



SEATED EVENING WEDDING

— TIMELINE —

8:00 a.m.

- Wake up; eat breakfast

8:30 a.m. - noon

- Makeup and hair stylists arrive; bride and bridesmaids cycle through hair and makeup.

10:00 a.m. - noon

- Groom and groomsmen shower, shave and get ready.

12:15 p.m.

- Eat a quick lunch; photographers shoot gown, bridesmaids dresses, and other details.

12:45 p.m.

- Hair and makeup touch-ups.

1:00 p.m.

- Bridesmaids are dressed and ready; bride gets into her gown.

1:30 p.m.

- Photographers shoot portraits with bride, bridesmaids, MoB, and any others.

2:30 p.m.

- Bride, bridesmaids, groom, and groomsmen travel to ceremony site.

2:45 p.m.

- First look photos with couple.

3:10 p.m.

- Photographer shoots couples portraits, bridal party portraits, and family portraits.

4:30 p.m.

- Ceremony begins.

5:15 p.m.

- Cocktail hour begins.

6:00 p.m.

- Guests move from the cocktail hour to the reception area.

6:15 p.m.

- The bridal party is introduced and then the newlyweds make their entrance and either have their first dance or take a seat.

6:25 p.m.

- Dinner service begins.

6:35 p.m.

- While guests are eating, speakers make short toasts.

7:00 p.m.

- Mother-son, father-daughter, and other pre-determined dances take place.

7:15 p.m.

- Dance floor opens for guests.

8:00 p.m.

- Cut the cake or open the dessert bar.

8:15 p.m.

- Guests are served dessert.

8:20 p.m.

- Newlyweds make a short thank-you speech while guests enjoy dessert.

8:45 p.m.

- Toss the bouquet or just get back to dancing!

9:30 p.m.

- Announce last call.

9:55 p.m.

- The last dance.

10:00 p.m.

- Guests gather for couple's sendoff.

10:15 p.m.

- Break down and clean up.