

WEDDING DAY SCHEDULE

WEDDING DAY TIMELINE BY NATALIE HEWITT EVENTS

09:00 - 13:30

GETTING READY

Spend the morning getting ready. You can make this either relaxing with calm music and not too many people around or upbeat and fun with all of your wedding party. Don't forget breakfast and a light lunch. Your makeup and hair team will need a mirror, good lighting, a chair and a large table near a plug. Plan your transport and don't be late!

14:00 - 14:30

CEREMONY

The length of your ceremony will depend on the type of wedding you are having; a civil registrar ceremony, a celebrant led, Christian, Jewish, Indian are a few examples. The first two in our list will typically last 20 - 30 minutes. You should invite guests to arrive 20 - 30 minutes before to sit. Don't forget to schedule in the movement of guests to the reception.

15:00 - 16:30

DRINKS RECEPTION

You would typically serve canapes, Champagne and have some live or background music playing at this point. You will also arrange your family, wedding party and couple photographs here. We like to suggest you do this towards the end, so you can enjoy the start of the reception. An hour and a half gives your guests time to enjoy a drink and chat.

17:00 - 20:00

SPEECHES, WEDDING BREAKFAST & CAKE CUTTING

Your dinner is called the Wedding Breakfast and depending on the number of guests and the meal you are serving, we would typically allocate two hours for service. Traditionally the Father of the Bride, Groom and Best Man deliver a speech, which would approximately take 45 minutes. Cutting the cake with photographs would require 15 minutes.

20:00 - 00:00

EVENING RECEPTION

Regardless of the finish time (carriages) we would allow 15 minutes for the first dance (gather guests around to watch) and serve evening food for 30 minutes later on in the night at about 10 or 11pm. If you are having fireworks, these must be legally finished by 11pm in the UK.