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A wedding day time line

The following time line is ONLY an example of what would be considered an “average” time frame. We work together to create a unique layout of events and activities to fit your style. Times are all estimates: some items move along much quicker due to the estimated times being very generous.

- 12:30 p.m. Photos at the Church
- 3:00 p.m. Ceremony at the Church
- 3:45 p.m. Receiving line at the Church note: to reduce the time, usher the guests out on your own from the church
- 4:00 p.m. Reception Starts Photo Bench Or Selfie Booth Starts with Background Music
- 4:15 p.m. Couple arrive at venue, cocktail time note: this is a great time to talk to as many as possible
- 4:40 p.m. Guests seated, Wedding party lined up, Champaign served
- 4:45 p.m. Wedding party Grand Introduction
- 4:50 p.m. Your Story followed by your First Dance
- 4:55 p.m. Thank You and Welcome by Parents
- 4:59 p.m. Blessing of meal
- 5:00 p.m. Meal served (Salads can be at the head and reserved tables prior to the introduction of the wedding party)
- 5:30 p.m. Cake cut (this will be after you are finished eating at the head table)
- 5:40 p.m. Custom slide show of the couple with friends and family (less common)
- 5:50 p.m. Toasts, Couple's thank you
- 6:00 p.m. Cake served, time to mingle with guests
- 6:30 p.m. First announcement for dance and photo montage
- 6:35 p.m. Pre-dance ice breaker (Most Romantic Couple, Centerpiece Giveaway, Table Games)
- 6:45 p.m. Second announcement for dance and photo montage from photo bench
- 6:50 p.m. Photo Bench photo montage shown
- 7:00 p.m. Father/Daughter and/or Mother/Son
- 7:10 p.m. Wedding party dance (less common now) or All Couples Dance
- 7:15 p.m. Open Dancing (upbeat crowd favorites to fit the guests and the style of the couple)
- 7:40 p.m. Parent Dance (optional example)
- 7:45 p.m. Dollar Dance (less common now)
- 8:15 p.m. Wedding Party Survivor (or segue activity after Dollar Dance)
- 8:25 p.m. Open Dancing (upbeat crowd favorites, a bit more modern than earlier set)
- 8:40 p.m. Anniversary Dance (optional example)
- 8:45 p.m. Open Dancing
- 9:00 p.m. Bouquet Toss (still common)
- 9:05 p.m. Garter Activity (less common)
- 9:15 p.m. Open Dancing
- 9:45 p.m. Teaching dances (optional example)
- 9:55 p.m. Open Dancing
- 10:50 p.m. Magical Moment (group send off dance)
- 11:00 p.m. Your final thank you for your friends, family, and guests; conclude dance