



SO you want to know whether 6 hours is enough time to capture every important moment on your wedding day? These sample timelines will help you to think about the flow of your day. They are designed with love by someone who has lived these timelines with hundreds of couples (*me!*).

NOTES

- These timelines assume sunset is at 6:30pm. Photographers base EVERYTHING around good lighting! If your sunset is earlier or later, adjust accordingly.
- There are two versions: with and without a 'first look.' A first look is when you and your love see each other before the ceremony. If you want the big reveal to happen when you walk down the aisle, this probably isn't for you. BUT if you want to dispel nerves early, have more time to enjoy with your future spouse, prioritize joining your guests at cocktail hour, or just want a more spread out timeline... this is a great option! I promise you that even with a first look, walking down the aisle is meaningful and incredibly emotional.
- A 6 hour timeline works best when getting ready / ceremony / reception are all at one venue. If you have travel time from one place to another I can work with you to customize a timeline that would work, or you may opt to add another hour of coverage.
- There are buffers built in. Do you *need* a 15 minute buffer before the ceremony? Do you *need* 15 minutes to move guests to their reception seats? Does dinner *really* take more than an hour? Maybe not, but these are 5-15 minute buffers scattered throughout the timelines to account for hiccups. Delayed ceremony? That's fine! Forgot the bouquet in the suite and need it for photos? No problem. Need a bathroom break before photos? Hey, don't worry. There's a buffer for that.



6-HOUR SAMPLE WEDDING TIMELINE

NO First Look

2pm	Photographer Arrives <i>Yay!</i>
2-3pm	Getting Ready Photos <i>Photographer travels back & forth between you both, photographing important moments like the final sweep of mascara and lip gloss, the shirt and cufflinks going on, donning the dress and veil, tying the tie, pinning the boutonniere on the jacket.</i>
3-3:20pm	Client #1 with their Bridesmaids/Groomsmen <i>We stagger these so you won't see each other! We take a group photo with your side of the wedding party and individual photos of you with each person!</i>
3:25-3:45pm	Client #2 with their Bridesmaids/Groomsmen
4-4:30pm	Ceremony <i>AHH! You're married!</i>
4:30-5:30pm	Cocktail Hour <i>All formal portraits happen: family, wedding party, and newlyweds!</i>
5:30-5:45pm	Transition <i>Guests Seated for Dinner, Wedding Party is Announced, Welcome Toast</i>
5:45-7pm	Dinner <i>Sunset at 6:30pm, giving you 40 minutes to eat before heading outside for more (optional) photos of the two of you!</i>
7-7:30pm	Toasts, Cake Cutting, First Dance, Parent Dances <i>Cake cutting or cake-in-the-face, who knows what we're gonna get?</i>
7:30-8pm	Dance Floor Photos <i>Let the shenanigans begin!</i>
8pm	Photographer Departs <i>Shenanigans continue but are now captured with cell phone cameras ;)</i>

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3-3:10pm	First Look <i>After seeing, hugging, kissing your person we knock out posed photos so you can actually enjoy your cocktail hour - and the fondue that sounded soooooo good.</i>
3:10-3:40pm	Wedding Party Portraits, Family Portraits <i>Posed photos with the wedding party and your immediate families.</i>
4-4:30pm	Ceremony <i>AHH! You're married!</i>
4:30-5:30pm	Cocktail Hour <i>We start with the extended family photos (the big groups!) and then you have a choice: more photos now, or join the party and take more photos at sunset while everyone's finishing dinner.</i>
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