



ULTIMATE WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDE

**PLANNING PICTURE-PERFECT
MOMENTS**

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The path to become a professional photographer was not an obvious one for me. I've always been fascinated by photography, but never dreamed that path was within reach for me. I was studying to be an engineer in sustainable energy and started working at a consultancy firm right after university. But when Quanti and I decided to move back to California from my hometown in Sweden, I had to rethink my career path, and I've never looked back.

INTRODUCTION

PLANNING YOUR WEDDING CAN BE OVERWHELMING, BUT YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY SHOULDN'T BE. THIS GUIDE PROVIDES ESSENTIAL TIPS, INSIGHTS, AND A PLANNING CHECKLIST TO ENSURE YOUR SPECIAL DAY IS BEAUTIFULLY DOCUMENTED. WHETHER YOU'RE AIMING FOR TIMELESS PORTRAITS, CANDID MOMENTS, OR CREATIVE SHOTS, THESE TIPS WILL HELP YOU MAXIMIZE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE.



CHAPTER I

UNDERSTAND YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY STYLE

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- Fine Art: Dreamy, editorial images with an artistic flair.

- Documentary/Photojournalistic: Candid moments and storytelling.

- Traditional: Posed portraits and classic compositions.

- Lifestyle: A mix of candid and slightly posed images that feel natural.

Tip: Browse portfolios to see which style best matches your personality and wedding vision.

CHAPTER II

CRAFT A THOUGHTFUL TIMELINE

Your wedding timeline plays a huge role in getting the photos you've dreamed of. Here's a breakdown of key photography moments:

- **Getting Ready** (1-2 hours): Capture final touches, details (rings, invitations, dress), and candid moments with your wedding party.
- **First Look** (30 minutes): An intimate moment between you and your partner before the ceremony.
- **Ceremony** (30-60 minutes): Documenting key moments like the vows, ring exchange, and first kiss.
 - **Family & Bridal Party Portraits** (30-60 minutes): Organized group photos and fun bridal party shots.
 - **Couple Portraits** (30-45 minutes): Dedicated time for romantic photos of just you two.
 - **Reception** (2-4 hours): Speeches, first dances, cake cutting, and candid moments on the dance floor.

Tip: Build in buffer time to avoid feeling rushed. Consult with your photographer to create a timeline that aligns with your vision.




CHAPTER III

SCOUT THE VENUE

Familiarity with your venue helps your photographer plan for the best lighting, angles, and backdrops.

- Look for unique architectural details, gardens, or scenic views.
- Ask about natural lighting options and sunset times if you want golden-hour shots.

 **Tip:** Schedule a venue walkthrough with your photographer to map out must-have shots.



CHAPTER IV

PRIORITIZE KEY SHOTS



Make a list of must-have photos to share with your photographer. Here are some popular ones:

- Pre-Ceremony: Dress on hanger, bouquet, getting-ready candid moments.
- Ceremony: Walking down the aisle, first kiss.
- Reception: First dance, cake cutting, toasts.
- Couple Portraits: Romantic poses, creative silhouettes.


Tip: Consider a mix of traditional, candid, and creative shots to get a well-rounded gallery.

CHAPTER V

PLAN FOR LIGHTING

Lighting is one of the most important elements in photography. Discuss your wedding lighting setup with your photographer:

- **Natural Light:** Ideal for outdoor ceremonies or daytime portraits.
- **Golden Hour:** The hour before sunset for warm, glowing photos.
- **Evening Reception:** Ambient lighting (string lights, candles) creates a romantic vibe but may require additional flash or lighting setups.

 **Tip:** Ask your venue about lighting restrictions to avoid surprises.



CHAPTER VI

PREPARE FOR WEATHER

Outdoor weddings can be magical, but unpredictable weather can pose challenges.

💡 Tip: Your photographer should have experience handling various weather conditions — ask for examples!

- Sunny: Be prepared for harsh shadows—schedule portraits during softer light times.
- Rainy: Embrace it! Rain can create moody and romantic photos. Bring umbrellas for your wedding party.
- Windy: Secure your veil and prepare for some artistic movement in your photos.



CHAPTER VII

TRUST YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER

On your wedding day, let go of stress and trust your photographer to capture the magic.

- Stay in the moment and enjoy your day; genuine emotions create the most beautiful photos.
- Don't hesitate to communicate if you want to capture a spontaneous moment or have an idea for a shot.

Tip: Build rapport with your photographer by scheduling an engagement session beforehand.



CHAPTER VIII

MAXIMIZE YOUR ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Engagement sessions are the perfect way to get comfortable in front of the camera.

- Choose a location that's meaningful to you, like where you first met or got engaged.
- Use the session to test different poses and styles with your photographer.

Tip: Coordinate your engagement session wardrobe with your wedding colors for a cohesive look across photos.



CHAPTER XI

9. POST-WEDDING TIPS

• **Once your wedding day is over, there are still ways to make the most of your photos:**

Tip: Work with your photographer to design a custom photo album or wall art display.

- Create a hardcover photo album to cherish for years to come.
- Print and frame your favorite images for your home.
- Share a few highlights on social media with a heartfelt caption to relive the day with friends and family.



CHAPTER X

WEDDING CHECKLIST

- ✔ Choose a photographer whose style matches your vision.
- ✔ Schedule a timeline walkthrough with your photographer.
- ✔ Share your must-have shot list.
- ✔ Plan for lighting and weather contingencies.
- ✔ Schedule a pre-wedding venue tour.
- ✔ Book an engagement session to get comfortable in front of the camera.
- ✔ Decide on photo usage for albums, prints, or digital sharing.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Your wedding day is unique, and so should your photos be. By planning thoughtfully and collaborating with your photographer, you'll capture moments that tell your love story for years to come.

