



THE  
**WEDDING**  
EXPERIENCE

*2016 Investment Guide*



## W E L C O M E

Hey there, and WELCOME to the Sami Renee Investment Guide! This is such an exciting time for you! I'm sure your mind is racing with all that needs to be planned. It's all very exciting but it can also be somewhat overwhelming. After all, you're planning the day that you've been anticipating your whole life and yet you only get one shot at it! My goal as a wedding photographer is to make this one aspect of the planning process simple. Photography is more than just images; it's a real part of your day. Not only do you deserve beautiful images, you also deserve an amazing photographic experience! The goal of this guide is to introduce you to my philosophy and give you a taste of what you can expect if you decide to book me! Once we're official, the next step is to plan your engagement session and then start chatting about wedding day details as we get closer to your date! I'm beyond excited for the chance to work with you!! I cannot wait to get to know you two during your engagement session and throughout the process :) Let's get started!

# THIS IS ME!

It may seem silly to start off with a page about me, but it's important to me that we BOTH are a great fit! After all, you'll spend the majority of your wedding day with your photographer! If you follow along on Instagram, you probably already recognize these faces :) While I am the owner behind Sami Renee Photography, I couldn't even come CLOSE to doing this job successfully without the support & cheers from my husband, Chris! I'm a mom and teacher in addition to wedding photographer, so he is crucial to my success! In addition to our fluffy guy, Graham, we've recently added another awesome member to our family: Ryan! I want to make sure I introduce you to all of us because, well, these are my favorite people in the world!



## SAMI

I've been running this business since 2013, but I really fell in love with Wedding Photography during the summer of 2011 when I worked as second shooter for an amazing photographer in Indianapolis! My favorite parts of the day? Portrait time with the bride & groom, that moment right after the ceremony when you are finally MARRIED, and dancing the night away, of course! Non-wedding favorites include chai tea, Target, window shopping at Anthro, and fun office supplies / mugs!



## CHRIS

Chris and I have been married since September of 2012, and there is no one else I'd rather do this crazy thing called LIFE with! He is a medical laboratory scientist, an amazing musician, the best dad around, and a super good cook, too! He often helps me with behind-the-scenes tasks and is definitely my biggest cheerleader :) Some things he loves? A good cup of a coffee, J.Crew tees, ESPN, puns, fun socks, & finding new local breweries in the Indy area!



## RYAN

Ryan is the newest member to our family, and we just can't imagine life without him!! He has brought us so much joy since his wild entry to this world on January 4, 2016, and we wouldn't have it any other way :) Fun Facts: Ryan James Orndorff is his full name, and one reason we loved it was because Ryan O sounds a lot like rhino :) We are big on the word play around here, so hopefully he grows up to be a football player or something! Ha! He is a GREAT baby and we are so thankful for him (and all of his grumpy old man faces! Haha!).



*don't forget  
graham!*



## MY PHILOSOPHY

My goal is to capture the whole story of your wedding with a variety of images. That's why all of my packages start at 8 hours of coverage -- I don't want to miss a thing! The smile you give your bridesmaids as you slip into your dress, the way your mother watches as your hair & makeup come together, the moment you first become husband and wife for life, the laughter you share with those you love most, the quick hug you squeeze in with your very best friend, the kisses you sneak with your other half on the dance floor — every moment matters, and it is my JOY to capture them big or small.

After all, I remember at my own wedding just how FAST everything went by. Investing in a photographer allows you to grab those moments you may otherwise miss in the rush of the day and keep them from passing by. At the end of the day, my hope is that the photos I take are more than just pretty pictures. It is my desire for your photos to strengthen your marriage in the future by reminding you of the joy you felt on the day you committed to love and serve your spouse, helping you choose to love each other even when it's tough, and encouraging you to never give up!

