

Questions to ask your Wedding Photographer

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- ARE YOU FREE ON THE DATE OF MY WEDDING?
- HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK WITH YOU?
- HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN BUSINESS?
- HOW MANY WEDDINGS HAVE YOU COVERED?
- HAVE YOU DONE MANY THAT WERE SIMILAR TO MINE IN SIZE AND STYLE?
- HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY STYLE (e.g. traditional, photojournalistic, fine-art)?
- HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR WORKING STYLE?
- IF YOUR STYLE IS MOSTLY CANDID, WILL I STILL GET FORMAL, POSED PORTRAITS (AND VICE VERSA)?
- DO YOU SHOOT WEDDINGS IN DIGITAL, FILM FORMAT, OR BOTH?
- DO YOU SPECIALIZE IN INDOOR OR OUTDOOR EVENTS, OR BOTH?
- DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATED PORTFOLIO I CAN REVIEW WITH PICTURES OF FULL WEDDINGS?
- CAN I GIVE YOU A LIST OF SPECIFIC SHOTS WE WOULD LIKE?
- ARE YOU THE PHOTOGRAPHER WHO WILL SHOOT MY WEDDING? IF SO, WILL YOU HAVE ANY ASSISTANTS/SECOND-SHOOTERS WITH YOU ON THAT DAY?
- WHAT TYPE OF EQUIPMENT DO YOU USE? DO YOU HAVE BACKUP EQUIPMENT?
- WHAT ABOUT A BACKUP PLAN IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SHOOT MY WEDDING FOR SOME REASON?
- ARE YOU PHOTOGRAPHING OTHER EVENTS ON THE SAME DAY AS MINE?
- IS IT OKAY IF OTHER PEOPLE TAKE PHOTOS WHILE YOU'RE TAKING PHOTOS?
- HAVE YOU EVER WORKED AT THE SAME WEDDING VENUE BEFORE? IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CHECK IT OUT IN ADVANCE?
- WHAT TIME WILL YOU ARRIVE AT THE SITE?
- IF MY EVENT LASTS LONGER THAN EXPECTED, WILL YOU STAY? IS THERE AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE?
- HOW MUCH DEPOSIT DO YOU REQUIRE AND WHEN SHOULD IT BE PAID?
- DO YOU OFFER PAYMENT PLANS?
- WHAT IS YOUR REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY? DO YOU CHARGE A TRANSPORT FEE AND WHAT DOES THAT COVER?
- WHAT PACKAGES DO YOU OFFER? THIS QUESTION COVERS THE FOLLOWINGS:
 - ARE YOUR PACKAGES CUSTOMIZABLE?
 - HOW MANY HOURS ARE INCLUDED IN EACH PACKAGE?
 - DO YOU INCLUDE ENGAGEMENT PHOTOS IN YOUR PACKAGES? REHEARSAL DINNERS?
 - CAN YOU CREATE A SLIDESHOW TO BE SHOWN DURING THE COCKTAIL HOUR/RECEPTION?
 - DO YOU PROVIDE RETOUCHING, COLOUR ADJUSTMENT, OR OTHER CORRECTIVE SERVICES?
 - HOW LONG WILL IT BE AFTER THE WEDDING BEFORE I GET THE PROOFS? WILL THEY BE VIEWABLE ONLINE?
 - HOW MANY FINAL IMAGES SHOULD I EXPECT TO RECEIVE?
 - DO YOU HELP WITH CREATING AN ALBUM? CAN I SEE SOME ALBUM DESIGNS?
 - WHAT IS THE ORDERING PROCESS, AND HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET THEM?
 - WILL YOU GIVE ME THE DIGITAL NEGATIVES OR UNLIMITED DOWNLOADS SO I CAN MAKE MY OWN PRINTS?
 - MAY I HAVE A LIST OF REFERENCES OR A LINK TO REVIEWS?
 - WHAT SETS YOU APART FROM OTHER WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS?
 - HAVE YOU EVER WORKED WITH MY VIDEOGRAPHER? COORDINATOR? VENUE MANAGER?
 - IF I HIRE YOU, WHEN WILL I RECEIVE A WRITTEN CONTRACT?
 - WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED FROM ME BEFORE THE WEDDING DAY?
 - DO YOU FEEL A CONNECTION WITH HIS/HER PHOTOS?

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S CUSTOMER SERVICE/COMMUNICATION STYLE?
- DID THE PHOTOGRAPHER LISTEN WELL AND ADDRESS ALL MY CONCERNS?

