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Your Wedding

As your wedding day approaches, you may start to feel a range of emotions - excitement, anticipation, and maybe even a little bit of nervousness. But above all, this day is about celebrating the love between you and your partner, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

As your photographer, my goal is to capture the beauty and magic of your special day. From the soft morning light as you get ready, to the laughter and joy of your ceremony, to the tender moments between you and your partner as you dance the night away - every detail of your wedding day is worth remembering.

As you look back on your wedding album in the years to come, you'll be transported back to this day of love and celebration. You'll be able to relive every moment, from the first kiss to the last dance, and remember the joy that you felt surrounded by your loved ones.

So let's work together to create a dreamy and unforgettable wedding album that tells the story of your love. I am honored to be a part of your special day, and I can't wait to capture the magic that unfolds.



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Introduction





Imagine Your Dream Wedding...

Close your eyes and picture your dream wedding...

What does it look like?

Weddings are a celebration of love, commitment, and the start of a new chapter in your life. However, when it comes to planning your big day, there are many factors to consider.

One of the most significant decisions you'll need to make is whether to opt for an elaborate wedding, an adventure elopement or something in between (think big DIY backyard wedding).

Here are some advantages of each style of wedding and what you need to bear in mind when planning them.

Elaborate Weddings

An elaborate wedding is a traditional, formal, and often lavish event that typically includes a large guest list, a ceremony and reception in a beautiful venue, and various traditions like the first dance and bouquet toss.

Here are some advantages of an elaborate wedding:

Opportunity to celebrate with friends and family: An elaborate wedding allows you to celebrate your special day with all your friends and family, creating unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime.

Ability to personalise the event: With a large wedding, there are numerous opportunities to personalize the event, including customising the decor, music, food, and drinks, among other things.

Formality and Tradition: Elaborate weddings often adhere to cultural and traditional practices, providing a sense of formality & elegance.

Things to Consider:

Budget: Elaborate weddings can be expensive, and the cost can quickly add up. Be sure to have a clear idea of your budget, prioritize what matters most to you, and plan accordingly!

Guest List Management: Managing the guest list can be a significant undertaking, especially when inviting a large number of people. Make sure to communicate with your guests and provide all the necessary information regarding the event.

Venue Selection: Finding the right venue that can accommodate your needs and preferences is crucial, especially for an elaborate wedding. Plan well in advance and consider factors such as location, capacity, accessibility, and cost.





Adventure Elopements

Adventure elopements are a growing trend in weddings, and for a reason! Elopements involve couples exchanging their vows in unique and intimate locations with a small group of guests *or* even alone.

Here are some advantages of an adventure elopement:

Unforgettable Experience: Adventure elopements provide a unique and unforgettable experience, allowing you to exchange vows in breathtaking and off-the-beaten-path locations that you and your partner will cherish forever.

Affordability: Adventure elopements can be more affordable than elaborate weddings as you're not paying for a lavish venue and a big guest list. This allows you to save money *or* allocate more funds towards an unforgettable experience, for you as a couple!

Flexibility: Adventure elopements offer more flexibility and freedom, allowing you to tailor the experience to your preferences and avoid the stress and pressure of planning a large event.

Things to Consider:

Legal Requirements: This depends on your location/country, but make sure you've got all the necessary documentation, *before* you get married!

Logistics and Planning: Adventure elopements require careful planning and logistics, including travel, accommodation, and vendor arrangements. Plan well in advance, and consider hiring a wedding planner or coordinator to assist you.

Guest List: If you plan to invite guests, make sure to communicate your expectations and needs clearly. Be prepared for the possibility that some guests may not be able to attend a unique location.

DIY Wedding

Another option to consider is having a big wedding but doing a lot of DIY to keep the costs down. This approach allows you to have a large wedding celebration with all your loved ones while keeping the budget in check.

Here are some advantages of having a DIY wedding:

Cost Savings: By doing things yourself, such as making your decorations, favours, and centerpieces, you can save a significant amount of money on the overall wedding expenses.

Personalisation: DIY weddings allow you to put a personal touch on all aspects of the wedding. You can create unique and personalised details that reflect your personalities and style.

Bonding Experience: Planning and executing a DIY wedding can be a bonding experience for you and your partner, family, and friends. It can create memories and stories to cherish for a lifetime.

Things to Consider:

Time and Effort: DIY weddings require a significant amount of time and effort, from sourcing materials to crafting and assembling the decor. Make sure to have a clear plan and schedule in place, and enlist the help of family and friends if needed. You'll need an army of creatives for this project, trust us.

