Wedding Photography Questionnaire

No two weddings are the same... To help me capture your day flawlessly, please take the time to answer the following questions :) 

**Your Wedding:**  
Bride: ___________________________  Groom: ___________________________  
Date: ___________________________  
Bride Cell: ______________________  Groom Cell: _______________________  Text message? yes/no  
Bride’s Preparation Location (when and where): ____________________________________________  
Ceremony Location: ________________________________________________________________  
Reception Location: ________________________________________________________________  
Additional Location(s) (for formal photos, etc.): __________________________________________  

**What is the approximate schedule of events?**  
_______ Arrival Time for Photographer  
_______ Time for Departure to Ceremony  
_______ Arrival Time at Ceremony Location  
_______ Ceremony Start  
_______ Ceremony Finish  
_______ Time for Departure from Ceremony Location  
_______ Arrival Time at Reception Location  
_______ Time(s) for Formal Group Photos  
_______ 30 minutes for portraits of Bride and Groom alone  
_______ Cocktail Hour Time  
_______ Reception Start  
_______ Photography End Time  

**Key Names:**  
Maid of Honor: ________________________________________________________________  
Bridesmaids: ________________________________________________________________  
Best Man: ________________________________________________________________  
Groomsmen: ________________________________________________________________  
Bride’s Parents: ________________________________________________________________  
Groom’s Parents: ________________________________________________________________  
Flower girl: ________________________________________________________________  
Ring Bearer: ________________________________________________________________
How many guests are you expecting?________________________________

What setting will the ceremony be in: chapel, cathedral, temple, reception hall, outdoors, tent, etc.? Are there any photography restrictions at the ceremony? (Please consult your venue)
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Tell me about all the lovely detail you've got planned for the big day + what you're envisioning (colors, theme, atmosphere, etc.)
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If you had to choose three words or emotions to describe your wedding, what would they be?
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How do you want your wedding to be shot?
_____ Formal (staged)       _____ Informal (journalistic)       _____ Good mix of both

When do you want group family photos taken?
_____ before the ceremony  _____ after the ceremony  _____ at reception

Where would be a good place for this to happen?
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Do you require group shots of all the guests?  yes/no
Do you want to do a first look before the ceremony?  yes/no

The following is typically included in wedding photo coverage. Please check the items that are especially important to you:
Pre-ceremony:
__ Bride’s gown and shoes
__ Candid shots of the bride and her maids getting ready
__ Bride heading to the ceremony site
__ Best man/Ring Bearer with rings
__ Candid shots of the groom and groomsmen getting ready
__ Groom heading to the ceremony site

Ceremony site:
__ Exterior and Interior of the ceremony site
__ Guests arriving
__ Bridal party arriving
__ Bride and her father just before walking down the aisle
__ Musicians performing
__ Processional and recessional
__ Bride and her father walking down the aisle
__ Groom reacting to bride walking down the aisle
__ Father giving away the bride
__ Wide shot of the altar
__ Bride and groom reciting their vows
Bride and groom exchanging rings
The couple's first kiss
Bride and groom being introduced to their guests as a married couple
Bride and groom exiting their ceremony site
Receiving Line
Bride and groom in their getaway car

Formal Portraits:
Bride and groom, each alone
Bride and groom together
Bride and groom with wedding party
Bride with her family
Groom with his family
Bride and groom with bride's family
Bride and groom with groom's family
Both families together
Bride with her mother
Groom with his father
Flower girl and ring bearers with bride and groom

Reception Site:
Exterior and interior shots of the reception site
Table settings
Menu, escort, and table cards
Guests signing the book
Wedding party entrances
Bride and groom's first dance
Toasts and blessing
Father-daughter dance
Mother-son dance
Bride and groom cutting the cake
Band or DJ
Guests dancing
Bouquet and garter toss

Close-ups:
Bridal bouquet
Boutonniere
Details on the bride's gown
Details on the groom's attire such as cuff links
Jewelry
Ceremony Programs
Centerpieces
Wedding cake
Favors
Please list any additional photos that are important to you (special people, sentimental objects/accessories, etc):
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What is important to you when organizing your wedding photography?
Check all that apply:
___ That the photographer is unobtrusive on the day
___ That the photographer organizes the day
___ Family group shots
___ Natural images (candid etc.)
___ Fun images
___ Creative images
___ Traditional posed images
___ Prices and Packages
___ Time it takes to see images after the wedding

Getting to know you…
How did you two first meet?
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Tell me about the “spark”….What’s your love story? :)
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When did you get engaged? ______________________________________________________
Bride:
Interests/Hobbies/Favorite things to do as a couple
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Groom:
Interests/Hobbies/Favorite things to do as a couple
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What is it that you would like me to incorporate in your wedding day?
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How did you find out about us?
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In case I missed anything....Are there any other details that you want to fill me in on?

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I want your wedding photos to be flawless. I will be unobtrusive and ready to capture your special moments. I like to set up a pose and then have everyone act natural and interact. Here are a few things to keep in mind for the big day:

Avoid glossy lipstick and consider foundation or powder that will reduce the chance of having a shiny face. Please note mineral makeup causes unflattering effects with flash due to elements that reflect light in them. Glittery and shimmering powder is also a bad choice for the entire bridal party.

In order to allow for a private photo session of bride and groom, we will need at least half an hour of your time alone with the photographer. This can be done before or after the ceremony.

It takes time to gather family members for photos. Pre-assign a family member or friend who knows the people to be in the pictures so they can round them up for the photos. And have a list. Getting people where they need to be for the photos is the most time consuming part.

Once I have received this information I will respond with any comments, questions, and suggestions...Thank you!!!

Thank you!