



## WEDDING DAY PLANNING

Below are a couple of suggestions on the sort of coverage you can expect from me with my 8 hour package. The first looks at the traditional wedding where the groom sees the bride for the first time at the ceremony. The second is the ever-popular 'First Look' wherein the majority of portrait photos are done before the ceremony, leaving you with more time to mingle with guests after the ceremony.

### TRADITIONAL

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| Bride Getting Ready<br>12.30pm – 2.30pm                     | 2 hours   |
| Arrival at Ceremony<br>2.30pm – 3.00pm                      | ½ hour    |
| Ceremony<br>3.00pm – 3.30pm                                 | ½ hour    |
| Mingling, Family & Group<br>Photos<br>3.30pm – 5.00pm       | 1 ½ hour  |
| Wedding Party & Couple<br>Portraits<br>5.00pm – 6.30pm      | 1 ½ hours |
| Arrival at Reception, Cake &<br>Speeches<br>6.30pm – 8.30pm | 2 hours   |

### FIRST LOOK

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| Bride Getting Ready<br>12.00pm – 2.30pm                            | 2 ½ hours |
| First Look, Couple & Wedding<br>Party Portraits<br>2.30pm – 4.00pm | 1 ½ hours |
| Ceremony<br>4.00pm – 4.30pm  | ½ hour    |
| Mingling, Family & Group<br>Photos<br>4.30pm – 6.00pm              | 1 ½ hours |
| Arrival at Reception, Cake &<br>Speeches<br>6.00pm – 8.00pm        | 2 hours   |

### Bride Getting Ready

I will arrive at the place where the bride and bridesmaids are getting ready and come say hi! From here I will see if I can help out in any way, and start to just move around the room and capture all sorts of goings on. I will scope out a great spot and grab the shoes and bouquet for some detail shots and be back in time to photograph the bride putting on the dress and getting ready to leave. It would be ideal if the bride were ready about 20 minutes before making her way to the ceremony, so that we can capture some beautiful portraits of just the bride before it is time to head off.

### Arrival at Ceremony

Once everybody is dressed and ready to head off, I will drive carefully at the speed limit to the ceremony (if at a different location). There I will photograph the groom and groomsmen and any other memorable detail shots as we wait for the bridal car to arrive.

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## **Ceremony**

Once the ceremony starts I will shimmy about quietly as you gaze adoringly into each other's eyes. During this time it is exceptionally important that guests are not hanging into the aisle with smart phones and tablets stretched out at arm's length. I would even go so far as to suggest you have an 'unplugged wedding'. You have paid to capture your special day in every way, so in order for me to do my job well I cannot compete with multiple other screens getting in the way. You will receive three photos within 24 hours, that you may publish on social media and share as required.

## **Mingling, Family & Group Photos**

Following the ceremony you will have some time to just breathe and mingle with all your guests as they congratulate you. I will capture all sorts of shots, from teary hugs with the bride, to Uncle Jimmy squeezing the little baby's cheeks in the background. When things start to peter out and guests are chatting amongst themselves I will advise it's time for the group photos. I always start with everybody who is present, then we strip away guests until we are left with close family members. It is important that I have a list of must-have shots at this point. Whether it's with a friend that has travelled from overseas, or the uni graduate mates, this is the time to ensure you are all together.

## **Wedding Party & Couple Portraits**

The fun time. The couple and bridal party get to head off, usually with a few beers and wines in tow, and take some time out from all the excitement of the day. I frequently get asked how long is needed for the portrait photos and I have to stress that an hour is an absolute must. As well as a great selection of varied photographs, it is a time for the couple to relax and have some one-on-one time with their new spouse. It also gives us plenty of time to get to and from locations.

## **Arrival at Reception, Cake & Speeches**

After the portrait session I will head to the reception ahead of the bridal party and capture their arrival. I will also have time to get detail shots of the reception venue before it gets jiggled up by guests! Everyone is seated and most often the speeches are made before dinner is served. Following speeches I will nab the couple for a mock cake cutting and linger around some more taking photos of guests and details, before I quietly say my good-byes and slip away for the night.