

WEDDING

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Let Us Capture Your True Love Story

La Vie Est Belle Photography

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HELLO & WELCOME

Congratulations on your engagement! Planning a wedding takes time, patience, and a little creativity, but all the hard work will result in a day you will remember and cherish for the rest of your lives.

At La Vie Est Belle Photography, we strive to capture the joy, happiness, and elation of your wedding day. When all your planning is over, we are there to capture the newly wed bliss. We will be there to photograph the nervous bride putting on her jewelry, the first kiss as a married couple, all the way through to the dance floor.

We believe wedding photography is an art. Seeing everything without being seen...being everywhere without being felt...creatively capturing all the memorable moments of a wedding day...that is what makes wedding photography an art.

When you open a really amazing wedding magazine spread, what knocks you off your socks? It is the real images of that specific wedding day: the details, family emotions, wonderful guest interactions, and of course the couple in their most beautiful moments.

We are here to perfectly document your stunning wedding day, to help you and your family remember everything that happens on your special day that will help define the rest of your lives together.

I look forward to being your wedding photographer.

Sincerely, Nicole Woods

WHAT TO EXPECT

When you choose La Vie Est Belle Photography, we work as part of your team to make your wedding day flawless. That starts with getting to know you and your fiancé so we can create a personalized experience just for you.

We will schedule a skype chat or in-person meeting to go over your timeline, must-have poses, and studio policies. Our meetings are essential to get to know one another, so they are a mandatory part of our planning. It is so important to have great chemistry with your photographer!

Once we have your wedding day scheduled on our calendar, we will begin planning your engagement session and/or bridal session dates and locations.

Getting married is such an amazing time in your life and these sessions are the perfect way to document all of the excitement! It also allows us the opportunity to get to know each other a little better and get comfortable in front of the camera.

It's all about learning how we each work and get comfortable before your big wedding day.





Now, your big day is here! My assistant and I will arrive and begin walking through the venue – taking detail shots where we can and get setup in the reception area. We'll shoot your wedding from you getting ready to your final exit. There will probably be tears during your first look.. your vows.. and maybe during in the reception.

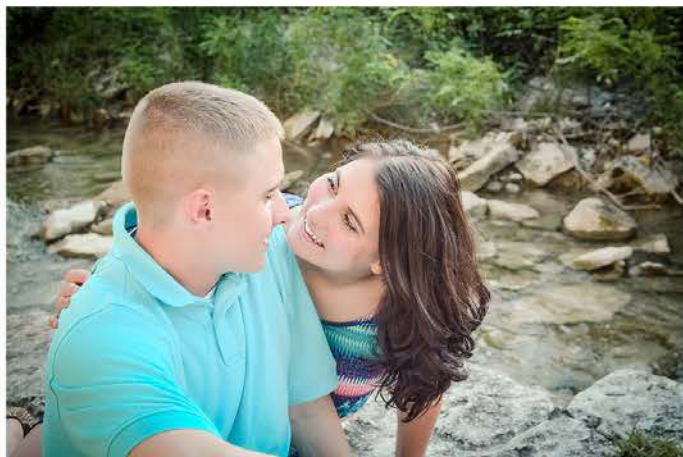
Once your images are ready, the process is much like your portrait sessions. We'll post your teasers, blog your images, upload the images to a password protected gallery to share with your friends and family and contact you to send your images and begin designing your album!

It's a fun and seamless process. Our goal is to make your wedding planning experience more enjoyable and turn your moments into tangible memories!

THE IMPORTANCE OF AN ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Engagement sessions are a great opportunity to celebrate this joyful time in your life.

This is our chance to practice and get comfortable in front of the camera before the wedding day. We want your formal bridal portraits to be as synergistic as possible, so having some time to work on posing together is essential.



Trust is essential to my relationship with each client. This first portrait session together is the perfect opportunity to show what a great team we make! Then, when your big day finally arrives we can get down to the business of creating extraordinary portraits.

Plus, spending time together away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life is just plain fun! Engagement photos are a great excuse to relax, put aside the stressful parts of planning a wedding and just enjoy one another and have some fun. Then you get to use the photos for save-the-date cards, guest books and other pre-wedding items to make your special day even better.

THE BRIDAL SESSION

A bridal session is a photo session centered around the bride (sans groom) in her wedding dress that takes place prior to the wedding day.

