

A close-up photograph of a wedding cake. The cake is decorated with several seashells of various sizes and colors (beige, cream, light brown) scattered on top. A white card with elegant calligraphy is placed on the cake, featuring names like "Mr. Kevin", "Daniel", "Frank", "Mrs. Kelly McGrath", and "McDonnell". The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

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The Perfect Wedding Day Timeline

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Hello and welcome

Your wedding timeline will influence so many details about your wedding day especially the photography. To guide you in this important planning process we are offering you an in depth look at two different timelines: a first look and traditional.

Of course, each wedding will have unique needs and variations but these timelines will fit most weddings. If we need to adjust your timeline we will work with your wedding planner and venue to agree on a perfect timeline for you.

All the best,

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STEP ONE

Select a timeline that fits you



WHAT'S A FIRST LOOK

A first look is a special moment reserved just for the bride and groom before all the guests arrive. Instead of seeing each other down the aisle, you will get to meet up with your future spouse for a secret "first look."

Of course, we are there discreetly to capture that beautiful moment and loving embrace of seeing each-other for the first time on the wedding day.

IS A FIRST LOOK RIGHT FOR YOUR WEDDING DAY?

A first look is a perfect way to schedule out the day. A "First Look" timeline allows us to capture all your wedding portraits before your guests even arrive. This means your guest won't have to wait hours for you to show up at the reception. You will be ready to party with your guests as soon as your ceremony ends. Most brides and grooms love the flexibility of the "First Look" Timeline.



HOW TO SELECT THE RIGHT TIMELINE

The best fit for you depends on your venue setup, your personal preferences, and your big dreams.

We are ready to accommodate your needs into a personalized timeline that fits you.

If you're not sure what timeline would best fit your wedding, then just ask. We would be delighted to talk you through all the options.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TIMELINE

Most weddings follow a general timeline of events but of course, each bride and groom is unique so there will be adjustments to the timeline you select.

Based on your venue and other factors we will customize the timeline to fit you perfectly.



The First Look Timeline

This timeline is based off of a 5 pm ceremony start time. This start time is perfect for a first look. Based on your venue and personal preferences we can adjust this timeline to fit your ceremony start time. Use this timeline as a guide to see how much time each event requires on average.



FIRST LOOK TIMELINE

12:00- 12:30 pm BRIDAL DETAILS

Your wedding day will begin with the small details. While you are getting ready we will capture those small, elegant details of your dress, shoes, jewelry, invitations, etc.

After we capture your intimate and sentimental items we will come visit the bridal suite to capture getting ready photos of the bride and bridesmaids.



12:30-1:00 pm BRIDAL PORTRAITS

It's time to get in the dress. Once all the details are photographed we will capture the bride getting dressed with the help of mother and bridesmaids. All bridesmaids should be dressed and ready to go. We will capture additional bridal portraits of the bride at this time.

FIRST LOOK TIMELINE

1:30-2:00 pm THE FIRST LOOK

This is the key part of the wedding day, the first look! This is a special intimate moment reserved just for the bride and groom. We will find a quiet space and capture you seeing each other for the very first time. This is a sweet intimate moment you will cherish for a lifetime.



2:30-3:30 pm BRIDE & GROOM PORTRAITS

After you've had a few moments to connect and love on each other we will take some romantic bride and groom portraits.

Most often, these are our couples' favorite images from the wedding day. They are grand, bold and absolutely beautiful images you will love!

FIRST LOOK TIMELINE

3:30-4:00 pm BRIDAL PARTY PORTRAITS

After wrapping up the bride and groom portraits we will gather the bridal party for group and individual shots. We will capture the bride with her gals, the groom with his guys and then come all together for a set of fun bridal party pictures.

Tips from the pros:

- Everyone should be dressed and have their florals in possession (either bouquet for the girls and boutonniere for the guys)
- Communicate the meeting spot & time to your bridal party so everyone knows where and when to meet up
- Try holding off excessive drinking until after the bridal party images. It will make this process go smoother for everyone



FIRST LOOK TIMELINE

4:00-4:30 pm RECEPTION DETAILS



At this time the bridal party will go into hiding until the ceremony begins. We will use this time to capture detail shots of your venue.

Tip from the pros:

- If your ceremony and reception are at different locations, then consider including a cocktail hour so we can get those untouched details of the reception areas.
- Don't allow your guests into the reception area before it begins, it's more special when everyone see the reception location for the first time together
- During this down time try to relax, eat a snack and use the bathroom before all the big events begin



FIRST LOOK TIMELINE

5:00-5:30 pm CEREMONY

It's ceremony time! Most weddings we photograph are between 30-35 minutes. If your ceremony requires longer just let us know and we will adjust your timeline.