Expertise and Skills: Depending on what you want to DIY, some projects may require specific skills or expertise. Consider your strengths and limitations and plan accordingly.

Logistics: Some DIY projects may be time-sensitive or require specific tools or equipment. Make sure to plan well in advance and ensure that you have everything you need to complete the projects.





Now you've decided on your wedding, lets get to the finer details...

Keep It Organised

- Keep *all* your notes together in a wedding planner (or an app) so you don't loose track of appointment reminders and important details
- Make a wedding email address so *ALL* wedding related correspondence is easy to track down - our favourite hack
- Download a wedding planning app to track everything as you go
- Write it Down: This is my expertise, *no really*, i obsessively write lists, *but they help!* Putting your thoughts on paper can help you feel more organised & in control. Make a list of everything you need to do for your wedding. It may seem daunting but it's better than dealing with it all yourself.
- Clear Communication: Communication is key when planning a wedding. Be open and honest with your vendors, bridesmaids, and partner. Pictures are an amazing way to show people what you do and don't love!

Keep It Simple

When planning a wedding, it's natural to feel a little overwhelmed but that doesn't mean the process has to be anything less than enjoyable. Take it back to basics and think about what you want YOUR day to be!

Budget - Sit down together and set a realistic budget for your day!

Your vision - Remember those dreams you had as a kid? Don't let those dreams fade away, but factor in your partners hopes and dreams for the day too!

Delegate: If your friends and family offer to help with your wedding preparations, take them up on it! People love to help, and this is one of those times you're best to accept the help! Maybe leave your wild-card friend out for this one though.

Back-Up Plan: Most of us plan for mid 20's sunshine with a little bit of a cool breeze for our weddings. Unfortunately very few of us win the wedding weather jackpot! Plan for the worst case scenario and hope that you don't have to use it! Imagine you're getting hitched in your rainy-weather backup hall - is it what you envisioned or could it use a bit of love?

Choosing Vendors: It's important to establish a relationship with your vendors. Set up a meeting/phone call with them and take the time to ask **all the questions** you need to feel comfortable. Make sure you have the same vision & vibe as them!

Bridal party - The ones you've been through it all with. You know they'll be there when the nerves kick in or to wipe your tears away, *not just for the partying!*

Guest list - Invite those you couldn't spend the day without; don't let pressure from family & friends get to you on this one. If an elopements more your thing, definitely don't let pressure from family & friends get to you!



Do's & Dont's

DO

1. Do prioritise what's most important to you and your partner
2. Do communicate clearly with your vendors and wedding party
3. Do take breaks and make time for self-care to avoid getting overwhelmed
4. Do have a backup plan for outdoor or weather-dependent events
5. Remember to book in your free engagement sessions with Victoria Jayne Photography
6. Do consider incorporating personal touches that reflect your personalities or relationship
7. Do take the time to thank your guests and show appreciation for their presence
8. Do make sure to eat and stay hydrated throughout the day
9. Do have a plan for transportation, especially if you're hosting events at multiple locations

DONT

1. Don't forget to consider your guests' needs and comfort
2. Don't compare your wedding to others - focus on what's meaningful to you and your partner
3. Don't be afraid to say no to things that don't align with your vision or budget
4. Don't forget to enjoy the lead up to the day and the day itself - take time to soak in all the special moments
5. Don't let small issues or imperfections ruin your day - focus on the big picture
6. Don't forget to get plenty of rest leading up to the wedding day
7. Don't ignore your partner's wishes or opinions - remember that it's a celebration of your relationship together
8. Don't assume that everything will go perfectly - prepare for potential hiccups or delays
9. Don't forget to have fun and enjoy the celebration



Children At Weddings

When it comes to planning a wedding, it's important to consider the needs of all your guests, including children. One way to make your wedding more enjoyable for both parents and kids is to provide a comfortable and fun space for children to relax and reset throughout the day!

- Happy kids mean happy parents - When children are comfortable and entertained, parents can relax and enjoy the wedding without having to constantly worry about their little ones! Another glass of bubbly? Yes please!
- More enjoyable for all guests - Having a dedicated space for children means they won't be running around or making noise during the ceremony or reception, which can be distracting for other guests
- Keeps kids occupied - A kid-friendly zone can include games, toys, and activities to keep children entertained, which means they are less likely to get bored or restless
- Allows parents to participate in all aspects of the wedding - If parents know their children are in good hands, they can participate in all aspects of the wedding, including the ceremony, speeches, and dancing
- Adds a special touch to your wedding - A designated kid-friendly zone or babysitter shows that you care about the needs of all your guests, which can make your wedding even more memorable and special

Overall, creating a comfortable and fun space for children at your wedding can make a **big** difference in the overall experience for everyone, and really let you get loose and enjoy yourselves!!





