

# Photography Checklist

## GETTING READY

- Bride having her hair styled and makeup applied
- Bride's gown hanging up
- Still life shots of the bride's shoes and jewelry
- Still life shots of something old, new, borrowed, blue
- 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 the bride in her gown
- Bride 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 & 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
- Both sets of parents watching the ceremony
- Wide shot of the altar 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 & groom as they recite their vows
- Close-up of the bride & 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 (OR CEREMONY)

- 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 & 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, table settings, favors, and Champagne glasses
- The cake
- Hors d'oeuvres and specialty drink
- 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, DJ, 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