

LA VÈRE STUDIO

A Guide to Your Summer Wedding Day Coverage

THE WEDDING DAY TIMELINE · SUMMER

EXAMPLE TIMELINE

PHASE 1 PREPARATIONS

TIME	MOMENT	COVERAGE
12:00	Photographer Arrival	Photographer arrives and starts with venue setup and detail coverage, including decor, florals, table styling, stationery, rings, perfume, shoes, dress, suit details, signature details, and any meaningful bridal and groom accessories. This also allows time to capture the ceremony and reception setup before guests begin arriving.
13:00	Bride & Bridesmaids Getting Ready	Soft, candid preparation coverage while the bridal party is getting ready and final hair and makeup details are being completed. This includes pajama and robe photos, bridal party moments, finishing touches, natural interactions, and relaxed in-between moments with the bride and bridesmaids.
14:00	Groom & Groomsmen Getting Ready	Relaxed groom and groomsmen moments before the ceremony, including whiskey or beer shots, a toast with the best man, laughs with the groomsmen, casual group interactions, final hype moments, and natural behind-the-scenes coverage before everyone heads to the ceremony.
15:00 – 16:00	Bride Fully Dressed	Bride gets into her dress, followed by dress reveal moments, finishing touches, emotional interactions with loved ones, bridal portraits, selected bridal party photographs, and any planned first looks before the ceremony.

PHASE 2 CEREMONY & PORTRAITS

TIME	MOMENT	COVERAGE
16:00 – 16:45	Wedding Ceremony	Full ceremony coverage, carefully documenting the processional, formalities, vows, ring exchange, first kiss, signing, reactions, and emotional highlights of the moment.
16:45 – 17:00	Canapés & Guest Mingling	Natural guest candids and celebratory interactions during the immediate post-ceremony atmosphere, including congratulations, hugs, mingling, and relaxed guest moments.
17:00 – 17:30	Family & Friends Portraits	Organised family and close-friend portraits based on the photo list discussed with the couple. This includes immediate family, important family groupings, and selected friend photographs.
17:30 – 17:50	Bridal Party Portraits	Elegant and playful bridal party portraits with a clean, editorial feel. This includes full bridal party photos, bridesmaids and groomsmen groupings, and relaxed interaction-based moments.
17:50 – 18:30	Couple Portrait Session	Romantic couple portraits during the best light of the long summer afternoon, allowing for a calm, refined, and visually beautiful session before the reception formalities begin.

PHASE 3 RECEPTION & FORMALITIES

TIME	MOMENT	COVERAGE
18:30	Grand Entrance	The bridal party entrance followed by the couple being welcomed into the reception.
18:40	Speeches	Toasts and speeches captured with focus on emotion, reactions, atmosphere, and the people involved in each moment.
19:00	Dinner Service	A gentle transition into the evening while the reception settles and guests are served.
19:45	Cake Cutting	Coverage of the cake cutting and the surrounding celebration, including reactions and candid moments.
20:00	First Dance	The first dance, opening the dance floor for the evening celebration.
20:15	Bouquet & Garter Toss	Traditional reception activities, where these are part of the day and included in the planned formalities.
20:30 – 21:00	Open Dance Floor & Celebration	Lively candid coverage of the dance floor and the energy of the evening, including guest interactions, movement, atmosphere, and fun celebration moments.

A NOTE FROM US

This timeline serves purely as an example to work from. It is not your final wedding day timeline, but rather a guide to help you plan the flow of your day, seasonal lighting, and the formalities you may wish to include.

Every love story deserves to be beautifully remembered.

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