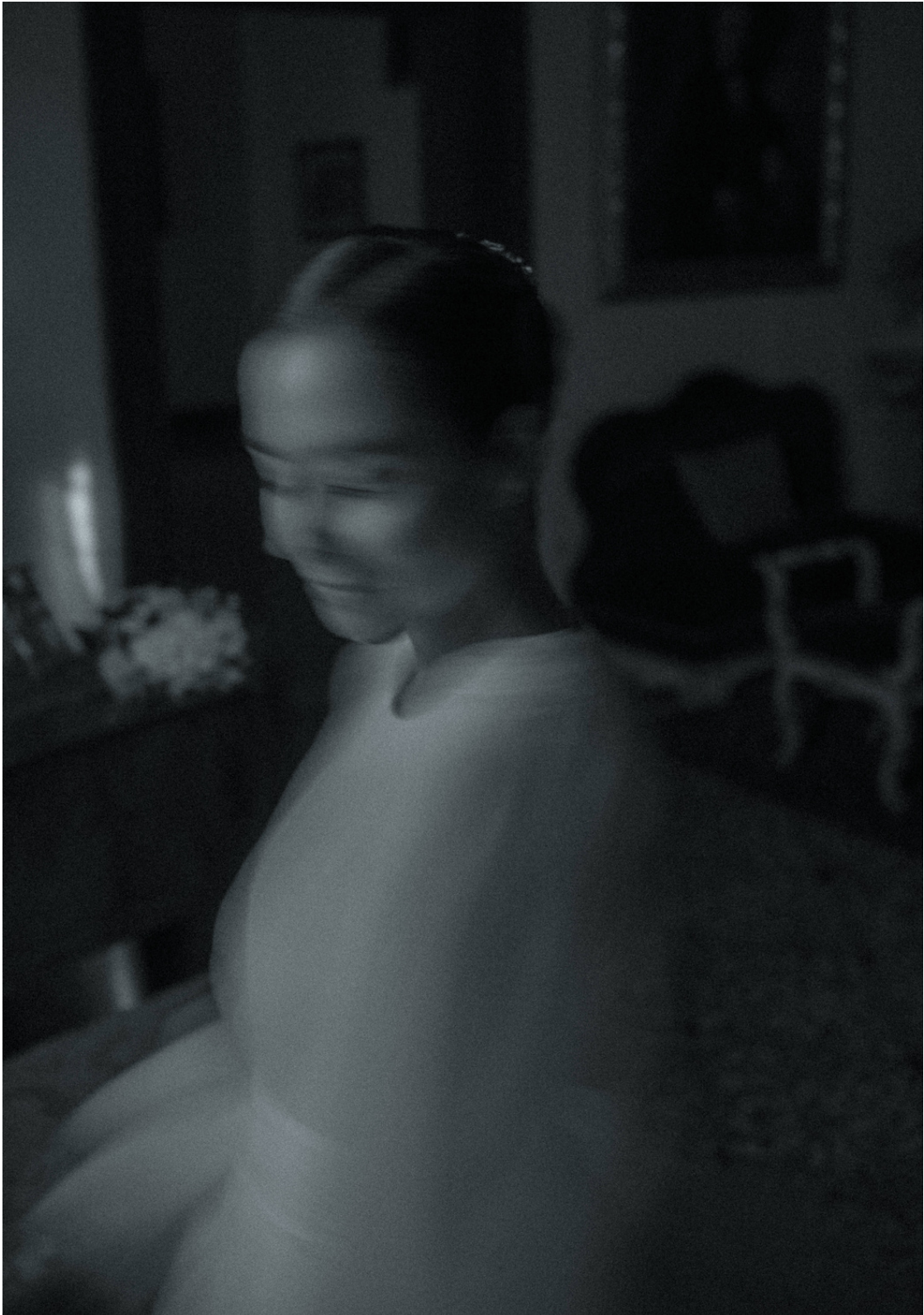
LOCATION – Choose a spot that reflects your personality and completes your story flawlessly. You can pick an outdoor location with scenic backdrops such as oceans or mountains or meaningful places such as your favorite neighborhoods, walking paths, intimate outdoor spots, or whatever your heart dreams about.

GREAT TIP

Schedule a trial session with your wedding hair and make-up for your engagement shoot and be professionally styled.







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planning a wedding

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planning a wedding

an ode to your love.

As an engaged couple, I can imagine that you are already seduced by anticipation regarding all the exciting wedding dreams that lay in front of you. So many alluring ideas keep appearing every day! However, realizing them may be more stressful and overwhelming than you anticipated.

Outside factors, planning your budget, booking the right vendors, and creating a well-organized schedule are challenging tasks. Still, it is important to remember that not everything may go as planned, and small mishaps are quite normal. The key, in that case, is to try to remain calm, relax, and work together to find a solution.

