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PHOTOGRAPHY

Wedding Guide

Congrats on your engagement!

It's time to celebrate!

I would be honored to document your love, joy, and celebration
- and capture photos that you will look back on and enjoy for
the rest of your lives!



This guide includes wedding photography collections,
engagement session info, and lots of details on timelines,
photos, and feeling prepared for being photographed on your
wedding day!

Cheers,

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About Me

Hi, I'm Christina and I love taking pictures. Weddings have my heart and I'm so thankful I get to capture your life's milestone moments.

My photography style is bright, natural, and true to life! I want your photos to be timeless as well as reflect the season they were taken in.

I love making people feel comfortable and have fun in front of the camera. If you have questions like "what do I wear?" or "what do I do with my hands?" - I am there to help you through it all. I will also be your biggest hype person from behind the lens.

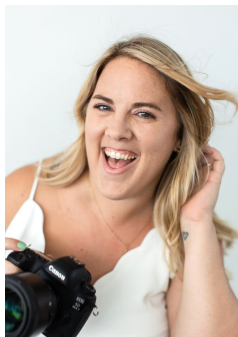
Candid moments and capturing an event as it happens is so fun, and makes me feel like a real documentarian... but when it comes to posing and group portraits, I will surely tell you what to do, how to stand, and where to put those hands!

The gist - I want people to enjoy being photographed and feel good about themselves. Let's celebrate and have fun!

I live in Sacramento with my wife, Anna, and our two cats, Boat and Boy. I love supporting local businesses, coffee dates, clouds, flowers and plants. I'm proud to be a queer owned business and believe that love is love and the future is inclusive!

I would be honored to meet you and photograph you!

Xo, Christina



Order of events



1. Wedding consultation:
 - a. We'll schedule a Zoom chat where we get to know each other and I can give recommendations on photo packages
2. Decide to book
 - a. Confirm the photography collection and I'll send a digital contract and deposit, typically split into 4 payments
3. Schedule engagement session
 - a. Engagement photos delivered via online gallery 1-2 weeks after shoot. Perfect for save the dates, wedding website, wedding day decor, or guest book. Included in full wedding collections only, a la carte for micro weddings
4. Final timeline meeting
 - a. Zoom chat about a month before the wedding to finalize the timeline and family photo list
5. The Wedding!
 - a. It's here! Soak it all in and enjoy it all. You're married!
 - b. A small gallery of sneak previews is usually sent the Monday after the wedding, so you can enjoy photos while I work on the rest of the gallery
6. Gallery delivery day
 - a. The final gallery is delivered about 2-3 months after the wedding. Average weddings includes 100 final photos per hour, edited in a bright and true to life style
7. Option to order album and prints
 - a. Includes printing rights so you can print anywhere you'd like, but I offer heirloom albums and prints

Wedding Collections

-Sweet Collection-

\$3,550

Complimentary
Engagement Session

7 consecutive hours of
photography coverage

Add a second
photographer starting at
\$300 for 4 hours

Best images edited,
minimum 700 images

Private digital gallery of
images

Ideal for smaller
ceremonies with less
than 100 guests

-Classic Collection-

\$4000

Complimentary
Engagement Session

8 consecutive hours of
photography coverage

Add a second
photographer starting at
\$450 for 6 hours

Best images edited,
minimum 800 images

Private digital gallery of
images

Ideal for larger families
or multiple locations
with 150+ guests

-Grand Collection-

\$5,450

Complimentary
Engagement Session

10 consecutive hours of
photography coverage

Includes second
photographer for 6 hours

Best images edited
minimum 1000 images

Private digital gallery of
images

Ideal for full day
coverage or multiple
locations with 200+
guests

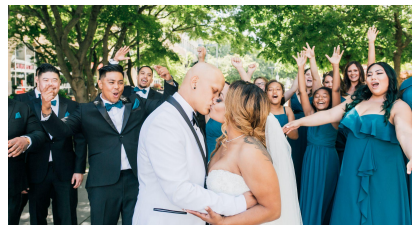
Custom Packages available starting at \$475 per hour. 25% non refundable deposit due upon booking.

Standard IRS mileage rates apply to weddings outside of Sacramento/Davis/Auburn/Placerville.

Micro wedding/elopement pricing starts at \$1250 for 2.5 hours - for less than 30 guests. 4 hours for \$1800. Micro weddings do not include engagement sessions but can be added on.

Second photographers are great if you are getting ready separately, multiple locations, or waiting until the ceremony to see each other. Adds another point of view to your day.

Pricing valid through 2024, subject to change at anytime.



Your Details!

Weddings are filled with so many special details- from the dress, to the shoes, the something blue, to the ceremony and reception decor. Much thought, time, and effort goes into each element and I take pride in capturing each of these moments.

Please share any details with me that are extremely important to be photographed, I'll capture anything I see that looks like you've spent any time or energy on.

Details include: rings, invitation suite, vow books, florals, jewelry, perfume, signage, and any item that's significant to you!



Engagement Sessions

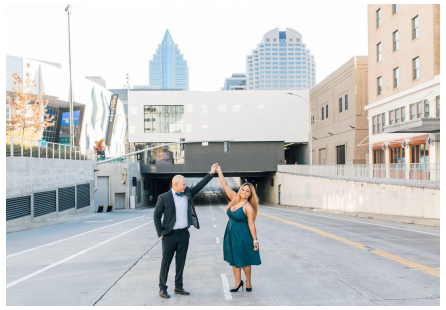
Engagement sessions are a perfect way for us to get to know each other and get you comfortable in front of the camera before the wedding day. The photos are perfect momentos for capturing this special season and make great save the dates, or decor on your wedding day.

