

Wedding Timeline Example



Timeline Is Based on 4 Hour Bar Service Time

5:30	Ceremony	Schedule at least 30 minutes from the start (processional) to the end (recessional). Add 10-15 min for special items like separate reading, a song played during, unity ceremony that you are including in the ceremony time.
6:00	Cocktail Hour (Bar Opens)	After the ceremony concludes, the cocktail hour will start. Allow for 45 minutes for cocktail hour if you are choosing to do formal introductions into the reception and first dances. This is the best time for family and couples' pictures on the beach. SUNSET: Winter weddings – Ideal to schedule the sunset time within your cocktail hour.
6:45	Introductions / First Dances	Guests are asked to be seated If you are doing formal introductions of the parents, wedding party, and/or newly weds If applicable, first dance before seated for dinner
7:00	Dinner Service	Blessings (if applicable, will be right before dinner service is open) Dinner will be served by table number (buffet) SUNSET: Spring/Fall weddings – Ideal to schedule the sunset time within dinner service Toasts/Speeches (if applicable, will be right after the last dinner is served)
7:50	Cake Cutting	If applicable, immediately after dinner
8:00	Traditional Dances	If applicable, Father & Daughter and/or Mother & Son Dances before the dance floor opens
8:15	Dancing	Open Dance Floor for Fun & Dancing SUNSET: Summer weddings – Ideal to schedule the sunset time during dancing
10:00	Happily Ever After (Bar Closes)	All Weddings must conclude by 10PM for County ordinance.

Timeline for 4 Hour Bar Time

How is this timeline calculated? We schedule your wedding day according to how long your bar time is. This way guests will always have access to fun and drinks. Open bar time starts immediately after your ceremony concludes (cocktail hour) and all events must end by 10PM according to Monroe County law.

Moving backwards from 10PM, we calculate 4 hours to when your cocktail hour will start. Then allow for up to 30 minutes for ceremony time (that's from start to finish, with some cushion time just in case).

What about sunset pictures? You don't want to miss this! The sun sets at different times during the year/season. It is ideal to work the timeline so the sunset falls into a place where the newly weds can scamper off without missing anything.

This is a timeline to help us create the perfect day with you. We will use this to make sure we have everything that is important to you and your BIG DAY. Not everything in the timeline will apply to your specific needs.