This is a matter of personal preference. Many clients have told me that they were really glad they did the bridal session. It's a nice trial run at walking around in your dress; and through the process, some of my brides have discovered that they needed to adjust something – whether an alteration to the fit of the dress or a tweaking of the hair, makeup, or bouquet. We'll have an opportunity to take photos of you by yourself in your dress on your wedding day, but it won't be in such a leisurely and extended fashion.

I recommend scheduling your bridal session with me as far in advance as possible. The actual session should take place at least 6 weeks before your wedding date to allow enough processing time in case you want to display an image or two from the bridal session on your wedding day.



THE PERFECT WEDDING PHOTOS

BRIDAL BEAUTY GUIDE

1. Relax Your Face

Close your eyes, let your lips fall back into place and relax your face

2. Smile with your Eyes

The less smiley, more serious poses are trendy, especially for bridal-party pictures.



3. Less Orange-y Makeup

Although you might feel more beautiful when bronzed, cameras tend to go a bit crazy when picking up yellows and oranges.

4. Avoid the Double Chin

Elongate your neck by moving your head forward slightly and lift up your chin.



5. Fake Sleek Arms

Try lifting your arms out to the sides, just far enough to give the biceps and triceps breathing room especially if you have a sleeveless wedding dress.



6. Stand Up Straight

Put shoulders back, chest forward and pull belly button in toward your spine.

7. Laugh a Little

Laughs can be flattering in photos even if not naturally induced. Plus it's fun ;)

8. Banish Bumps

Use lotions and washes with lactic acid to help unclog pores leading up to the big day.

9. Stop the Sweat

Mop up any dampness with a paper towel and dab antibacterial hand gel under your arms to squash unpleasant odors.



10. Get Your Glow On

Get your faux glow two days before the big day. A salon spray tan or at-home self-tanner will look its best 24-48 hours after application.

Try out different formulas for the months leading up to your wedding to find the one that suits you and your skintone best.



1. The Hair

Get a haircut two days before the wedding. Learn which style suits your face. If you're not sure find a photo of a haircut you would like to have and take it to your barber.

2. Wax On, Wax Off

If you choose to wax, you can wax your feet, your chest, your back, your arms, and your face, but never wax your eyelashes or ear and nose hair.

3. The Hands

Keep them clean, both by washing and removing dirt from beneath the nails. Use a male hand moisturiser for several weeks before the wedding.

4. The Smile

Buy toothpaste that contains a whitening agent, but avoid any with abrasives in as these can wear away tooth structure.

5. The Manscape

It may seem girly, but trust us, tidying up your eyebrows is important and makes a huge difference to your appearance.

6. The Close Shave

Rub some pre-shaving oil onto your skin, baby oil is a cheap and effective option. Shave when in the shower – or just after, as warm water opens up the pores and softens your face.

THE BENEFITS OF AN UNPLUGGED WEDDING



We spend the majority of our lives plugged into some device: laptop, phone, tv, etc. It is crucial that we take the time to unplug and be truly present in the moments that matter.

By asking your guests to turn off their devices, you are asking them to experience the day with you and be part of the love that you are feeling and wish to share with them. You are asking them to relate to you and their world through their experiences, rather than relating through their LCD screens. Ask your guests to be truly present and participate rather than being observers.

Additionally, you have put a lot of time and effort into choosing the perfectly matched photographer to your style, personality and needs. When you get your pictures back do you want photos of your guests enjoying your day or of your guests experiencing the day through downturned faces toward their devices?

While we can be the first to admit to this, to stand up and proudly announce our (often obsessive) love for smart phones, we also believe strongly in the power of turning them off and being present in the moment.

WEDDING PHOTOS TIMELINE

I have seen lists long and detailed and so far into the family tree that I don't know who belongs to who. Then, I have also seen lists short and sweet and only include what was most important to the bride and groom. Below is a sample timeline to give you an idea.