After all, remember that you, my dear bride and groom, are not alone in this. Your families and friends will be more than keen to help you on your journey. Do not hesitate to ask for their assistance.

Your family and friends will offer you many ideas and advice, but kindly accept what would reflect your vision. If you feel comfortable with the atmosphere and aesthetics of your celebration – your guests will too!

As long as we are on the page of guests – only invite those that would be sincerely happy to celebrate with you! Drafting a guest list will be a stepping stone in your planning process, so curate it diligently. If you are wondering how to approach it, think of all your favorite people and all those who have seen you grow and thrive. Those friends with whom you would pop a bottle of wine and talk into the night. Beloved ones, who will be genuinely happy and ready to support you as you step into your new chapter.

This is just scraping the surface of the incredible planning journey that lays in front of you. I know, you are already tempted to research what you need to do and what are the crucial first steps, but as I said, you are not alone.

Allow me to help you navigate through the challenges, and offer you my many years of experience as a professional in the industry.



GREAT TIP

Another important aspect I would like to address is to stay true to your style, vision, and dreams. Your wedding is an ode to your love, so tailor it in a way that feels right for your story.



organize your dream day.

As there are a plethora of tasks that go into planning, it is only fitting to start the whole process with a good organizational plan.

When you have everything sorted neatly, you will be able to face many decisions easily, keep track of deadlines, and effectively solve anything that comes your way. I know this might not be as interesting as choosing the perfect color palette; however, it is the basis for an iconic day that you will remember for the rest of your lives.

In terms of planning, always pay attention to light regarding photography. Not only will this set the tone and influence the mood, but will complement your couples shoot, the golden hour session, and your outdoor events.

Of course, I will consult you for everything you may need. To help you get started, I will share with you a wedding day timeline example.

(I would like to remind you that every wedding is different so let this serve as a rough draft that you can later adjust to your preferences.)

GREAT TIP

Allow yourself plenty of time to organize your dream day, preferably a year.

Next, focus on what is important and don't let the small details take over.

Essentially – have fun and enjoy sorting the tasks with your partner.



timeline example

01

MORNING

GETTING READY

- 09:00 *Start getting ready Bride*
- 10:30 *Photographer arrive*
- 11:00 *Start getting ready Groom*

FIRST LOOK

- 12:30 *Dad's First Look (optional)*
- 13:00 *First Look & Portraits (optional)*

PORTRAITS

- 13:45 *Bridal party & family formals*

CEREMONY

- 15:00 *Ceremony starts*
- 15:30 *Ceremony ends*

COCKTAIL HOUR

- 16:00 *Congratulations*
- 16:30 *Cake cuttings*

PORTRAITS

- 17:30 *Group portraits*
- 18:00 *Bride & Groom Portraits*

02

AFTERNOON

RECEPTION

- 19:00 *Guests invited to dinner*

GOLDEN HOUR

- 20:30 *Bride & Groom Portraits*

EVENING PROGRAM

- 21:00 *First Dance & Opening dance floor*
- 00:00 *Grand exit*

03

EVENING



some tips

for an organized
timeline.

Break down the wedding day into several sequences. For example, the ceremony usually lasts 30 minutes to an hour, and receptions – for four to five hours.

Instead of having a tight schedule, plan extra 10-15 minutes for each wedding activities. This will allow a smooth transition, prevent things from running late, and enjoy some breathing space in between.

In order to keep all your guests entertained throughout the whole day, don't begin too early. Late afternoon ceremonies enable your story to unfold with a natural flow, keeping anxiousness at bay.

Extending the timing will make your guests feel restless for the reception. Offer some refreshments and appetizers.

Giving time limits to the speakers will result in a successful evening. If you wish the toasts to be enjoyable, limit them between 3-5 min.



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inspiration

find your wedding vision.

Curating an iconic wedding day requires a previously established vision. This vital step will enable you to define your theme and color palette, seamlessly pulling off an event that will feel uniquely tailored to your story.

To begin, you should find some resources – from magazines and wedding blogs to social media, from the venue location to your own lifestyle. However, here are some resource ideas for you.

PINTEREST – An endless sea of ideas awaits at your fingertips! Pinterest is an extraordinary search engine where you can find anything from ready color concepts to curating a complete mood board for your special day. Because it is easy to get lost in so many styles and inspirational visuals, I would suggest taking regular pauses to realign your goals and priorities. In time, you will discover whether something fits your style, so allow yourself to be guided by intuition. Instead of accepting everything, start by filtering what you don't like and gather in a Pinterest board with photos that feel perfect for your love.

INSTAGRAM – Another great online source to aid you in your quest! Here, you can easily find beautiful inspiration and ideas.

Type in your hashtag and wedding-related content will charm your senses – along with the latest trends. My tip would be to try hashtags that are more specific to discover something tailored to your taste.

