



# questions TO ASK A WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHER

PHOTOGRAPHER:	
CONTACT INFO:	

## *The Basics*

DO YOU HAVE MY DATE AVAILABLE?:	HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK?:	HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN BUSINESS?:
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

HOW MANY WEDDINGS HAVE YOU SHOT?:	HAVE YOU DONE MANY THAT WERE SIMILAR TO MINE IN SIZE AND STYLE?:

## *Photography Style*

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY STYLE (E.G. TRADITIONAL, PHOTOJOURNALISTIC, FINE-ART, AIRY, BRIGHT, MOODY)?:

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR WORKING STYLE?: <i>TIP: The answer should help you determine whether this is a photographer who blends into the background and shoots what unfolds naturally, or creates a more visible presence by taking charge and setting up shots.</i>



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, OUTDOOR, OR BOTH EVENTS?:

DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATED PORTFOLIO WITH FULL WEDDING EXAMPLES?:

CAN I GIVE YOU A LIST OF SPECIFIC SHOTS WE WOULD LIKE?:

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YES

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NO

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YES

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NO

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### *Logistics*

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?:

HOW WILL YOU (AND YOUR ASSISTANTS) BE DRESSED?:

*TIP: The photographer and his/her staff should look professional and fit in with the style of your event.*

ARE YOU PHOTOGRAPHING OTHER EVENTS ON THE SAME DAY AS MINE?:

☐ YES ☐ NO

IS IT OKAY IF OTHER PEOPLE TAKE PHOTOS WHILE YOU'RE TAKING PHOTOS?:

☐ YES ☐ NO

HAVE YOU EVER WORKED AT MY WEDDING VENUE BEFORE? IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CHECK IT OUT IN ADVANCE?:

IF MY EVENT LASTS LONGER THAN EXPECTED, WILL YOU STAY? IS THERE AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE?:

WHAT TIME WILL YOU ARRIVE AT THE SITE?:

DO YOU HAVE LIABILITY INSURANCE?:

☐ YES ☐ NO

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## Pricing + Packages

HOW MUCH OF A DEPOSIT DO YOU REQUIRE AND WHEN IS IT DUE?:

WHAT IS YOUR REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY?:

DO YOU OFFER PAYMENT PLANS?:

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YES

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NO

DO YOU CHARGE A TRAVEL FEE AND WHAT DOES THAT COVER?:

WHAT PACKAGES DO YOU OFFER? WHAT DO THEY INCLUDE?:

*This question covers things like: Are your packages customizable? How many hours are included in each package? Do you include engagement photos in your packages? Rehearsal dinners? Online hosting? Prints or albums?*

CAN YOU PUT TOGETHER SLIDESHOWS TO BE SHOWN DURING THE RECEPTION?:

DO YOU PROVIDE RETOUCHING, COLOR ADJUSTMENT, OR OTHER CORRECTIVES?:

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YES

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NO

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YES

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NO

HOW LONG AFTER THE WEDDING WILL I GET THE PROOFS? WILL THEY BE VIEWABLE ONLINE?:

HOW MANY FINAL IMAGES SHOULD I EXPECT TO RECEIVE?:

WILL YOU GIVE ME THE DIGITAL NEGATIVES SO I CAN MAKE MY OWN PRINTS?:

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YES

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NO

DO YOU HELP WITH CREATING AN ALBUM? CAN I SEE SOME ALBUM DESIGNS?:

WHAT IS THE ORDERING PROCESS, AND HOW LONG AFTER I ORDER MY PHOTOS/ALBUM WILL I GET THEM?:

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### *Vetting*

MAY I HAVE A LIST OF REFERENCES OR A LINK TO REVIEWS?:

*TIP: The photographer should not hesitate to provide this!*

WHAT SETS YOU APART FROM OTHER WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS?:

HAVE YOU EVER WORKED WITH MY VIDEOGRAPHER? COORDINATOR? VENUE MANAGER? ETC:

IF I HIRE YOU, WHEN WILL I RECEIVE A WRITTEN CONTRACT?:

*TIP: Don't book a photographer—or any vendor—who won't provide a written contract.*

WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED FROM ME BEFORE THE WEDDING DAY?:

### *Gut Check! Questions to ask yourself:*

- DO YOUR PERSONALITIES JIBE? WOULD YOU BE COMFORTABLE GRABBING DRINKS WITH THIS PHOTOGRAPHER?:

☐ YES ☐ NO

- DO YOU FEEL A CONNECTION WITH HIS/HER PHOTOS?:

☐ YES ☐ NO

- ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH THIS PERSON'S CUSTOMER SERVICE AND/OR COMMUNICATION STYLE?:

☐ YES ☐ NO

- DID THE PHOTOGRAPHER LISTEN WELL AND ADDRESS ALL OF YOUR CONCERNS?:

☐ YES ☐ NO

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