Writing Your Wedding Vows

Writing unique wedding vows can be a daunting task, but it's also an opportunity to show off your personality, sense of humor, and commitment to your partner. Really sit down and think about your relationship in depth before writing your unique vows:

Reflect on your relationship: Start by reflecting on your journey as a couple and the things you love about each other. Think about the key moments, memories, and feelings that you want to express in your vows.

Start with a story: Use humor and start your vows with a funny story about your relationship. It could be about how you met, your first date, or a funny mishap that happened between you.

This will set the tone for your vows and make them more personal.
Incorporate inside jokes: If you and your partner have any inside jokes or shared experiences, consider incorporating them into your vows. This will make your vows even more personal and special.

Your vows should also include promises to your partner. These promises can be serious or funny, as long as they're heartfelt and genuine.

Edit and refine: Once you have a rough draft, review & refine it. Think about the structure of your vows, and consider adding a few anecdotes or specific promises that are unique to your relationship.

Practice, practice, practice: Once you have your vows written, practice reading them out loud. This will help you feel more comfortable when it's time to say them in front of your partner and your guests.

Remember, the most important thing is to be true to yourself and your relationship. Don't try to force humour if it doesn't come naturally to you. Just speak from the heart and let your love, personality, and sense of humor shine through.



Wedding Day



Outdoor Ceremonies

Outdoor ceremonies are stunning. I've seen some magnificent back drops: kilometres of lush rainforest; rolling mountains; fog rolling through the trees & around the alter; even Mount Warning right behind the bride and groom.

When you're planning your outdoor ceremony, you'll need to factor in the possibility of harsh sunlight and the possibility of pouring rain.

Harsh Sunlight and How to Combat it:

The mid-day sun can create harsh and unflattering shadows, which can be especially problematic if you're standing directly in the sunlight. To avoid this issue, one solution is to position the ceremony in a way that the officiant or altar is back-lit by the sun. This will create more even light and prevent harsh shadows from falling on the couple's faces.

Another consideration for outdoor ceremonies is the presence of spotted light, which can occur when sunlight filters through trees or other objects. To eliminate this issue, consider having the ceremony in a shaded area, such as under a canopy or a large tree. This will create more even lighting and prevent harsh shadows from forming.

What to do when it's raining on your day:

There's two main options here. First off, having a plan B is your best bet. Making sure it's a place you'd be HAPPY to get married, somewhere that is as equally beautiful as your outdoor location. This is a MUST. If you go into your wedding with realistic expectations, you likely aren't going to be disappointed.

Your second option: I've photographed this a few times (and i personally LOVE it) is umbrellas (genius, right?!). Have enough clear umbrellas (or matching umbrellas) on hand for your guests and continue your wedding outside as planned. There's something wildly romantic about photos out in the rain, and a love that withstands even the roughest storms. Plus, the photos turn out GORGEOUS!!



Your Timeline

We go over & fine tune your timeline together to ensure you're making the most of your photography/videography time that you've booked us for. We take into account your planned reception time, the golden hour & sunset time on your special day, and how long you've booked us for so you're truly making the most out of this investment!

Some important factors to consider when making your timeline:

- Always have a realistic timeline of your day - some things will always take longer than expected but some things will be quicker. Being flexible on this is key for the smooth running of your day
- Enlist help; having someone in charge of gathering your guests for the group photos directly after the ceremony will help keep the timeline on track
- Make a list of your group photos you'd like on the day (with family and friends before you're whisked away for your bridal portraits) and bear in mind you'll be in these photos and they can take up to 30 minutes
- Factor in your sunset time when considering your reception start time! The lighting right before sunset is MAGIC and you will get photos you'll cherish forever during this time
- When photographing Bride/Groom prep, we normally allocate 30-45 minutes for the guys and up to 2 hours for the girls. Having all of your important details set aside will save us time when we arrive and allow more time for photographing pre-wedding jitters! Bride - think dress, shoes, bouquet, perfume, ring, jewellery, sentimental belongings, wedding invitations, bridesmaid dresses & any presents. Grooms - think suits, ties, shoes, belts, cologne, rings, buttonholes, socks & any presents
- Reception - If you get your formalities out of the way sooner, then you can get down to partying the night away sooner
- Think about having a sparkler first dance instead of a sparkler exit! This way, your guests will still all be at full energy and involved. Towards the end of the night, your guests may be feeling tired or may have started peeling off to take the kids home and the photos may not have the same energy



Unplugged Ceremonies

Unplugged ceremonies are becoming the new normal, and wedding photographers around the world are sighing with relief!