YOUR WARDROBE – Also take a look at your clothes! Analyze what silhouettes you wear the most, which designs make you feel comfortable, what gives you confidence, and which colors dominate your wardrobe.

YOUR CHOSEN LOCATION – If you have already chosen a date and venue, the style of your location will point you in the right direction. Notice which colors are more prominent in its aesthetic, does the architecture complement any particular style, whether the interior matches any theme, analyze the environment, etc. This is especially handy for the color concept since you would want everything to be cohesive and aesthetically pleasing.





GREAT TIP

Don't look at trends. Some will pass, and others will stay. The key here is to look at what suits and reflects you, your story & aesthetic preferences.





vendors i love

a heartfelt recommendation.

WHITE PAMPAS

Hair & Make Up

ARIEL SPOSE

Bride Dresses

SILVIA CHAPEAU

Wedding Planner -

FRANCESCA DI TOMA

Wedding Planner

ORIEL VON PENTZ

Video Maker

YIDAKI STUDIO

Video Maker

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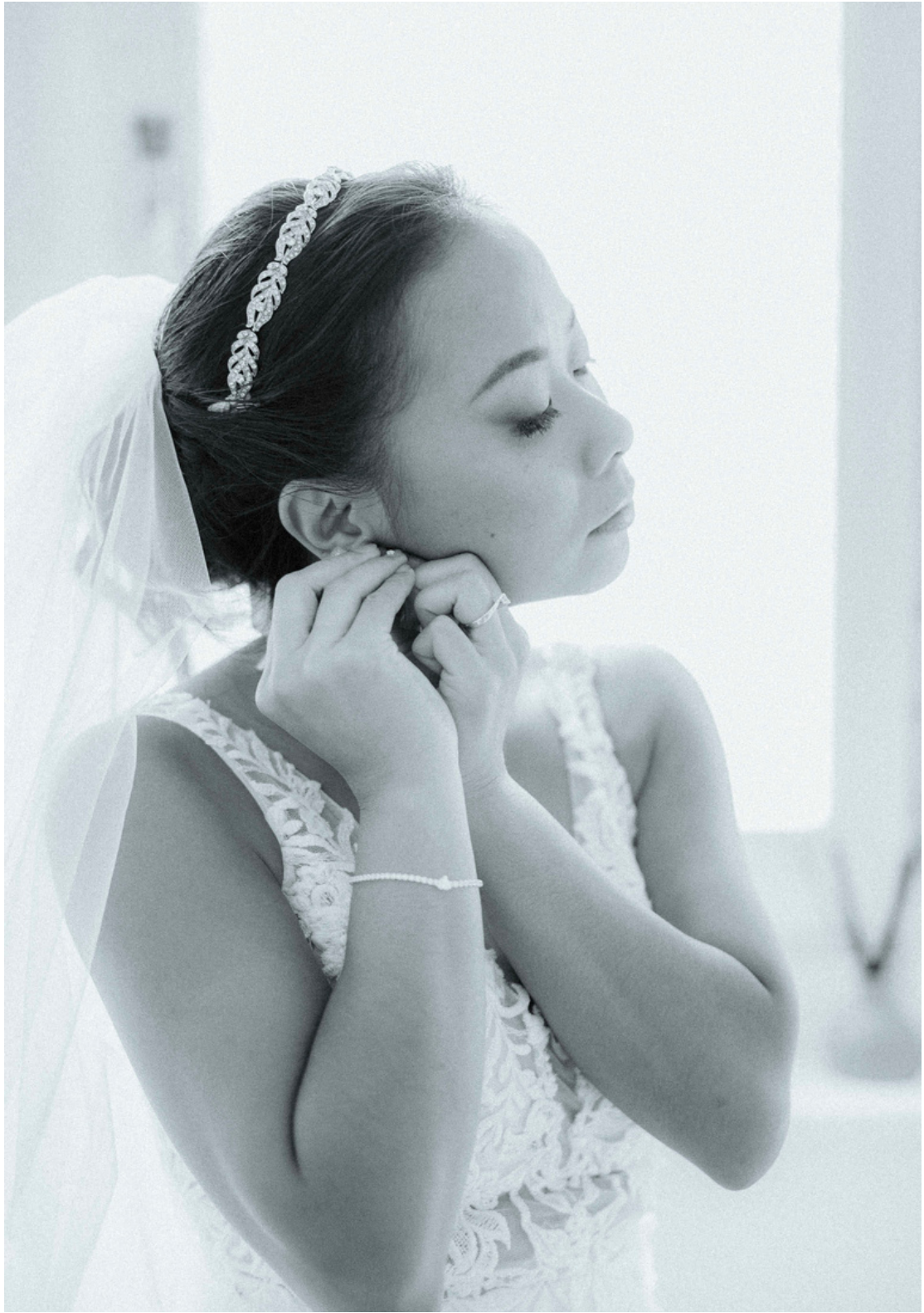
Video Maker



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getting ready

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set the tone for the rest of the day.

