

## SAMPLE TIMELINE FOR TRADITIONAL WEDDINGS



I should note first off that everyone's timeline will be different based on the circumstances of their day. Portrait times take longer for larger bridal parties/families/guests. If there is travel involved, make sure to take note of how long it will get from A to B, and add 5-10 minutes of padding on top of that to account for unexpected traffic, people running behind, etc. Also keep in mind this is just purely an example to study or use as a jumping off point, but times can be adjusted accordingly depending on your preferences.

### Example Date & Location -

Date: August 19th

Location: Aspen, CO

Do you have an anchored time for your ceremony (ie: the venue only has x time available)? If so, adjust your timeline accordingly based on the ceremony start time.

If your ceremony time is up to you and flexible, Google "Your date Sunset time in Your Location". For this example, sunset time in Aspen on August 19th is predicted to be at 7:57pm.

Generally 8pm is getting a little late to start dinner, so consider arranging it so that your guests are in some phase of eating dinner at this time, and sneak away for 15 minutes or so to get sunset photos with your photographer.

Here would be my suggestion for a timeline for this particular day/situation:

(I find it easier to work backwards)

**8:00:** Finish sunset portraits. Return to reception. Timeline then determined by DJ and/or planner.

**7:40:** Sneak away for sunset portraits. (20 min.)

**7:00:** Enter reception / begin dinner service.

**6:45:** Finish portraits of Bride & Groom

**6:15:** Begin portraits of Bride & Groom (30 min.)

**5:50:** Bridal party portraits. *\*Portrait times also fluctuate depending on the size of your bridal party/how many different poses/images you'd like of them in your final product. I find 25 minutes generally to be plenty of time.* (25 min.)

**5:30:** Family portraits. *\*Portrait times for family can fluctuate depending on the size of your family/how many individual break-downs you'd like. I find 20 minutes to be average.* (20 min.)

**5:15:** End Ceremony. *\*This example does not include time for a receiving line, but make sure to add in 15-20 minutes if you are planning on incorporating this into your day. Guests love to talk to the bride & groom and they usually end up taking longer than couples may predict.*

**4:45:** Begin ceremony (30 min.)

**4:15:** Finish groom & groomsmen portraits

**3:45:** Begin groom & groomsmen portraits. (30 min.)

**3:30:** End bride & bridesmaids portraits. Transition time over to groom & groomsmen (15 min.)

**3:00:** Begin bride & bridesmaids portraits. (30 min.)

**2:30:** Be dressed and ready for portraits. I'd give this 30 minutes of padding between when you \*plan\* on being ready, and when you start portraits. This is because the getting ready process almost always runs late. (30 min. To get into dress, put on shoes/jewelry/etc.)

**2:00** Hair & make-up finished.

**TBD-** Start hair & make-up. *\*This totally depends on how many bridesmaids there are.*

\*I've added in 30 minutes each for portraits of the separate bridal parties before the ceremony, as this is something commonly done at weddings where couples wait to see each other but want to try and get some of the portraiture out of the way. This is to cut down on the time spent on photos after the ceremony/before the reception. It is however not mandatory at all, and can easily be done after the ceremony- just with far less time spent on each individual side.

As this is just a sample, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask me about your specific timeline! I'm here to help in any way I can, and work with 99% of my couples on crafting or affirming their itinerary.