- 1:15 Getting Ready candids of Bride & Groom
- 2:30 First Look alone between Bride & Groom
- 2:45 Bridal Party Photos
- 3:00 Bride's Family
- 3:15 Groom's Family
- 3:30 Done with Portraits, Bridal Party drives back to Ceremony Location
- 4:00 Wedding Ceremony
- 4:45 Receiving Line
- 5:30 Bridal Photos on Beach (10 minute drive there)
- 5:50 Leave Beach for Reception
- 6:15 Bridal Party enters Reception
- 6:30 Reception Dinner/Speech/Toasts
- 7:15 Cake Cutting
- 7:30 First Dance
- 8:00 Sunset Photos
- 8:15 Photographer Exits



WEDDING SHOT CHECKLIST

GETTING READY

- ☐ Bride having her hair styled and makeup applied
- ☐ Bride's gown hanging on a padded hanger, or draped over chair
- ☐ Still life shots of the bride's shoes, jewelry, etc.
- ☐ Detailed shots of the bride's and bridesmaids' bouquets
- ☐ Candid shots of the bridesmaids getting dressed
- ☐ Mother buttoning or zipping up the bride's dress
- ☐ Mother helping the bride with one last detail, such as the veil
- ☐ Full-length shot of bride in gown, looking at herself in a mirror
- ☐ Bridesmaids reacting to the bride in her gown
- ☐ Father seeing the bride in her gown
- ☐ Bride with her parents and siblings
- ☐ Bride with her bridesmaids
- ☐ Groom getting ready with his father and groomsmen
- ☐ Close-up shot of the wedding bands
- ☐ Groom with his parents and siblings
- ☐ Groom with the best man
- ☐ Groom with his groomsmen
- ☐ Groomsmen putting on boutonnieres or ties
- ☐ Bride and groom separately making their way to the ceremony

THE CEREMONY

- ☐ Exterior and interior shots of the site before guests arrive
- ☐ Groom walking down the aisle with his mother
- ☐ Close-up of groom's expression while waiting for the bride
- ☐ Bridal party walking down the aisle
- ☐ Both sets of grandparents walking down the aisle
- ☐ Bride and her escort waiting to walk down the aisle
- ☐ Close-up of bride just before she makes her entrance
- ☐ Bride and her escort walking down the aisle
- ☐ Groom reacting to bride walking down the aisle
- ☐ Bride's escort giving her away
- ☐ Bride and groom at the altar or the chuppah
- ☐ Both sets of parents watching the ceremony
- ☐ Wide shot of the altar or chuppah, from the guests' point of view
- ☐ Wide shot of the guests, from the couple's point of view
- ☐ Special moments, such as the candle lighting and the readings
- ☐ Close-up of the bride and groom as they recite their vows
- ☐ Close-up of the bride and groom's hands as they exchange rings
- ☐ The kiss!
- ☐ Close-up of the newlyweds immediately after the ceremony
- ☐ Bride and groom hugging family and friends
- ☐ Bride showing off her wedding ring to her bridesmaids
- ☐ Bride and groom leaving the ceremony site

BEFORE THE RECEPTION

- ☐ Bride and groom together
- ☐ Bride with her mother
- ☐ Bride with her father
- ☐ Bride with both parents
- ☐ Bride with her entire immediate family
- ☐ Groom with his mother
- ☐ Groom with his father
- ☐ Groom with both parents
- ☐ Groom with his entire immediate family
- ☐ Bride and groom with bride's family
- ☐ Bride and groom with groom's family
- ☐ Bride and groom with both sets of parents
- ☐ Bride and groom with immediate family members from both sides
- ☐ Bride and groom with bridesmaids
- ☐ Bride and groom with groomsmen
- ☐ Bride and groom with flower girl and ring bearer
- ☐ Bride and groom with entire wedding party

THE RECEPTION

- ☐ Exterior and interior shots of the site before the guests arrive
- ☐ Still-life shots of place cards, menus, centerpieces, decorations, etc.
- ☐ The cake
- ☐ Hors d'oeuvres and specialty drinks
- ☐ Guests arriving and signing the guest book
- ☐ Bride and groom arriving
- ☐ Close-ups of friends and family making toasts
- ☐ Bride and groom sipping Champagne at their table
- ☐ Bride and groom speaking with guests
- ☐ Bride and groom's first dance
- ☐ Bride dancing with her father
- ☐ Groom dancing with his mother
- ☐ Parents and grandparents dancing
- ☐ Wedding party dancing
- ☐ Musicians, deejay, and/or entertainers performing
- ☐ Guests dancing
- ☐ Bride and groom dancing with the bridal party
- ☐ Bride and groom cutting the cake
- ☐ Bouquet toss
- ☐ Newlyweds' vehicle
- ☐ Bride and groom leaving the reception



WEDDING CLIENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please fill out this form before your first appointment. Your answers will better help us to meet your needs and ensure that you have a happy and satisfying experience.