Pick a location that you love or with a beautiful backdrop. Shooting in the bright morning light or hour before sunset is perfect for the best light. If you need a location suggestion, just ask,

FAQ:

- How long are engagement sessions?
 - About 1 hour
- When are photos delivered
 - In about 1-2 weeks
- What should we wear?
 - Wear what makes you feel your best. The best photo results come when you're not worried about your outfit. Bring options or text me your outfit choices in advance if you're not sure. Most folks do one casual and one fancier 'fit.
- Can we bring animals/props?
 - Yes, of course! (Location permitting)

I'll send you an engagement session guide once we start planning your session!





Timelines!

I'm happy to assist with your timeline to ensure we have enough time to capture all the details, family, wedding party, couple, ceremony, reception, and more of your day!

A general timeline includes:

- Getting ready
- First look (if you opt for it)
- Ceremony
- Family Photos
- Wedding Party Photos
- Portraits
- Grand Entrance
- Reception
- Sunset Photos

Suggestions:

- 30 minute details
- 60 minute getting ready
- 30-60 minute first look and couples portraits
- 30 minute family photos (up to an hour for larger families)
- 20 minutes for wedding party
- 15 minutes sunset portraits
- More time for photos is always welcome especially at picturesque locations



Send me your ceremony start time and I'll send a sample timeline with more info!

I suggest earlier start times for weddings in the late fall/winter to ensure we have enough daylight for photos.

Wedding Photography Questionnaire:



These are helpful questions to think about during the wedding planning process. Let's schedule a chat and we can go over all the details!

- Are you doing a first look or waiting to see each other until the ceremony?
- Where are each of you getting ready?
- How many people are in the wedding party (each side)?
- Do you have important family photos or group shots you want? How big are your families? An estimate works if you don't have exact numbers.
- What are you most excited about on the wedding day?
- Have you decided on a location for family/wedding party photos? This is typically done at the ceremony site right after the ceremony. I try to knock out the family first, starting with the big group shots, and dismissing families as they are finished in photos to go enjoy cocktail hour.
- What are your colors/theme?
- Do you have a list of vendors? (ie: dress, flowers, catering, coordinator, rings, suit, etc) I love to be able to credit the other vendors that take part in making your day so spectacular.
- Will you be using a wedding coordinator? If so, who?
- How many guests are you expecting?
- Do you have a wedding day timeline yet? I'd love to see it or help with it to make sure we have enough time for all the photos.
- Do you have a grand entrance planned for the reception?
- Are there any special details or memorabilia that you'd like photographed?
- Or any important photos that you can't live without?

Family Photo Template

Family photos are typically done directly after the ceremony during cocktail hour. If you opt for a first look, you can always do family photos pre-ceremony if you want to go to cocktail hour. It all depends on the timeline, and I'm happy to assist.

Be sure to give your fam a heads up if they are needed for family photos. It helps prevent people from wandering to far.

Family/group photos usually start with the largest group first, then to smaller groups, so families can be dismissed once their photos are done.

- Family group template:
 - Full Family - parents, siblings (their s/o + kids), grandparents, etc
 - Couple with both sides of the family: parents, grandparents, siblings
- Parents:
 - Couple with side 1 parents
 - Couple with parents individually (ie: bride + mom, groom + dad, etc)
 - Couple with side 2 parents
- Siblings:
 - Couple + all parents + all Siblings
 - Couple + side 1 + siblings
 - Couple + side 2 + siblings
- Other:
 - Grandparents, cousins, extended family, etc.
 - Any additional family members or friends

About a month before the wedding, we'll go over your family shot list once the guest list is confirmed. We can take as many formal family photos as you'd like, or go with a more candid approach.



FAQ

- ❖ What's your favorite part about photography?
 - I love connecting with people through my camera, and making folks feel good and have fun! Hying people up and celebrating your moments with you is the absolute best!
- ❖ Are you licensed and insured?
 - Yes! Christina Best Photography LLC is my business and I have insurance through the Hartford.
- ❖ How long does it take to get our photos?
 - Engagement sessions take about 2 weeks to be delivered while wedding galleries can take 2-3 months depending on the season.
- ❖ Do you send sneak previews?
 - Yes! All engagements and weddings get handful or more of sneak previews typically a few days after the shoot.
- ❖ How many photos do you include?
 - Engagement sessions typically include about 50+ photos. Weddings typically include about 75-100 photos per hour.
- ❖ What's included in my final gallery?
 - Final wedding galleries are delivered digitally and include the best images of the day, edited in a bright and natural editing style. Images are delivered in JPEG format via an online digital gallery. I do not give RAW files.
- ❖ What type of editing do you do?
 - I aim to shoot bright and true to life, so my editing includes white balance, contrast, and enhancing the photos. I do not photoshop wedding images. Some images are also converted to black and white, which in that case I include BW & color photos.
- ❖ Do I have to order prints?
 - You have the option to order prints and an heirloom album through me, but you can print the photos at your location of choice
- ❖ Do you have preferred vendors you work with?
 - Yes, I love giving referrals to vendors I've worked with! Let me know what you're looking for!
- ❖ Any other questions?
 - Please ask! I'm here to help if you have questions or just need to chat wedding details! I know how much time and energy goes into a wedding, I'd love to be a resource.
- ❖ Do I need a second photographer?
 - Second photographers are a great way to get another point of view captured on your wedding day. If you opt out of a first look I highly suggest a second.
- ❖ What cameras do you shoot with?
 - Canon! I shoot with two cameras on a wedding day, one with a wide angle lens to capture the full scene and another with a tighter lens for more close up detail shots!





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