Tips from the pros:

- Consider having an "unplugged" wedding meaning no phones allowed
- Ask your officiant to move to the side during the first kiss



5:30- 6:00 pm FAMILY PORTRAITS

Tips from the pros:

- Ask your officiant to remind immediate family members to hang back and not to proceed to the cocktail hour
- We will send you a questionnaire to gather your shot list. This will tell us about any special family relationships or circumstances to be aware of



FIRST LOOK TIMELINE



6:00-6:30 pm

JUST MARRIED PHOTOS

Immediately after the ceremony we will capture all the family portraits. These photos will be captured in the ceremony area.

Tips from the pros:

- Ask your officiant to remind immediate family members to hang back and not to proceed to the cocktail hour
- We will send you a questionnaire to gather your shot list. This will tell us about any special family relationships or circumstances to be aware of



FIRST LOOK TIMELINE



6:30-10:00 pm

JUST MARRIED PHOTOS

Once all the portraits are complete we will begin the wedding reception. We will capture your bridal party entering the venue and those first special moments.

Tips from the pros:

- Ask your bridal party to think of a fun entrance dance
- Ask the bridal party to pause on the dance floor to capture one grand group shot

10:15 pm

GRAND EXIT

If you are interested in capturing a grand exit there are two options: hire us for additional reception hour coverage if not included in your original package, or plan a faux grand exit.

A faux grand exit is when we gather your guests together to celebrate a magical kiss with sparklers, lights or other props. Need help thinking of a grand exit idea? Just ask and we will happily offer suggestions.

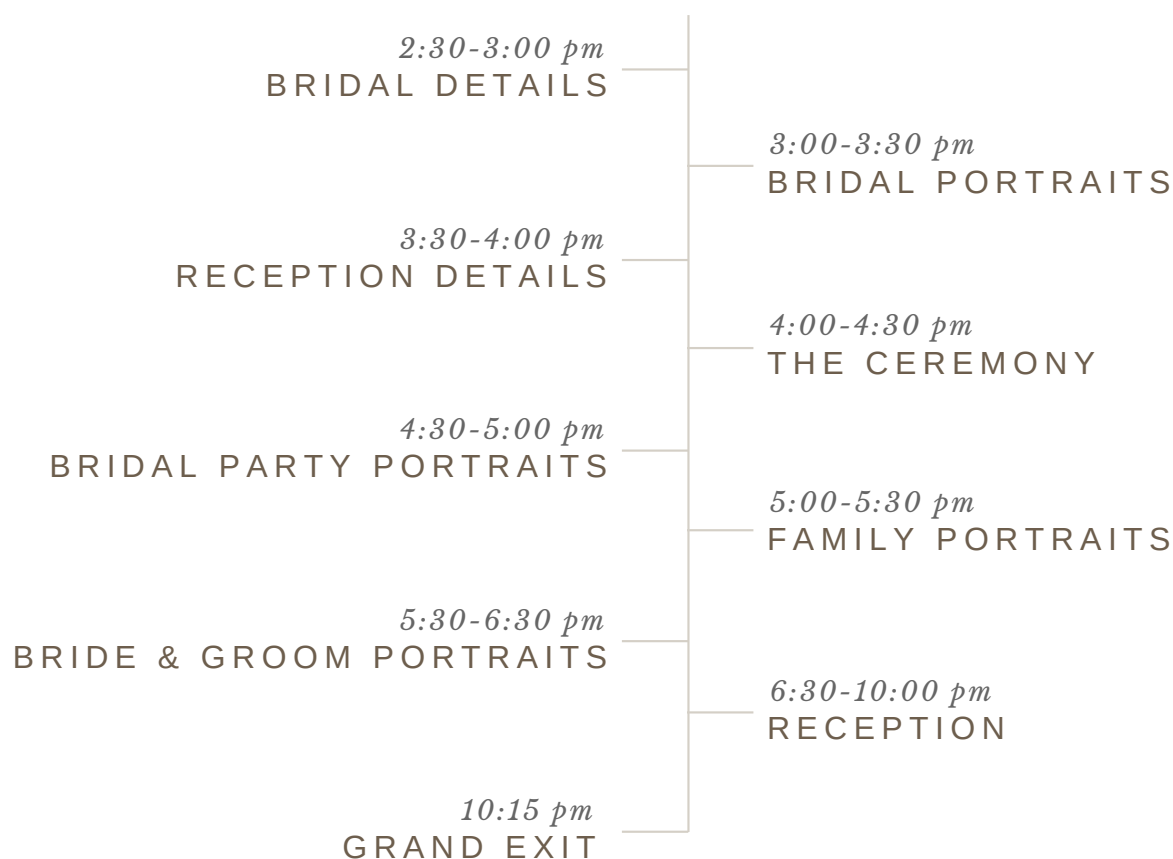
Tips from the pros:

- Use your wedding planner to communicate the plan with your guests
- Have all the props ready for immediate use



Aisle Look Timeline

This timeline is based off of a 4 pm ceremony start time. This start time is perfect for an aisle look. Based on your venue and personal preferences we can adjust this timeline to fit your ceremony start time. Use this timeline as a guide to see how much time each event requires on average.





THANK YOU KINDLY

Please get in touch with any questions about your wedding day
timeline

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