Bride's Name: Groom's Name: Contact Email/Phone:
Address: City: State: Zip Code:
Do you have a wedding website?: http:// How long have you been together?:
How did you meet?: ☐ Blind Date ☐ Online Dating ☐ Met by Chance ☐ Have known each other forever! ☐ Other

About Your Wedding

Have you set a wedding Date?: ☐ Yes ☐ No Wedding Date: No. of guests attending:
Ceremony location: Start time: Reception location: Start time:
What would you say is the style of your wedding? (Check all that apply)
☐ Traditional ☐ Contemporary ☐ Modern ☐ Theme ☐ Country ☐ Fun ☐ Other
Who is your wedding coordinator/planner? Who is your videographer?

Wedding Photography

What is your budget? How many hours of wedding day coverage will you require?
Will you require: Multiple locations: ☐ Yes ☐ No Bride preparation photos: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Groom preparation photos: ☐ Yes ☐ No Reception coverage: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Will you be seeing each other before the ceremony for photo's? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe
Where will the family formal photos take place after the ceremony?

Where will the couple photos take place after the ceremony?

Where will the bridal party photos take place after the ceremony?

Are you interested in: (check all that apply) ☐ Boudoir Session ☐ Engagement Session ☐ Trash the Dress Session
Additional comments (anything you would like us to know)

CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Client's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Client's Address: _____

Photography Location: _____

Photography Date: _____ Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Type of session: _____ Number of Photos: _____

Photographer's Fee: \$ _____ Deposit Paid: \$ _____

1. The Client shall reimburse Photographer for any additional costs incurred for travel, meals, and other reasonable costs necessary to perform these services.

2. The deposit is non-refundable should the Client cancel the engagement. If photographer fails to appear at the specified time and location, the deposit shall be refunded in full to the Client.

3. The Client shall assist and cooperate with the Photographer in obtaining the desired photographs, including but not limited to specifying persons and/or scenes to be photographed; taking time to pose for photographs at the Photographer's direction; pre-shoot consultations; etc. Photographer shall not be responsible for photographs not taken as a result of Client's failure to provide reasonable assistance or cooperation.

4. The photographer retains copyright to the photographs, and hereby grants the Client unlimited but non-exclusive rights to use or reproduce the photographs for which the client pays. Photographs shall be delivered to the client on CD or any other media deemed suitable by the photographer.

5. In the unlikely event that the Photographer is injured or becomes too ill, or has an extreme emergency that prevents him or her from photographing the event, the Photographer will make every effort to reschedule the event.

Applicable Law

This contract shall be governed by the laws of the Country of _____ in the State of _____ and any applicable Federal Law.

Signatures:

Client's Signature _____ Photographer's Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Printed Name _____

Installment Payment Contract

We know that photography can be a sizeable investment. We believe that no one should have to sacrifice the quality of their photos due to restrictions in budget. Therefore, we offer convenient payment plan options to allow you some financial flexibility.

CLIENT INFORMATION

Full Name	Phone Number:	Email Address:	
Address	City	State	Zip Code

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Credit Card ☐ PayPal ☐ Cash ☐ Money Order/CashiersCheck ☐ Check

Name as it appears on card	Credit Card Number	Credit Card Type (eg. Visa)
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Billing Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Expiration Date	CVV Code	Cardholder Signature
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PAYMENT PLAN DETAILS

The following charges will be deducted according to terms outlined below:

\$	\$	\$
Total Cost	Down Payment	Balance Remaining

\$	\$	
Number of Equal Payments	Amount	Day of Month Due

Start Date	End Date
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TERMS OF AGREEMENT

I hereby authorize La Vie Est Belle Photography to charge the above referenced credit card account automatically on the dates stated above, and to apply said charges towards the payment of my photography purchase totaling of \$_____ until this amount is paid in full. If paying by cash, check, money order, or cashiers check, I agree to pay the amount stated above on the date required. If I fail to do so, I acknowledge that images, albums and other products will not be delivered to me until the final balance has been received. I have read the payment agreement and agree with all the terms.

Print Name	Client Signature	Date
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