The wedding morning will set the tone for the rest of the day. It is beautifully filled with anticipation, thrill, and happiness. Preparing every detail, trembling with excitement, and celebrating the beginning of the new chapter with your favorite people! These are one of the most precious and unique memories that feel so candid and wonderful, worthy of being captured seamlessly. It is the start of an exciting love-filled day, so I always begin the photographic journey from this moment.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU NEED TO HAVE THE GETTING-READY MOMENTS CAPTURED? – I suggest setting about two hours for this part to have everything portrayed flawlessly. It depends on the size of your bridal party and when the hair and make-up artist has everyone ready. Furthermore, it depends on how you have planned your day and how many hours you have. If the time frame is tight, I will begin getting ready with the groom and his party, as it is less time-consuming.

Then I capture the bride and her details while also documenting the candid moments in-between. These are the moments when you get absolute adoration from your bridesmaids, admire your gown, get dressed with joy and heartfelt laughter, and the final ethereal portraiture of your radiant beauty before you walk down the aisle.

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING THE GETTING READY SPACE – For beautiful and timeless photography, the room should be filled with natural light, spacious, bright, and neutral. If you choose to get ready in a hotel room, I would suggest booking a light-filled room that is not too colorful. In case you opt for your home, pick the room with the best light and preferably faces south. Keep the space uncluttered to avoid anything being too distracting and unflattering. Having lots of windows will complement your aesthetic and beauty perfectly! Don't forget to choose a suitable room for the groom and his party as well.



layflat

it's all about the details.

The details will narrate and complement your story. That is why it is vital to have them prepared before I come – it will save us a lot of time. Upon consulting with you, I will artfully prepare all of them in beautiful layflats and capture detailed photos.

To elevate the experience, I would suggest bringing some of your invitation suite elements that will upscale the content but also some meaningful heirlooms of your choice.

STYLING ITEMS – gorgeous details that can pair with your theme and colors can be seamlessly included. Those can be ribbons, fabric, patterned paper, and even trays. Invitations also prove to be a perfect addition, along with the whole suite and wax seals.

FLOWERS – one of the most beautiful details to include are flowers. You can simply ask your florist to include some extra loose blossoms.

DETAILS – rings and ring box, bouquets and boutonnieres, robes, bridesmaids' dresses, heirlooms, shoes, perfume, and any detail you consider important.

NOTE

*I usually arrive 1.5 hours before
you are ready so that I can get
detailed shots of the moment when
you are putting on the gown,
and portray a candid atmosphere*

details bride





e.g.

DRESS // VEIL // SHOES

HEADPIECE

DRESSES BRIDESMAIDS

PERFUME // BRIDAL BOUQUET

JEWELRY // RINGS // ECT.

STATIONERY // INVITATIONS

LOVE LETTER

HIS / HER VOW

details groom





e.g.

BOW TIE // CUFF LINKS

BELT // SHOES

PERFUME // BOUTONNIERES

JEWELRY // RINGS // ECT.

STATIONERY // INVITATIONS

WHISKY // CIGAR

SUNGLASSES // WATCH

HIS / HER VOW



the bride

stay true to yourself.

The styling is a very personal and individual thing, so I would recommend following your heart no matter what. You don't need to follow traditions or chase trends. Simply stay true to yourself and cast aside any ideas you don't find appealing. When you feel comfortable and confident with your styling look, you will be radiant and enchanting in every photo!

I will also capture the moments before you put on the dress; I would advise thinking about what you are going to wear before that. One of the most elegant and matching solutions for you and your bridesmaids is styling robes. In addition, they are easy to remove – without messing up your hair and makeup. The wonderful part is that you can have them beautifully personalized.

When dress-shopping, pick a dream dress that is well-fitted, feels comfortable, and makes you glow with confidence. The same goes for the shoes that should enable you to move around with ease. When it comes to hair and makeup, keep it effortless and natural. This will result in timeless and beautiful photos.

When the artists start getting your hair and make-up done, I would suggest you sit by the window for natural light. This will be perfect for both the photographs and your stylists too. Having a trial hair and makeup session will do wonders for you. It will help you choose the best possible look for the special day while also ensuring things flow smoothly in the morning. Needless to say, booking professionals is a worthy investment. They are skilled to compliment your natural beauty, make your skin polished, and add a touch of luminous glow to your overall look. This will be the most relaxing part of your morning, so planning enough time will allow you to pop a bottle of champagne and get ready with your bridesmaids without rushing.

Decide who will be present while you get ready. Having all of your ladies may seem fun, but it can quickly become chaotic. To enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, consider who will join you and only choose a handful of your closest beloved ones. This will allow the day to unfold smoothly and set the scene for gorgeous candid photos of your joyful moments.