## SHOOTING STYLE

I approach wedding day with a mixture of a photo-journalist and editorial shooting style. It's my goal to capture events as they happen, so I love taking the "fly on the wall" mindset -- most of the time you won't even know I'm there! However, there are some key moments that call for command: family formals, bridal party portraits, and time with you and your man! But don't worry, even then I will direct you in a way that will keep things natural and fun :) My images are typically bright, colorful, and airy, and I am a very natural editor.



## A LA CARTE

ADDITIONAL HOUR OF COVERAGE | \$200  
Coverage can be expanded at any time upon approval by Sami Renee Photography

HANDCRAFTED LINEN ALBUM | \$550\*  
A professionally designed 10x10 hard-cover linen bound wedding album with 10 spreads.  
\*\*\*Booking Special: a savings of \$200\*\*\*

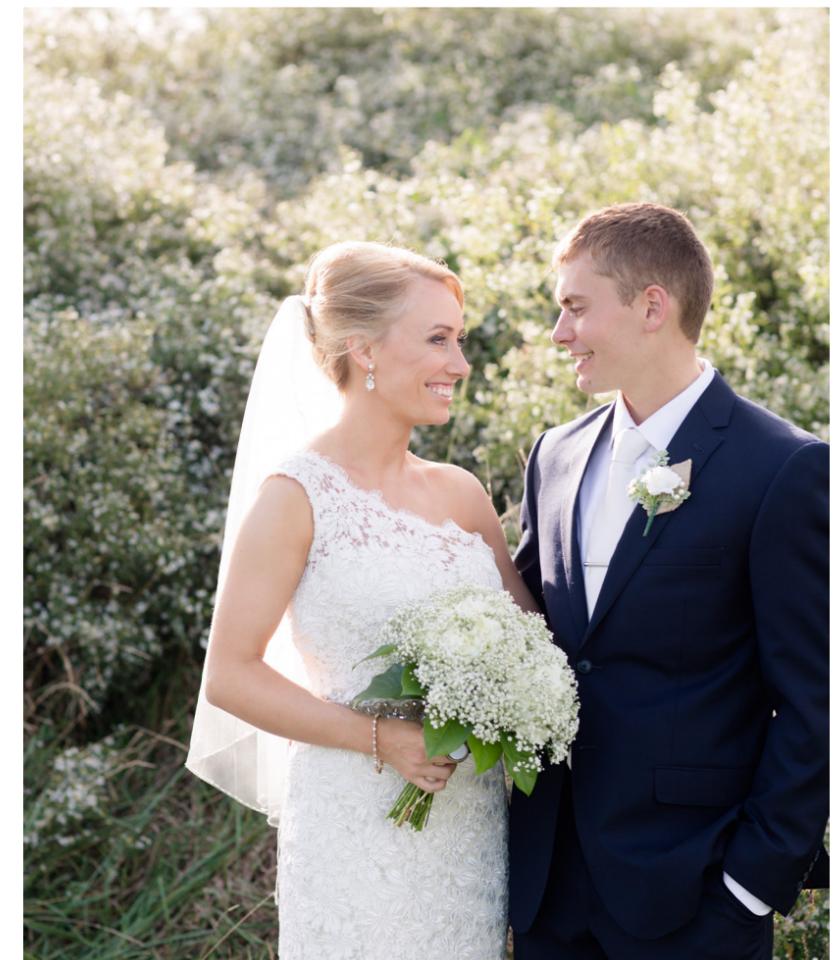
## PRICING PHILOSOPHY

I believe in making this process as simple as possible, which is why I offer one standard collection with everything you would need for a great photography experience! However, I also recognize that every wedding is unique; therefore, my package is customizable for those that desire more hours or an upgraded collection. Once we decide to make things official, you will receive a customizable online quote, contract, and invoice.

## 2016 PRICING

THE WEDDING EXPERIENCE | \$2750

- Complimentary Engagement Session
- Timeline Consultation
- 8 hours of wedding coverage with 2 photographers
- High-res edited photos via an online gallery
- Printing & Sharing rights



## FAQs | Common Topics

### Digital Files

You're investing a lot into your wedding photography with a purpose: to have GREAT photos! That's why I believe it's so important to share all the edited high-resolution images from the day with you. Within two months of your wedding, you will receive 600+ images via an online password-protected gallery that you can easily share with family and friends! From there, you can print the photos wherever you choose (although I am more than happy to recommend some places, too!).

