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SAMPLE 8 HOUR WEDDING TIMELINE

Hey there! I hope that you find this sample timeline helpful in planning your dream wedding day. A solid timeline is the foundation of a smooth & successful wedding, and this Sample 8 Hour Timeline is based on what I've learned through photographing countless weddings. Creating a timeline catered to your priorities, and with realistic time in mind, ensures your wedding will flow seamlessly so you can relax & enjoy these once-in-a-lifetime moments.

12:00 PM

PHOTOGRAPHER ARRIVAL

12:00 PM

DETAIL PHOTOS

Photos of your rings, invitation suite, gown, bridesmaids' dresses, jewelry, bouquet, shoes, etc.

12:20 PM

GETTING READY

You & your bridesmaids in your matching robes or sets, finishing touches of makeup, popping champagne, buttoning your dress, first look with bridesmaids, putting on your veil, jewelry, etc.

1:00 PM

BRIDESMAIDS

Group & individual photos with each of your bridesmaids

1:20 PM

BRIDAL PORTRAITS

Your solo bridal portraits

1:40 PM

FIRST LOOK

Doing a first look is completely up to your personal preference, but I do find that my couples that choose to have a first look are always glad they did. A first look allows you to spend most of the day with your spouse rather than being apart until your ceremony.

2:00 PM

FULL WEDDING PARTY

Full wedding party formal & casual group photos

2:15 PM

GROOMSMEN

Group & individual photos with groomsmen

2:30 PM

GROOM'S PORTRAITS

The groom's solo portraits

2:45 PM

FIRST LOOK WITH FATHER OF THE BRIDE

3:00 PM

IMMEDIATE FAMILY PHOTOS

3:30 PM

CEREMONY & RECEPTION SPACE DETAIL PHOTOS

Detail photos of your ceremony & reception spaces fully set up

4:00 PM

CEREMONY

4:30 PM

CEREMONY WRAP. EXTENDED FAMILY PHOTOS

Guests head to cocktail hour

5:00 PM

GOLDEN HOUR COUPLE PORTRAITS

5:30 PM

RECEPTION ENTRANCE

Entering your reception and going immediately into your first dance is what I recommend to automatically create a celebratory, lively feeling for your reception.

5:40 PM

DINNER IS SERVED

6:15 PM

TOASTS & SPEECHES

Having your toasts & parent dances as dinner come to an end provides a nice transition to the rest of your reception

6:30 PM

PARENT DANCES

Father / daughter, mother / son

6:40 PM

DANCE FLOOR OPENS

7:00 PM

CAKE CUTTING

7:30 PM

BOUQUET & GARTER TOSS

8:00 PM

FAKE SEND OFF