GREAT TIP

Pick the people who can create a great mood. Start the day with a cozy breakfast, glasses of champagne, and even play your favorite music. This will create comfort and allow you to unwind instead of being too anxious.





"a meaningful
& unforgettable
moment."



dad's first look

There is nothing quite heartwarming like a father seeing his daughter for the first time as a bride. The emotions associated with this moment are unparalleled! Plan 10 minutes to have a first look with your dad, savoring all the heartfelt emotions, hugs, and happy tears. *It is something that is monumental for any parent and will become engraved in his memory, treasured for decades to come.*



time to capture candid moments.

As a wedding photographer, I will capture the whole story, which means that the groom, his boys, and the best man should also be included in the morning portrayal. He will be enjoying some relaxing time with them, cracking jokes, and even reminiscing about many events they shared together. I will take the time to capture their candid getting ready moments along with the groom details that should be included in the visual reportage.

The room also has to be well-lit and all the elements for the layflat pictures must be prepared beforehand. Some of the details include a bow tie, watch, shoes, perfume, an heirloom, a flask with his favorite whiskey, and a toast before the big moment!

GREAT TIP

Don't be afraid to allow the make-up artist to apply a natural touch-up to your groom's look. No one would notice it!

OUTFIT & STYLING – Always try to emphasize your personality through your outfit and styling. Trust me, regardless of your taste and style, there is always a design that will perfectly match your preferences. In addition, make sure the suit is well-fitted with the appropriate length. When it is completely tailored to your body, you will look astounding!

In order to find your perfect match, you can try wedding specialty stores but don't keep that option as the only one. In fact, you can find many amazing suits in online stores or at the men's outfitter. Will the day be split into ceremony and evening wear? Then you can easily swap the suit for a black tuxedo and a bow tie.





GREAT TIP

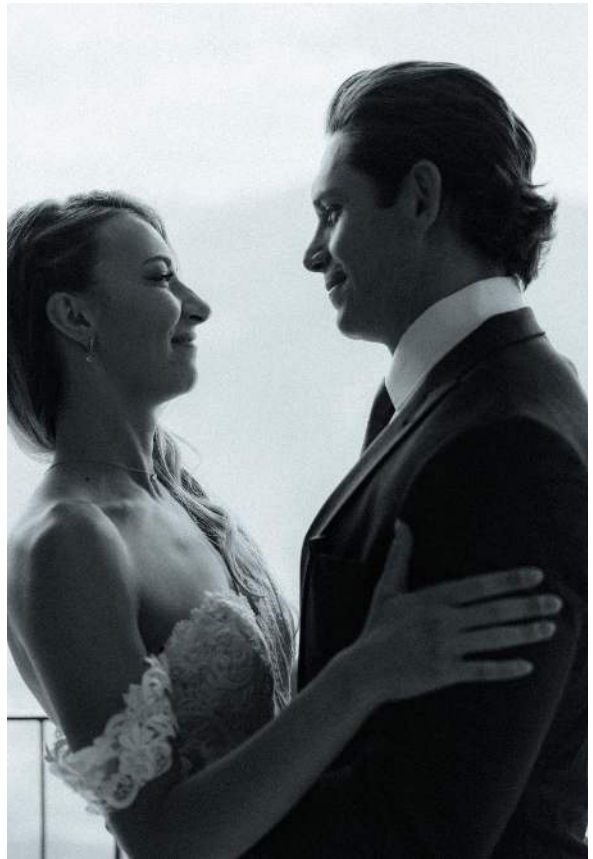
Preparing some entertainment for the boys will allow them to start the day relaxed. Make sure to plan some extra activities other than drinks.





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portraits

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first look

your visually intimate experience.

Traditionally, the bride and groom see one another for the first time during the ceremony. But during the past years, the trend of having a First Look has been emerged for many reasons. More and more couples opt to have this intimate experience. It is raw, it is candid, it is beautiful, and it is visually poetic!

When the First Look happens, you will have a chance to unleash your emotions and be unrestrained in showing them. Usually, couples feel more reserved during the ceremony – especially the grooms. With the first look, you both have the chance to surrender to this magical moment and savor the genuine power of your love – a true delight for any photographer!

Also, this means a part of your couple shoot will be done so that you can spend some more moments with your family and friends after the ceremony. Imagine the most beautiful scenario. A lovely place of your choice, no one is watching, hearts are beating, and you have this moment all to yourselves.

The bride will approach the groom, gently tapping him on his shoulder. As soon as he turns, he gets to see the love of his life. Allow your feelings to take over, and let the reigns of love dictate the moment!

When it comes to the location, I would suggest picking a spot that is close enough to have more time for the first look and photographic portrayal. That being said, I will be almost invisible, enabling you to cherish every second together. Naturally, if you prefer to see one another during the ceremony and stick to traditions, that is perfectly fine!