### Online Invoicing / Contracts

Another common question revolves around booking! Once you've decided I'm the photographer for you, I will send you a customizable quote and contract for you to look over. Once you've signed, you will be directed to an online invoice that makes paying your retainer fee as easy as pie! I am more than happy to discuss alternate payment plans as needed. Managing my payments and contracts online has been wildly popular with past clients as it streamlines the process, makes payments faster, and allows for greater organization.

### Customizable Coverage

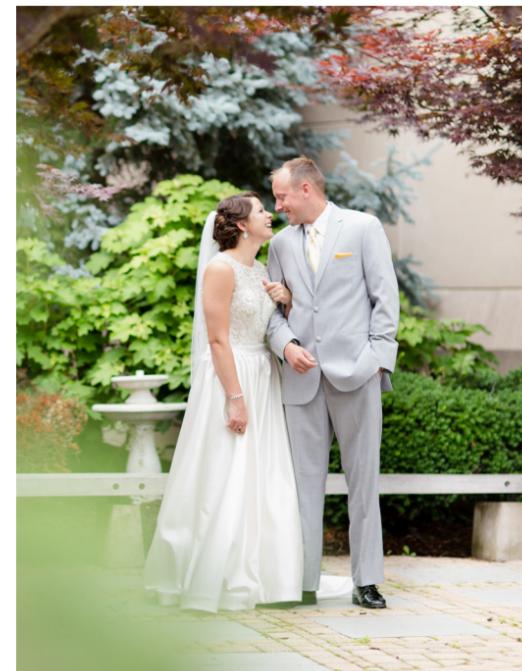
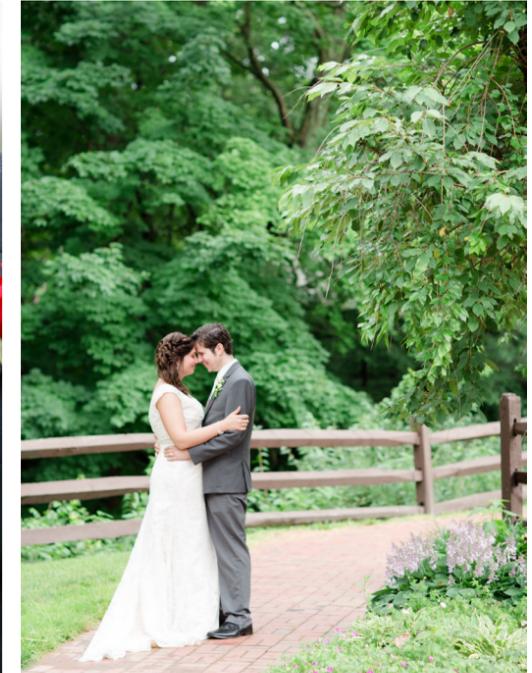
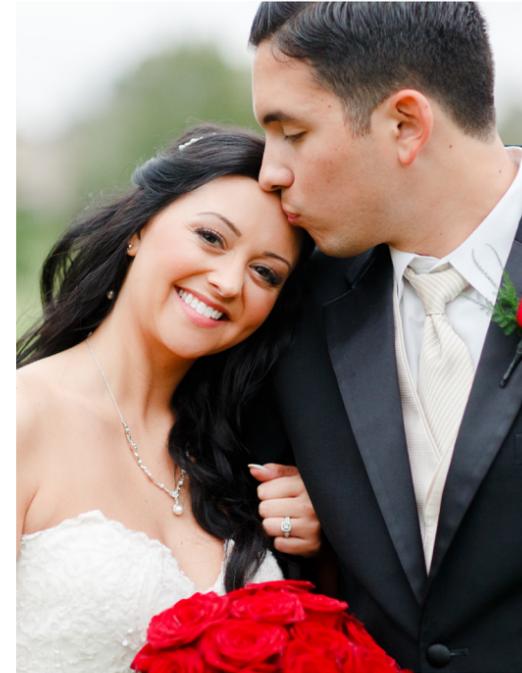
My standard package includes 8 hours of photography, as my experience has taught me that that amount of hours is the perfect coverage for the typical day. However, I am more than happy to extend your coverage if your timeline calls for it! This is often the case if you have an early ceremony with lots of space between the reception. Additional hours can be added to your package at any time based on the \$200/hour upgrade charge.

