

Tips and Tricks, Things only we think about.

1. Keep in mind we need about 1½ hours at the bride's house and 45 minutes with the guys, so... we usually need to be at the bride's house about 2 ½ hours before the ceremony start time and an hour before that with the guys. Please plan your timing accordingly.
2. **If you plan on having your hair or make-up done, please insist you are done first. Hair and makeup people like to do the bride last. Please don't let them talk you into being last. You don't know how many times photos start an hour late because the bride was last. You hired us for our creativity & skills. We cannot do for you what we can, if we are not given the time we planned. Also, you should start getting ready ½ hour earlier than you think you should. Give yourself some extra time, you'll always find a way to use it.**
3. Guys, your hair cut, if you plan on a cut just before the wedding, have your hair cut a number of days prior. Let your hair grow in for a few days. This way it won't have the just cut look. One less thing to do a day or two before your wedding day.
4. It is very important we start on time! It will be difficult to do everything we need to do without enough time.
5. Please have everyone ready at our decided start time. This will insure people will be ready when we need them. This includes parents, bridal party etc.
6. Family photos are an important part of the day. Make sure your family knows ahead of time that they will be needed for photos at the appointed times. Usually the bride's immediate family at the house, groom's immediate family at his house, and both sides following the ceremony.
7. Wedding sneakers or slippers! If you plan on spending time on the dance floor, no one will know you're wearing sneakers or slippers. Your feet will thank you by the end of the day!
8. Limos are usually booked based on a number of hours. Consider our photo time and drive time to your reception site when making your limo arrangements.
9. Should you decide to provide us with a meal, I would like to respectfully make two small requests. First, we are provided with a table (small and out of the way) in the reception room with your guest so we do not miss something that may happen during dinner. An impromptu speech for an example, trust me, this has happened. Second that a hot meal be provided. We will be with you at least 10 hours; a hot meal is appreciated.
10. I cannot be responsible for eye blinks and/or facial expressions if you are distracted by other cameras; therefore I may ask others to refrain from taking photos while I'm creating your Cherished Wedding Day images. This is usually not an issue and I allow others to take photos while I am, but on occasion I have had to ask others to stop.
11. Luggage tags, that's right, luggage tags. It's my job to think of these things. Buy a few tags (the kind you slip on to your bags) and slip a photo in them. Attach them to your bags when you leave for that far off place. You'll always be able to identify your bags and no one can mistake yours for theirs. What a great idea! Aren't you glad I thought of it?
12. Above all, relax. Let the professionals you've hired take care of you, your family and friends.

