

PLANNING TOGETHER

Your Wedding Day Timeline

A flexible guide to help the day feel effortless.

Every wedding runs differently. Use this as a starting point, then build the final schedule around your ceremony time, photography plan and celebration style.

TOGETHER

It is never just about two people.

How to Use This Guide

Start with the ceremony time and work backwards. Hair, makeup, travel and photography nearly always take longer than expected, so include breathing room.

The golden rule

Do not plan every part of the day to the minute. A strong timeline creates structure while leaving enough space for real moments to happen.

- Share one final version with your venue and key suppliers.
- Include names and mobile numbers for the main contacts.
- Allow travel time plus a realistic delay buffer.
- Plan time to eat before the ceremony.
- Keep speeches and formalities in a clear order.
- Nominate one person to keep the timeline moving.

Sample Timeline: 1.00pm Ceremony

7.00am	Hair and makeup begins for the first members of the wedding party.
8.00am	Breakfast arrives. Everyone eats and keeps water nearby.
9.30am	Photographer arrives for details and preparation photographs.
10.30am	Flowers and buttonholes are delivered and checked.
11.00am	Partner and wedding party begin arriving at the venue.
11.30am	Final dressing and portraits.
12.15pm	Leave for the ceremony or prepare to move to the ceremony space.
1.00pm	Ceremony begins.
1.40pm	Congratulations, confetti and group photographs.
2.00pm	Drinks reception and canapés.
2.15pm	Couple portraits and family photographs.
3.30pm	Guests are invited to take their seats.
3.45pm	Wedding party entrance.
4.00pm	Dinner service begins.
6.15pm	Speeches.
7.15pm	Room turnaround, freshen up and evening guests arrive.
8.00pm	Cake cutting and first dance.
8.15pm	Band or DJ begins.

10.30pm

Evening food.

Late

One last dance, then retreat to the Caravaggio Suite.

Build Your Own Timeline

Complete the first column, then agree who is responsible for each step.

The People Who Need the Timeline

- Your wedding coordinator or venue contact.
- Photographer and videographer.
- Ceremony celebrant or officiant.
- Hair and makeup teams.
- Transport providers.
- Band, DJ and entertainment.
- Wedding party and the person responsible for keeping things moving.

Keep one final version

Avoid sending multiple slightly different timelines. Save the approved version as a PDF, add the date to the file name and send that single version to everyone.

Final Timeline Notes