### The Engagement Session

I LOVE engagement sessions so much that I have included one in every package for you and your fiancé! It's totally common to feel nervous your first time in front of the camera, but by making that experience fun and stress-free during your e-session, you and your man will be pros by your wedding day! I also love these sessions because it's one of the only times I get to hang out with you as a couple! They are the perfect way for us both to get to know each other. Most of my couples typically schedule engagement sessions 6-9 months before their wedding!

### My Shooting Style

If you haven't had the chance to yet, take a look through my past weddings on the blog! My style is very natural, light, and joyful -- and it's important that that's the style you're looking for, too! I will educate and direct you on how to pose naturally, and we will laugh A LOT along the way, too :)



## Kind Words | CLIENT REVIEWS

"Sami is INCREDIBLE. I would refer her to any of my family or friends who are looking. My husband and I have our engagement and wedding photos taken by Sami hanging up EVERYWHERE in our home and we will cherish them forever. Sami takes the time to learn about each couple and find out what they want out of a photographer. She works hard to individualize each and every session she has and makes each one special. 5 STARS!!! :)" -Kyle & Casey



"I seriously can't say enough good things about my experience with Sami Renee Photography. Sami is an absolute joy to work with! She truly cares about making the day special for you, and because of that she really helps make the day as stress-free as possible. From the moment I first contacted Sami, I knew we'd get along great. She was responsive, sweet, and really excited to work with my husband and me. She really takes the time to get to know you (with questions, an engagement session, and meetings) prior to your big day, so she knows exactly what you want and need on your big day. She helped plan out our timeline to ensure we got all the pictures we wanted and even accommodated some silly requests (stopping at a bar for some fun pictures, some interesting pictures of my husband and his fraternity brothers, etc). She was willing to do whatever we wanted and made the day even more fun! And the pictures we got were awesome. High quality and SO many to choose from. She really captured every single moment for us and I feel so lucky to be able to relive the day through her gorgeous photos whenever I want. Not only would I recommend Sami, but I plan to use her again in the future when I'm in need of a photographer!" - Holly & Robbie



"Sami is an excellent photographer who knows not only how to take a great picture but also how to capture a moment. She spent an entire eight hour day documenting our wedding in Sausalito, CA. Our ceremony during the day was (thankfully) full of sunshine, and Sami took extra care to make sure our final photos turned out with the right amount of exposure and lighting. She did a great job bringing out the joy and happiness everyone shared as we made our commitment in front of our family and friends. During our reception, she was able to adjust her photography style to capture the fun evening of dancing in our dimly lit reception hall. With every photo, Sami was a pleasure to work with and was kind to our guests as well. I would gladly recommend her to anyone looking for a professional and patient vendor." - Tarun & Julia



"We could not be more thankful that we had Sami with us during our whole wedding planning process! Not only is she an extremely talented photographer, but she truly goes above and beyond for her clients to make their day amazing! Our pictures are absolutely beautiful, and Sami was so patient and kind throughout our whole wedding day! We feel so lucky to have found her and 100% recommend her to anyone looking for not only beautiful pictures, but a great all around experience!" - Megan & Dave



See more reviews & weddings on the blog:  
[www.samireneephotography.com](http://www.samireneephotography.com)



