

# WHAT IS A BOUDOIR PORTRAIT?

AN EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

A boudoir or glamour portrait is, at its essence, a photography session designed to capture the essence of who you are. It's a dazzling visual narrative celebrating your magnificent self inside and out. Whether you're looking for a romantic, fine art, glamour, pin-up, burlesque, bridal, or fantasy session, it takes a big step to jump right in.

Each of my boudoir sessions is as unique as its subject; the entire portrait experience is tailored to you, and you alone. Your only job? To bring vitality and energy to your session. My job is to capture it completely, beautifully. In booking a beauty session, you are investing in yourself.

A typical session may last anywhere from 45 to 60 minutes, where I gently and expertly guide you through a series of poses to reveal your very best angles. Depending on your session, you may change outfits and choose a location that is meaningful to you in some way. All sessions can include an on-location professional stylist for hair and makeup (recommended but not required)

Many of my clients have expressed that their beauty session has changed their own self-perception, boosted self-confidence, empowered them, and resulted in treasured images.

## HOW BOUDOIR WORKS

I've been photographing beautiful women (and men) just like you for over 13 years and can say with confidence that the best boudoir portraits come from a team effort: a seasoned photographer working with a happy, comfortable model (that's you!), expertly styled by a professional hair and makeup artist.

Wondeing how it's all going to go down? Read on below for a quick overview of how my boudoir & fine art service works. I take everything one step at a time so you can feel confortable, confident, and look your absolute best. We start just by meeting one another and end with a beautiful gallery of heirloom images.

### 1. LET'S MEET

Every session begins with an initial in-person or phone consultation so we can get to know one another. Your place, my studio, or in the virtual world; I'd love to meet you over a cup of tea or wine and talk about what you'd like from our time together. Initial consultations can be in-person, phone, or vidio chat Skype

### 2. BOOK & MAKE PLANS

After the initial consultation, you'll pick a session date together. To reserve your date, I require a retainer. I have wonderful resources for props which I love to share with my clients! We can discuss outfits and location ideas and choose what works for you.

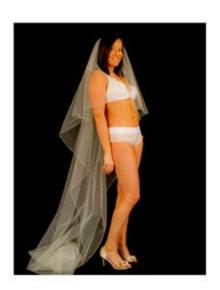
### 3. GET GREAT SHOTS

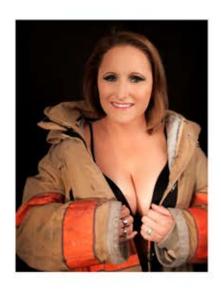
On the day of your session, if you choose, one of my expert stylists will be with us on-location to create a beautiful look for you and provide touch-ups throughout the photoshoot. After hair, makeup, and a sip of wine we'll get right down to it. I'll go at a comfortable pace as you warm up to the camera!

### 4. POST YOUR IMAGES

Three weeks after your session, we will meet for your viewing session and then I'll post up to best images to a password-protected private online gallery for you to view and download. Each image is artfully retouched to accent your best features while hiding the rest. From this gallery you will also be able to order prints, albums, and gifts.







## WHAT TO WEAR

## SOMETHING UNDERSTATED SEXY

You can be an understated sexy in a backless formal dress, or more sexy in a pinup-style swimsuit. A beautiful robe or silk pajamas are a great addition, too. Surprisingly, fleece pajamas are a great look too! Trench coat with sexy high heels can be "oh so mysterious". If you have a form fitting sexy coat bring it along. You know he fantasizes about you showing up to his office in nothing but a coat and heels!

#### SOMETHING OF HIS

An oversized plain white T-shirt or oxford shirt and tie are amazing for a boudoir session, especially with French cuffs. If you or your guy are sports fans wear a sports jersey with some knee high socks. You could even take it a step further and order his favorite team jersey with your name on it or the words "sexy". Be creative. The more you put into it, the more he will be blown away.

#### SOMETHING OVERTLY SEXY

Beautiful lingerie is lovely and empowering. Reds, blues, blacks, and whites are best, as well as two-tone lingerie, but lots of prints and colors can be distracting. Always include that "special" matching bra and panties set. Semi-sheer Teddies are great to have a conservative look without showing too much. Even though the concept is over 800 years old, corsets are amazing for a boudoir session. Almost every woman brings fishnets and/or thigh highs to her session. My number one suggestion is if you plan to wear them with a garter belt, buy the kind without the plastic stay ups. If you plan to not wear garters then the plastic stay-ups are a must.

## SOMETHING LIGHT

For a light outfit, think angelic. Soft, gauzy, sheer. It doesn't have to be white, you could go with cream, nude, light pink – whatever.

## SOMETHING FUN/FUNKY/WHIMSICAL

This outfit is your chance to really show your personal style. I've had a female restaurateur wear just an apron and chef's hat for her session. Another wore her very sexy Halloween costume! Think outside the box

## BRIDAL BOUDOIR

Traditionally, Bridal Boudoir has the aspects of the wedding dress and the undergarments worn under the dress, usually the "bridal-wear" for the first night together.

## SESSION LOCATIONS

#### STUDIO

our unique specialty boudoir studio is located near National Harbor, just 2 miles south of the Beltway. The Studio has everything you need for a boudoir session – various studio backdrops, boudoir bedroom with silk sheets, silhouettes, and other unique spaces to capture your attention. Plus, there's a secluded seasonal outdoor area should you decide you'd like to have a session along the Potomac River.

#### IN YOUR HOME

An in-home session may be best for you – with "all the comforts of home" you may decide you'd like to stay close for your session. Your own bedroom may work, or a guest room – depending on how adventurous you'd like to be, the kitchen or your significant other's office or study may be an option too. If you have an in-home session and have a family, please make sure your significant other and children are gone for the entire session time

## BOUTIOUE HOTEL

A great getaway for a boudoir session – and then you have the hotel room for the night too! Boutique hotels offer small luxuries that show up great in photos!

## B&BS OR CABINS

Another great getaway for a boudoir session – B&Bs or cabins offer an exclusive quaintness to your session, often with themed rooms and big bathtubs. Often they also have private grounds with some unique outdoor photography options too.

#### OUTDOORS

If you know of a secluded spot you'd like for your session, I'm happy to come to anywhere you'd like! I also have suggestions for outdoor locations if this is something that interests you to learn more about.

Still not sure? The beach, the mountains – the choice is yours!



## LET'S GET STARTED

Your boudoir and fine art session doesn't require a special reason or occasion! You deserve to look and feel fabulous (with lots of photographic evidence to prove it!). If you feel overweight, underconfident, or just "not ready", you need these portraits all the more!

No excuses - you'll be so glad you did this for yourself. Seriously. I promise. Communication is everything. I want to be here for you in every way possible. I encourage you to ask questions, suggest ideas, and play a hands-on role in the planning process. The following is a list of ways to get ahold of me, so you always feel cared for. Getting comfortable with me is essential to our project's success!

## GIRL, YOU DESERVE THIS!

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