

# Capture Photography Tips for a Fabulous Wedding!

**Capture Tip #1-** Go with your gut not your pocket book when hiring vendors. Everyone has a budget but don't let a great vendor slip away if you love them. Maybe rearrange your budget and pull from somewhere else, you won't be sorry! Your gut instinct is the best tool to help you choose your vendors. These are the people that helping you create your dream wedding. You need to trust them, feel comfortable with them and most importantly you need to like them! You are going to be spending lots of time with them not just on your wedding day. So if your gut says this is the right person for me, listen :)

**Capture Tip #2-** Consider unplugging your wedding. Guests mean well when they bring a camera but they can loose out on the experience of actually being there with you. Wouldn't you rather see the priceless expression of your friends and family as they see you come down the aisle or dance your first dance rather than their face with a camera in front of it?

**Capture Tip #3-** Make a puke page when you feel overwhelmed. That doesn't mean actually puke, it means put down everything you can think of that is in your head- on paper. Just the action of getting those ideas out of your head and onto paper will immediately reduce stress and it will help you stay focused. Write the task down and a timeline for when you would like it to be complete. I love lists!

**Capture Tip #4-** Remember this is you and your future husbands day, not anyone else's. Many people (with good intentions) will tell you how they think things should be done. No bride has ever looked back on their wedding day and said I wish I had done more things other people wanted. This is your day, your story and your ending. Make it beautiful.

**Capture Tip #5-** Drink a TON of water.....before you get into your dress. Many brides enjoy the morning of getting their hair and makeup done while sipping on champagne. By all means, drink up- it's your special day but don't forget to drink water that morning. That will help keep you feeling energized and hydrated for the day. Just make sure to go to the bathroom before you put the dress on!

**Capture Tip #6-** Take it all in, at least once an hour. And don't make this your job, give it to your maid of honor. Tell her to remind you every once in a while to just breathe and take it all in. The day and the night go by so fast and it can all become a blur, so take those few moments to actual create a mental memory.

**Capture Tip #7-** Avoid looking at the camera. Some of the most intimate moments are captured when you are just being yourselves. Sure, there are times when I'll direct you to look at me and smile, but your natural expressions are what truly tells the story of the day!

**Capture Tip #8-** Go easy on the expectations and let the day happen. There is only so much that you can really be in control of the day of the wedding. From the moment you wake up till the moment you fall asleep let that day be full of fun and memories. Cake's late? Weather sucks? Let it happen and realize it will ALL become part of the bigger story of your wedding day. Some of the most memorable events that brides look back on now were the ones that were unexpected that day. And don't worry- whatever it is, it's not that bad and you have everyone around you to take care of any minor crisis's!

**Capture Tip #9-** Got some fabulous wedding shoes? Break those bad boys in! We all know that new shoes need some time to get used to, wedding shoes aren't any different. Take some time prior to the wedding to wear them around the house. What house chore wouldn't be more fun if done in heels?!

**Capture Tip #10-** Let your vendors do their thing- that is why you hired them! Your ideas will always be welcomed to any vendor but giving them their own creative freedom to work is the best thing you can do. Florists, Bakers, Djs and photographers are all hired for their skill, knowledge and creativity. This all blossoms when we are allowed to do what we do best with your trust and confidence!