WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY CHECKLIST

Wedding Date……../…../……
Start time……………
Place…………………

At the Brides Home

- Mother/Chief bridesmaid adjusting veil
- Bride putting on garter with bridesmaid/s looking on
- Bride in bedroom mirror getting ready
- Corsage being pinned on mother
- Corsage being pinned on father
- Portrait of mother and bride
- Portrait of father and bride
- Brothers and/or sisters and bride
- Group shot of whole party
- Bride with individual bridesmaids etc
- Bride leaving house with parents and bridesmaid/s
- Father helping bride into car
- Shot of bride in back of car from the front seat looking back

At the Church Prior to Service

- Groom waiting
- Groom and best man
- Groom, best man and page boys
- Best man adjusting grooms tie
- Groom and best man shaking hands
- Groom with father
- Groom with mother
- Groom and best man at front of church waiting
- Guests arriving at the church
- Bride arriving in car
- Bride exiting car father helping
- Bride kissing father on the cheek
- Bride with mother and father looking on
- Bride and bridesmaid/s group shot in church garden or vestibule
- Any candid shots of wedding party

During the service

- Bridal party coming down the aisle
Bridesmaid/s, flower girls etc. coming down the aisle
Bride and father coming down the aisle
Father giving bride away
General shots of ceremony (wherever allowed)
From rear of church looking down the aisle at couple
Above from organ area or balconies
Ad hoc shots of guests/church
Breaking of glass/jumping of broom etc
Soloists
Readers
Ring ceremony
Kissing
Exchanging of vows

**After the Service Inside the Church**

Bride signing the register
Groom signing the register
Bride and groom signing the register
Best man signing the register
Maid of honour signing the register
Bride and groom coming back down the aisle

**After the Service Outside the Church**

Groom kissing bride full length
Groom kissing bride ¼ length
Groom kissing bride close up head shot
Bride and groom looking at ring
Bride and grooms hands with rings and flowers
Bride and groom with vicar/registrar etc
Bride, groom and bridal party
Any other shots set up if missed during the service
Bride with bridesmaid/s and flowers
Bride with best man and groomsmen
Groom with bridesmaid/s
Bride and groom in church door
Bride and groom leaving church
Bride, groom, bridesmaid/s, best man and groomsmen outside church
Group shots (to be arranged as per the family)
Bride and groom with bride's parents
Bride and groom with groom's parents
Bride and groom with bride's immediate family
Bride and groom with groom's immediate family
Bride with her mother
Bride with her father
Bride with both parents
Groom with his mother
Groom with his father
Groom with both parents
Bride and groom with both sets of parents
Bride and groom or either with special members of family/friends
Couple getting into wedding car
Shot of couple from front seat or through sunroof etc
Shot of car with couple and church in background

Special Shots

Various shots at a predetermined destination
Couple sitting with dress train spread out
Couple on bridge looking at water
Couple next to a tree
Couple walking in woods
Couple walking on beach
Couple in ruins of old building
Any other special shots

At the Reception

Receiving line
Couple greeting guests
Wedding cake
Guest book (assuming names already in there)
Guests signing book
Gifts
Toasts
Close up of bride and groom on top table
Close up of bride and groom toasting
Various shots of guests during meal/speeches
Bride's fathers speech
Grooms speech
Best mans speech
Any other speeches
First dance
Bride and father dancing
Groom and mother dancing
Other family or guests dancing
Candids of any shenanigans during reception (keep it clean)
Cutting the cake
Bride throwing bouquet (mock up)
Bride throwing bouquet (actual)
Set up of bride and groom leaving
Actual shot of Bride and groom leaving (if you are still there)
Shot of decorated car
Car leaving reception
Formal Shots at Reception

If possible, you may be required/allowed to set up a small studio area where you can take some formal shots of the wedding party with various guests. It may be an idea to take orders (if possible) before the actual wedding day, or just set it up and see what happens.

Any Other Shots

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This list is purely meant as a guide. Each wedding is totally different from the last. It is recommended that you print this list and take it to your first meeting with the wedding couple and family. Get them to tick each photograph required, and to add any you may have missed.