It's your day and everything should be 100% how you want it, so if you want your guests to photograph you during the ceremony, that's totally your call! But if you're on the fence or you haven't really given it any thought before now, here's a couple of benefits:

- Guests get to experience your wedding through their own eyes and not through their camera phone
- When you get back your professional wedding photos and video, they won't be spoiled with dozens of arms anchoring their phones into the aisles to get photos of you that, will probably get lost in the black hole of their iphone photo folder

If you're keen on unplugged, here's how you can enforce it politely to your guests:

- Having the celebrant speak out to all of the guests prior to the ceremony beginning and asking your guests to keep their phones in their pockets (you can even go one further here and get the celebrant to ask your guests not to post any photos of you online before you do!)
- Having a welcome sign that asks guests to keep their phones to themselves until after the ceremony





The Morning Of

Wedding days *can* be stressful, which is why it's important to try and stay relaxed and calm in the morning leading up to the ceremony. Here's some tips to help you stay relaxed:

1. Wake up early: Give yourself plenty of time in the morning to get ready without feeling rushed or stressed. Try to wake up at least 4 hours before the ceremony so you have time to eat, get ready, and relax
2. Practice deep breathing or meditation: Take a few minutes to yourself to practice deep breathing or meditation. This can help calm your nerves and clear your mind before the chaos of the day
3. Eat a healthy breakfast: It's important to fuel your body with a healthy breakfast to keep your energy levels up throughout the day. Try to eat something light and nutritious, such as fruit, yogurt, or whole grain toast
4. Surround yourself with positive people, *your tribe*: Spend time with people who make you feel calm and supported. Avoid people who may add stress or drama to the day
5. Listen to calming music: Create a playlist of calming music to listen to while you're getting ready. This can help create a relaxing atmosphere and keep you in a positive mindset
6. Stay hydrated: Drinking plenty of water can help keep you feeling refreshed and energized. Make sure to stay hydrated throughout the day, *especially* when you start throwing back some morning champagne
7. Take breaks: If you start to feel overwhelmed or stressed, take a break. Go for a walk or do something that relaxes you

Remember that your wedding day is a celebration of your love and commitment, so focus on the fact that you are *marrying your best friend!!*

Pets & Weddings

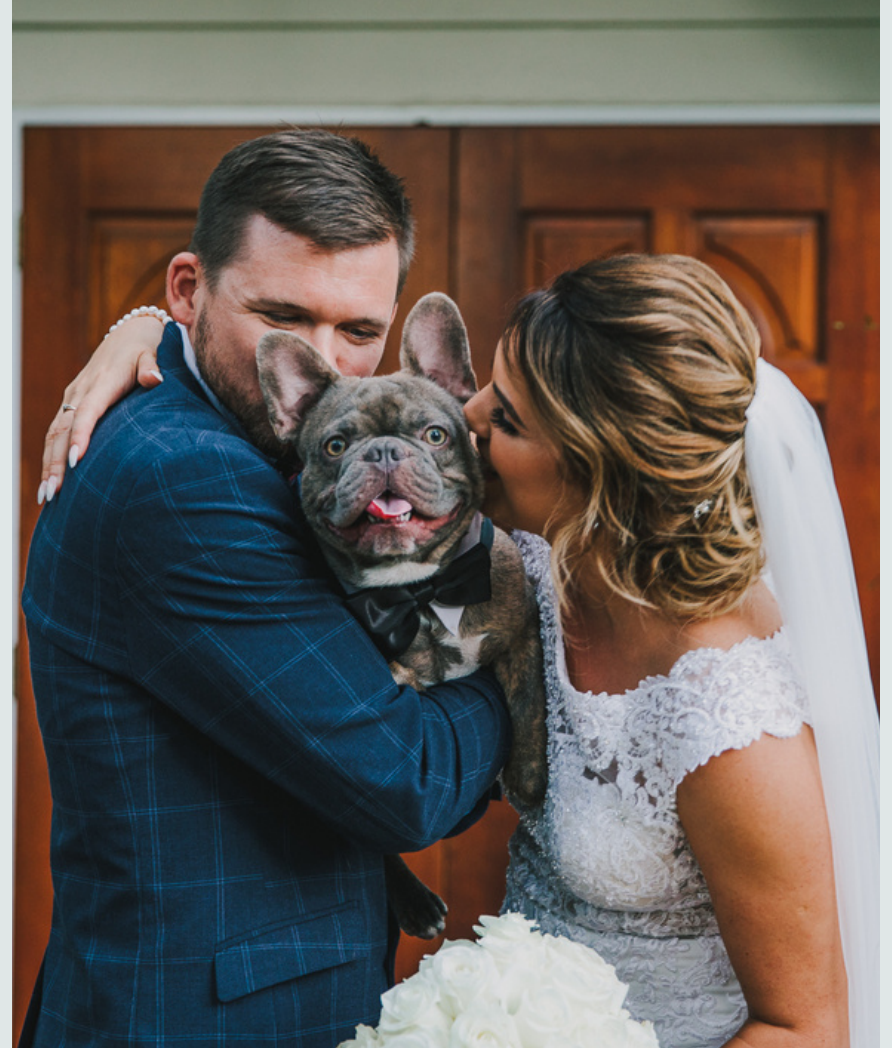
Imagine the joy on your guests' faces when they see your furry friend walking down the aisle in a bowtie or being carried by a flower girl/ring bearer. Your dog can even have a special role in the wedding ceremony, such as being the ring bearer or simply standing by your side as you exchange your vows!

