

Wedding Photography Consultation Guide

So you are interested in Wedding Photography but may have no idea your next step? Whether you book with Monumental Arts or not, please use this Guide to develop your thoughts, inspirations and expectations for wedding photography. In fact, we urge you to consult with other photographers – the right wedding photographer is a significant decision not to be made in haste!

WOW, this can be expensive – WHY???

Wedding photography is complicated from start to finish, incorporating formal photography, photojournalism and candid photography, quick events, often in changing or low-light conditions with tight locations, as well as formal and set-piece still photography, plus providing a consistent feel throughout the wedding – all this requires more than just “snapping” photos! Plus, there is only one opportunity to capture most of the photos during a wedding.

To put it simply – there's only one shot to capture your wedding day – don't leave it in inexperienced hands!

Call Monumental Arts at 1-800-687-9350 to schedule your face-to-face consultation where we can discuss ideas and options!

Wedding Basics

When is your wedding date?

What are the venue(s) for the ceremony & reception? Describe the venue(s). Are there other venues you expect to be photographed?

Have you developed a tentative wedding day timeline?

Bride and Groom Ideas in Your Own Words

How would you describe your wedding?

Tell us about the theme, vision, style for your wedding?

Tell us what personal ideas you want incorporated into your wedding photography?

Bridal Party

What is the likely size of the entire Bridal Party (bridesmaids, groomsmen, flower girl, etc)?

Are any children in the Bridal Party, or will any children be a key part of the ceremony and photographs? Pets (such as a dog ring bearer)

Are you working with a Wedding Coordinator/Planner? If not, will there be someone that knows enough people at the wedding to gather and direct for various photographs? I will also need to know the contact information for the Wedding Coordinator/Planner.

Wedding Photography Basics

Do you have a style of wedding photography in mind?

What are your expectations from your wedding photographs?

What various activities do you want photographed on your wedding day, from start to finish? This will determine the amount of time you need a photographer.

What is the time frame you expect to have professional photographers during your wedding day?

Although we have a list of typical wedding photos to take, will you have any special-request photographs?

Are there any special circumstances the Photographer should be aware of (family issues, cultural or ethnic traditions, etc)?

Additional Photography Services

Are you interested in an Engagement Session?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure yet

Are you interested in a Bridal or Gentleman's Session?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure yet

Are you interested in Videography?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure yet

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The following are detailed questions that will help you further refine your ideas and plans for your entire wedding day!

Photography of the Bride's Preparation & Groom's Time?

Do you want preparation photos of the Bride and/or Groom?

Will preparations be at the same venue as the ceremony?

Pre-Ceremony Photography

Where will these take place, at the ceremony venue or another location?

Will the Bride & Groom see each other before the ceremony?

Do you want photographs of the Bride with the Maid of Honor and/or Bridesmaids before the wedding?

Do you want photographs of the Groom and the Best Man and/or Groomsman before the wedding?

Travel between preparation and ceremony venue

Is there travel between preparation and ceremony venue?

Are photographs expected during travel between venues?

How will the Bride & Groom arrive at the ceremony venue (together, separate, limo, carriage, etc)?

Ceremony Photography

How long do you expect the ceremony will last?

Will there be special activities, religious ceremonies or rituals?

Are there any restrictions on photography within the venue?

Will the Bride & Groom exit the venue formally? Will there be crowd and/or confetti/rice throwing shots?

Photography between the Ceremony & the Reception

What is the amount of time you expect for photographs between the ceremony and reception?

How long is the ceremony venue available after the ceremony?

Describe your expectation of the Bridal Party and/or Formal/Family Photography session (all that apply)

- Bride & Groom
- Full Bridal Party
- Family
- Friends & Groups
- Other (please explain)

Describe the post-ceremony photo session style (all that apply)

- Formal
- Informal & Fun
- Candid
- Other (please explain)

Travel between ceremony and reception venue

Is there travel between ceremony and reception venue?

Are photographs expected during travel between venues?

How will the Bride & Groom arrive at the reception venue (together, separate, limo, carriage, etc)?

Reception Photography

How long do you expect the reception will last?

Are there restrictions on photography within the venue?

What activities/events are planned during the reception?

- Will there be a receiving line?
- Will there be formal toasts and speeches?
- Will there be traditional activities like the bouquet toss, garter belt, etc?

Will the Bride & Groom want some private time with the photographer during the reception?

Will there be dancing/DJ/band/MC or any kinds of special/colored lights? If so, please provide point of contact.

Will the Bride and/or Groom have a change of clothes for the reception or will they change clothes during the reception?

Will the Bride & Groom stay for the entire receptions? How will the Bride & Groom leave the reception?

At what point during the reception do you want the photography to end?

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