## LEGACY ALBUMS



Wedding albums are one of the best investments you can make after your day is over: a tangible keepsake that you and your loved ones can come back to again and again! These albums are hand-crafted and professionally designed in order to tell the story of your day in perfect detail. Having digital images is wonderful but having a printed keepsake that tells a visual story of our wedding day is priceless! If you haven't already invested in a Legacy Album of your own, you can always come back to us at any time and order one. I'm not a photography business that pushes product sales at all, so if you don't want one, that's totally fine! However, these albums are important not just for you to have... but for your grandchildren to enjoy as well :)

SIZE OPTIONS:  
8x8, 10x10, 12x12

### SAY THANK YOU WITH A PARENT ALBUM :

Chris and I didn't have any trouble picking out our parent's Christmas gifts the year we got married! Our parents did so much to make our wedding a dream come true and so we decided to surprise them with their very own albums on Christmas morning! After the wedding chaos is over and life returns to normal, or if you want to surprise your parents with their very own albums from your wedding for Christmas, let me know before October 1st so we can get them ordered!



## YOUR ONLINE GALLERY

Years ago you had to order prints of the images that you wanted to have forever. That isn't how we work around here! I want you to have ALL of your memories in your possession forever and ever! I also want you to share your images freely and without any hesitation. This is why I deliver your images via an online gallery! This means that you don't have to wait on a package in the mail and you'll have access to them wherever you are! I've listed some important information that will help you understand your online gallery and all that it can do on the next page! Enjoy! :

## DOWNLOADING PHOTOS:

You will be able to download your edited images directly from your online gallery and they will be high resolution! This process is very simple! All you have to do is click the “downwards arrow icon” and you will be prompted to enter your name and email. Once you enter your name and email, you will be asked if you want to download just that one photo or if you would like to download all photos! Your photos will download directly to your “Downloads” folder. If you opt to download the entire gallery, you will be notified via email when your entire download is ready. It takes a few minutes to prepare for hundreds of images to be downloaded!

## ACCESSING YOUR PHOTOS ON YOUR PHONE:

The online gallery system that we use actually has a mobile APP that is free to download! If you pull up your gallery in your browser on your phone, you will be prompted to download a FREE APP! In this free app, you’ll be able to access your gallery (both wedding and engagement galleries) and you can download images to your phone for clear, crisp Instagrams!

## ORDERING PRINTS:

You can actually order professional and affordable prints from within your online gallery and have them shipped directly to your house! Print sizes are all under \$10 and are printed in a professional lab to ensure color and contrast accuracy! You are more than welcome to print images on your own. However, I would warn you to avoid Walmart, Target and Costco. I cannot promise that your colors will print true-to-life if you choose to print at those stores. If you don’t print through your gallery, I recommend using Mpix.com!

## GALLERY EXPIRATION:

I have great news! Your galleries will not expire for 10 years! Isn’t that amazing?! You will have kids running around everywhere before your wedding gallery expires! However, even though you will have access to your images for a long time, I would still recommend downloading them and saving them in multiple places for safe keeping!

## SHARING, WATERMARKING & EDITING:

You have the freedom to share your images in any way that you choose! These are your images and I want you to love them so much that you can’t help but share them! I don’t believe that it is necessary to watermark my images. Instead, all I ask for is some type of credit whenever you use an image on social media! I only have ONE rule when it comes to what you can and cannot do with my work: I always encourage clients not to re-edit their images. Let me do that hard work! However, if you have an image or two that you want to print at a very large size and you find an imperfection, I will gladly perfect it!



THANK YOU!

Last, but certainly not least, THANK YOU for considering me as the photographer for your special day. Please let me know if you have any questions and ENJOY this season of planning!!! I know it can be so easy to get wrapped up in the agendas and to-dos, but always try to remember that your MARRIAGE is more important than any wedding. Your wedding will come and go in a matter of hours but your marriage needs to stand the test of time. Continue to make time for one another, even with all that needs to get done. Whether that’s a quick coffee date or a weekend away, make dating your fiance a priority! :) I hope this guide has been helpful as you continue to plan and prepare for your wedding day!

Love love love, Sami