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WEDDING PLANNING GUIDE

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER



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12-10 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR I DO'S

We all know that wedding photographers play an essential role in your big day, so be sure to allot enough time to ensure you have lots of photographers to choose from. When looking for a photographer, it's important to consider his or her style and cost, but also make sure that you will get along well with them. You're going to be spending a lot of time with him or her on your big day, so select someone who fits your personality and style.



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Name of business: _____

Name of person doing consultation: _____

Who will be our point of contact if we have questions during the wedding planning process? _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Do you have our wedding date open? YES NO

How many weddings or events will you schedule on the same day? _____

What is the process to book with you? (contract, deposit, payment schedule)

Contract info: _____

\$ Deposit and payment: _____

What is your cancellation policy? _____

Do you have a travel fee? YES NO \$ _____

Do you have travel restrictions? YES NO _____

How would you describe your photography style (e.g. traditional, photojournalistic, fine-art, narrative, etc)?

Do you foresee or know if your style will be changing before our wedding? YES NO

How would you describe your working style? _____

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What packages do you offer and what are the fees associated with them? _____

Are your packages customizable or can we add items (engagement session, dinner rehearsal, etc)?

What is the fee? YES NO _____

How many hours are included in each package? _____

Do you offer retouching, color adjustment, or other corrective services? Are those included or an additional charge? _____

Do the packages include an assistant? YES NO _____

If we want a second shooter is that an option and what is the price? \$ _____

What is the backup plan if you're sick on the day of our wedding or something goes wrong with your equipment? _____

Do you help create the timeline for our wedding? YES NO _____

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How many weddings have you shot, and have you shot ones similar to ours?

Should our event last longer than scheduled, will you stay? _____

What is the fee? YES NO _____

What attire will the photographer(s) and their assistants wear? _____

How long after the wedding will we get the proofs and how will they be delivered? _____

Will they be viewable online? YES NO

How many final images should we expect to receive? _____

What is the ordering process, and how long after we order our photos/album will we get them? _____

Do we get the digital negatives or unlimited downloads so we can make our own prints? Is there a fee for this? YES NO \$ _____

Do you help with creating an album? YES NO

What is the fee for this? _____

Can you recommend or do you have an in-house videographer? _____

Do you require a meal? YES NO

Do you have any dietary restrictions? YES NO

If yes, what are they? _____

TIP: This is a great question to get an idea of how much experience your photographer has in general. Years are not a good gauge of experience since some wedding photographers work part time and only shoot a couple weddings a year on weekends. Or, maybe they have 1-2 years of experience but have shot 60+ weddings.

Gut Check! Questions to Ask Yourself:

1. Do your personalities jive? Would you be comfortable grabbing coffee/drinks with this photographer?
2. Do you feel a connection with his/her photos?
3. Are you comfortable with this person's customer service/communication style?
4. Did the photographer listen well and address all of your concerns?

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PROS OF CHOOSING THIS VENDOR

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Final Thoughts