I want what feels right for you as a couple and would be most grateful if you stick to your vision. The intimacy and romance connected to that moment will feel almost surreal!

GREAT TIP

The First Look is also an amazing opportunity to exchange your personal vows if you don't feel like sharing them in front of everyone during the ceremony.



just the
two of you.

This is a lovely opportunity to savor some quiet moments, just the two of you. Not only will the couple shoot allow you to revel in the newlywed bliss, but it will also enable you to have a breather and soak it all in. The portraiture can be during the first look (if any) or after the ceremony, while the excitement of tying the knot is still fresh. The photos will beautifully reflect your connection, emotions, and pure love!

THE KISS – To get the perfect kissing photo, I always suggest my couples incorporate the following suggestion – imagine you are shy and kissing one another like on the first date. Delicate posture, with mouths slightly open and the lips, barely touching. In this way, you will avoid looking sloppy and get the perfect elegant photo of your devotion.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL I NEED FOR THE COUPLE SHOOT?

– Generally, for everything to flow seamlessly without being rushed, I would need about an hour. However, that doesn't include the drive time – if you have chosen a specific location. Of course, I can be flexible and split the shoot into two parts.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME? – In essence, the light will be a key element in this case. In my opinion, the morning and evening lights are perfect to capture your essence. You will be adorned with a soft pastel glow without featuring harsh shadows. Also, the Golden and Blue Hour are especially dreamy when it comes to portraits. In addition, I recommend avoiding planning the portrait session in the middle of the day. As the sun is very high, its light will appear harsh and cast unwanted shadows.



"it's all about the atmosphere."

WHERE SHOULD THE SHOOTING TAKE PLACE? – As for the location, we can use the venue's grounds, some place of your choice, or walk somewhere nearby. Being an experienced photographer, I am highly trained to find a perfect setting just about anywhere! We will consult beforehand so that we can plan everything smoothly. If you have a specific location nearby, I will also try to visit it beforehand and see how the light completes the whole atmosphere. But if you wish to have your shoot on the venue's grounds, I will also explore them in the morning and simply scan where would be the perfect spot to frame your memories.

I would like you to note the following – Besides the scenic backdrop, I will analyze the spot for the lighting conditions. That includes the position of the sun, and even the reflection of the trees; so I can judge whether there would be any green shadows on your skin. Upon concluding, I will advise you where the ideal place to have your shoot is.

BAD WEATHER – We cannot control Mother Nature but do not despair if something doesn't go as planned. There is always an alternative – indoor shooting, so make sure to have a plan B just in case. Of course, light rain is not a problem and can result in magical photos; but if a storm happens, my equipment is not protected, so we can always have an after-wedding session!



family formals & bridal party.

Your wedding day is all about celebrating with your loved ones. Your family, bridal party, and friends will be there to support your new journey. Thus, eternalizing those memories through photography will be a cherished keepsake to look back on. Apart from the candid, you will also have formal portraiture with them, which is best done once the cocktail hour or reception starts.

In order to get the best photos, a little bit of planning beforehand is needed. That being said, it is best to curate a short but sweet list of your priorities. I would suggest opting for up to 10 constellations. Also, think about assigning a special task to someone who knows the party and family well, so they can help you coordinate them for the group portraits.

Another possibility is to schedule the session before the ceremony, allowing your family and bridal party to enjoy the cocktail hour or reception.



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enjoy the ceremony
to its fullest.

Many guests attending your ceremony will love to capture your most memorable moments, such as walking down the aisle, vow exchange, saying I DO, and sealing your marriage with a kiss. And while I understand that they would love to snap some photos with their smartphones, I advise you to ask them to refrain from it.

As your photographer, I will cover everything, and I would like your loved ones to enjoy the ceremony to its fullest – instead of being hidden behind a small screen.

In addition, this may hinder my portrayal. Some of the guests may limit several frames when it comes to important parts of the ceremonial act. For example, if people are trying to capture your walk down the aisle while maneuvering different positions and using flashes, I wouldn't be able to photograph the overwhelming reaction of your beloved properly.

Of course, this is optional and a personal recommendation as your wedding photographer. If you choose to unplug some of the events of your big day, you can easily achieve that by noting the information in the wedding invitations and asking your officiant to make an announcement. What will calm their expectations is also noting that they will receive access to your online gallery. Your family and friends will appreciate this gesture!

the ceremony

tie the knot.

The ceremony is the moment when your love will reach its epiphany. Your marriage will be eternalized and beautifully crowned with blessings.

The anticipation and thrill during the ceremony are unparalleled! Regardless of whether you will tie the knot outdoors or in a chapel, I am sure that it will be awe-inspiring and memorable.

LIGHT IS A KEY FACTOR – One of the key elements that will play a role in the outcome of your wedding photos will be the light. If you plan on having an indoor ceremony, have in mind to choose a place that has plentiful natural light sources. If you plan on hosting your big day outdoors, consider the time of the day.