Not only will your dog bring a fun and playful energy to your wedding, but they can also provide emotional support and comfort during what can be a stressful and overwhelming day. Plus, the memories of your furry friend being a part of your special day will be treasured for a lifetime.

Including your dog in your wedding is a perfect way to show how much they mean to you and to make them feel like a true member of the family. So why not let your pup join in on the fun and celebration of your love?

Before rocking up with your pup on the day of your wedding, there's a few things to consider:

- It's important to consider your dog's temperament, behavior, and ability to handle the stress and excitement of the event
- It's also important to ensure that your wedding venue allows dogs to be on the premises, so make sure to get consent





Pet Assistants

If you're considering including your dog in your wedding but you're worried about the added responsibility, hiring a pet assistant can be the perfect solution to take the stress out of the day. The right pet assistant will ensure that your furry friend is well-cared for and can handle any unforeseen issues that may arise. Perfect, right?

A pet assistant can help with tasks such as walking and feeding your dog, making sure they stay hydrated, and ensuring they are comfortable throughout the day. They can also take care of any necessary clean-up or grooming to make sure your dog looks and smells their best.

Having a pet assistant on hand can also give you peace of mind knowing that your dog is in good hands and can allow you to fully enjoy your wedding day without worrying about your pet. They can handle any unexpected situations that may arise, such as if your dog gets too excited or nervous, or if they need a break from the festivities.

When choosing a pet assistant, make sure to look for someone who is experienced with dogs and has a calm and patient demeanor. It's also important to discuss any special needs or requirements your dog may have ahead of time to ensure your pet assistant is fully prepared.

Hiring a pet assistant can help make including your dog in your wedding day a stress-free and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. It can be a great way to make sure your furry friend is well-cared for while also allowing you to fully enjoy your special day! Smiles and tail wags all around!



Summer VS Winter Wedding

When it comes to wedding planning on the Gold Coast, one of the biggest decisions you'll need to make is choosing the right season for your big day. The Gold Coast offers a year-round mild climate with plenty of sunshine, making it a popular destination for weddings.

Winter weddings on the Gold Coast are a fantastic choice for couples looking to tie the knot in a cozy and picturesque setting. Thanks to the milder temperatures and lower chances of rain, you can enjoy the stunning beaches, rainforests, and gardens as backdrops for your special day.

If you're considering an outdoor event, make sure to keep your guests warm and toasty with blankets, heaters, and warm drinks like mulled wine. For the reception, indoor venues can offer a cozy atmosphere for your guests to enjoy hearty soups and hot meals.

Spring & Summer weddings on the Gold Coast are ideal with the beautiful outdoor settings and stunning beach locations. However, bear in mind the soaring temperatures in January and February, it's crucial to ensure your guests are comfortable.

Providing shade umbrellas, fans, and refreshing cold drinks is a great way to beat the heat and keep everyone happy. And when it comes to food, light and refreshing options like salads and fruit platters are sure to be a hit!



Embracing The Rain

Living on the Gold Coast, we definitely have our fair share of summer storms, and they're becoming even more unpredictable. That's why you should prepare for rain, *just in case!*

As a wedding photographer, I can tell you that there is something truly romantic about rain on a wedding day. While some couples may view rain on their big day as a disappointment or an inconvenience, I believe it adds a unique and intimate atmosphere to the occasion.

One of the benefits of rain on a wedding day is that it creates a cosy and intimate atmosphere. When the weather is miserable, it naturally draws people closer together and fosters a sense of closeness and togetherness. This can be especially lovely for outdoor ceremonies, as the rain adds a touch of drama and makes the moment feel more special and memorable.

In addition to creating a cosy atmosphere, rain can also make for some truly stunning photographs. The soft, diffuse light that rain creates is perfect for portraits and can result in some truly ethereal and romantic images. The rain itself can also be a beautiful and dramatic element to include in photographs, whether it's raindrops on a window or the couple dancing through puddles.

Another advantage of rain on a wedding day is that it can be a great opportunity to get creative with your wedding day plans. If the weather doesn't allow for an outdoor ceremony or reception, you can move the festivities indoors and make the most of the opportunity to create a cosy, intimate atmosphere.

While rain on a wedding day may not be part of the original plan, it can actually add a touch of romance and intimacy to the occasion. As a photographer, I'm always excited to see what beautiful and unique images the rain will bring, and I have no doubt that it'll be a special and memorable part of your big day!



Last Things To Consider!

There is A LOT to plan for a wedding, which is why it's good to make a list of important tasks for your wedding, and to delegate delegate delegate! Even still, here are some commonly forgotten items/jobs pre-wedding!

To Arrange:

- Arranging transportation for guests & wedding party
- Assigning someone to gather and secure gifts
- Getting gifts for parents and wedding party
- Vendor meals

Remembering:

- Cake cutting set
- Cake topper
- Card box
- Wedding Invitation for bridal preparation photos
- Veil or special jewellery
- Marriage license
- Nice hangers for photos of the dress
- Pens for the guest book
- Phone chargers
- Printed copies of your vows (the celebrant may have these)
- Table numbers
- Bring a robe or button down shirt for hair and makeup
- Wedding day emergency kit
- Writing a “thank you” speech for the reception

Looking After YOU:

- Getting a good night's sleep before the wedding
- Eating a healthy breakfast
- Taking time to eat dinner with your new husband/wife
- Relax and fully enjoy the day!





Photography & Post Wedding





Why I Don't Make You Pose

As a wedding photographer, my goal is to capture the special moments of your day in a way that reflects your unique personalities and relationship. One of the reasons why I don't make you pose is because I believe that the best photos come from capturing natural, candid moments.

When you feel relaxed and comfortable, you're more likely to be yourself and show your true emotions. That's why trust is the most important thing when it comes to getting great photos. When you trust me to capture your special moments, I'm able to guide and direct you to create the photos you'll love.

Instead of posing, I prefer to create a relaxed and fun environment that allows you to enjoy your day without worrying about getting the perfect shot. I'll be there to capture all the little moments that make your wedding day unique, from the laughter and tears to the spontaneous hugs and kisses.

Of course, there will be some moments when I may suggest a pose or direction to ensure we capture the best possible shot. But my focus is always on creating a natural and authentic representation of your day, rather than a series of forced and awkward poses.

Ultimately, my goal is to create beautiful and timeless photos that reflect your love and relationship. By trusting me to capture your special moments, you'll have a collection of photos that you'll cherish for a lifetime!

Wedding Photo Delivery

One of the first things you can expect is a sneak peek of some of the most stunning photos from your wedding day within 48 hours.

This sneak peek is a great way to share your special moments with your friends and family on your socials, and it'll give you a glimpse into the beautiful images that are yet to come!

After that, I will carefully select and edit photos from throughout your day to create a personalised storytelling album of images.


Depending on the size and complexity of your wedding, this process can take anywhere from a few weeks to a couple of months. Rest assured, I'll let you know when your photos are almost ready, eek!

Overall, after your wedding day, you can expect a beautiful collection of photos that capture the love, joy, and emotions of your special day.

I'm honoured to be a part of every wedding journey and I look forward to creating beautiful memories *for you* that will last a lifetime.





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