During the warmer months, it is recommended to exchange your vows later in the day so that the sun is lower in the sky. Naturally, if you wish to host your ceremony at noon, then please make sure to provide your guests with protection from the sun. For example, if there aren't trees available, you can include bright

or white awnings or hand out parasols in a nude tone. Don't hesitate to consult with me to set up everything perfectly regarding getting the most of the daylight.

COMMUNICATION – A small note if you are getting married in a church – make sure to consult with the officiant/ pastor/ religious leader regarding any restrictions for the photographer. Some religious venues restrict the photographer's movement and the use of flash. In that case, I would like to be informed so that I can plan the portrayal beforehand.

Naturally, the best scenario is to have complete freedom to move so that I can capture every reaction and emotion. However, respecting your ceremony, I also don't move a lot or abruptly. I move solely depending on how the event unfolds, approaching any key moments – without using any flashes. In either case, I will consult with your officiant beforehand and politely try to explain my approach.



"excitement and beautiful anticipation."

YOUR BIG MOMENTS – The big moment has come. Your bridal party starts to enter the ceremony site, infusing you with excitement and beautiful anticipation. Your heart flutters, and you are ready. However, I would urge you to stay calm and simply take your time while walking down the aisle.

Savor the whole movement. Enjoy the whole walk, having all eyes on you. In that way, I will also be able to capture the grandeur of the moment, all the reactions and emotions. Also, it would be very helpful if you keep your distance from the bridesmaid ahead of you – simply not to block one another. Oh, and don't forget to linger a bit longer during the first kiss for the most magical photo!

LET YOUR FEELINGS FLOW – Allow your feelings to take the spotlight during the ceremony. Don't forget to smile and unleash your beautiful emotions. Even if you are in a church,

allow yourself to open your heart and smile. You want your photos to be channeling happiness and beauty, and thus, your smile will adorn them perfectly.

AFTER THE CEREMONY – The congratulations will come as soon as the ceremony ends. Your loved ones will hug and congratulate you, and I will candidly capture those moments. Think about where this will take place.

I recommend a light area, preferably outside, but shaded so that you can feel comfortable. Also, it should be spacious enough so that everyone can easily line up.

GREAT TIP

Don't look at the camera during your wedding ceremony; in fact, I encourage you to completely ignore me. If you need to take a little peek into my lens, I will make myself noticeable to you. Otherwise, I will seamlessly portray everything unobtrusively.





"To get the dreamiest after-ceremony photo, stop a bit when you exit the venue and simply kiss one another. At that moment, your loved ones will throw confetti, petals, or bubbles."



relax and enjoy the moment.

The reception is the moment when you finally get to relax and surrender to enjoyment. To capture the beauty of your dream wedding, I take a few photos of your reception aesthetic and decor before the guests are seated, for which I need about 20 minutes. As your loved ones arrive, I will start capturing candid photos with you, your family, and your friends. Through a seamless documentary portrayal, I will photograph a natural collection of images for you to cherish. In addition, I will also take group photos and all the details that will complement your story.

LOCATION – As the reception starts, you can ensure everyone has a variety of drinks to choose from and lovely starters to keep them occupied while you mingle with your guests. Furthermore, ensure that all are comfortable. If it gets a bit chilly, provide them with some blankets. In contrast, ensure the reception area has a shade if it is still warm. This is easily arranged with the venue and staff, so communicate your priorities beforehand. In addition, the lighting will play a major role. That being said, if the reception space is a bit dark and moody, setting the perfect light conditions will upscale the whole ambiance and mood.

AMBIENTE – Having live music as the reception starts will set the tone for the rest of the celebration. Furthermore, elevate the guest experience by creating a magical and unique atmosphere, making your loved ones awe-inspired. Here are a few tips for creating a beautiful Ambiente:

CHAINS OF LIGHT – Otherwise known as fairy lights, these are a brilliant idea to introduce a warm and cozy setting. Because they have a bright yet warm glow, you will easily conjure up a wonderful feel for all.





GREAT TIP

CANDLES – Another element that will add a dreamy touch is candles. I would recommend – the more, the better! Candles also paint a dreamy yet lively atmosphere that looks remarkable in photos.



"it's all about
the natural light."

My preference as a professional photographer is to work with natural light, saving my artificial light for the party and dance floor. This allows me to work unobtrusively, aligned with the videographer if there is any. I would advise you to avoid bright spots or multiple colored lights. They not only omit the portrayal but also aren't flattering for any skin tone. Keep the tones warm and indirect.

DINNER – After a while, everyone will be eager for the dinner part of your celebration. In order to avoid any shift in the time flow, I would encourage advising your guests to contact the groomsmen if they wish to have something included, like a game or other program shift. When it comes to the dinner reception, there are some things that you need to consider:

FEED THE PHOTOGRAPHER – Because most people do not like to be photographed while eating, this also enables me to grab a bite, rest for a bit, and rearrange my equipment. I would also ask you to ensure my meal is at the same time as the rest of the guests. In that way, I will be ready to return to the following photo moments.

SPEECHES / TOASTS – I will capture this part of your wedding, along with all the candid reactions. The most successful speeches are mostly shorter, slightly humorous, and 3-5 minutes each. Also, I would suggest not having more than 4 through the dinner between the courses. Keep in mind to keep the speakers next to you so that I can capture your genuine reaction as well.





the perfect
time to cutting
the cake.



the cake

The cake is usually cut during the evening reception, often late after dinner. The light won't be ideal to portray it in its full glory, so instead, I recommend cutting it in the afternoon or during cocktail hour. The light will be perfect for photos, and also your guests will love having a sweet pick-me-up instead of a third serving during your reception while they are already full.



first dance

let the party start.

After you've let the newlywed bliss sink in, it is time to open the reception with a magical first dance and highlight your evening. Because the photos of this moment will be another precious visual keepsake, make sure to think about the setting. I would advise avoiding harsh light and various lasers. You can also ask your venue or DJ to switch off the colorful lighting when the first dance comes.

In addition, make sure you choose a spacious area that has a gorgeous backdrop and warm or neutral light (one spotlight is perfectly enough).

You can also create a wonderful and romantic ambiance with fairy lights to savor this unique moment. If you wish to adorn the atmosphere with magical flair, then opt for sparklers – if allowed by your wedding venue. Your loved ones can encircle you with them and create a whimsical scenery.

After the first dance, allow your loved ones to join you on the dance floor. Dance the night away with the best DJ or band and simply enjoy being married. Of course, there is only one rule – once you have ignited the spark of the party, do not interrupt it with other events or surprises. Let the atmosphere lead the way and for the celebration to unfold organically.

The vibe will reach its peak after you have asked your guests to join you. However, to maintain an amazing mood, it is vital to have the best professionals on board. That means you need to hire an outstanding DJ or band. Find someone based on your experience attending other weddings or simply based on recommendations.

GREAT TIP

Band or DJ? I can recommend numerous talented musicians that can evoke the most iconic atmosphere for your special day.



grand exit

end the night on a high note.

Usually, the party ends for the couple by midnight. To end the night on a high note, planning a grand exit will be the crowning glory of your wedding photos. Of course, make sure to share your plans with me so that I can also plan my portrayal and get in the best position to ensnare that magic.

Traditionally, couples opt for sparklers as they add the perfect whimsical touch. It helps to have someone organize your loved ones and hand them the sparklers. As the last song starts, ensure they are in the perfect pose. Take your beloved by the hand and step into your next chapter!

In case your venue doesn't accept sparklers, you can also opt for alternatives. Those can be bubbles, confetti cannons, glow sticks, or something else. If you wish to have bubbles, you would need additional light to illuminate them. This will allow them appear dreamy in the photos I will capture.

As the Grand Exit ends, I will be under the impression of your wonderful wedding and overjoyed for the honor you have given me. Now, I will have a memory stick full of priceless moments just waiting to find their spot in your gallery.

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your emotional journey.

The most amazing event of your life has passed, and I am sure that you are already eager and excited to see your photos. I understand your anticipation; thus, you would be glad to know that I will first provide you with a sneak peek. Even though the wedding season can get incredibly busy, my promise is that you will receive your gallery from 8 to 12 weeks from your day. Make sure to gather all of your loved ones and enjoy the preview of your most iconic day; it will be a surreal and emotional journey.

The photographic portrayal of your wedding day will be a visual keepsake of your most beloved memories. They will be safely stored on your USB stick. However, there is something special and wonderful about having a tangible option to relive them whenever you wish. That is where wedding albums come in! Technology comes and goes, but having printed photos are timeless.

The album will become an heirloom that will be treasured for decades to come. You can sit with your family and flip through the pages whenever you wish. Just imagine, holding your memories in your hands and feeling the beauty of your emotions take over. When it comes to the wedding album, I always value outstanding craftsmanship, and high-quality printing, adopting the highest standards in the industry.

After all, these are your memories, so they have to be printed and displayed perfectly. My aesthetic approach features an amazingly crafted linen cover, finished with a personalized embossed, handmade by a Portuguese manufacturer. The binding is not only very lasting but also stored in a gorgeous wooden box, safely preserving your memories.

Please, don't hesitate to reach out to me for any of your wedding photo album requirements. I would be most excited and wholeheartedly help you curate the most beautiful piece of your special moments.

"beauty is in everything and
everywhere, in smiles and tears,
in sunshine and rain."

OPEN YOUR HEART TO SEE IT



thank you

for trusting me.