

A full-page photograph of a wedding couple. The bride, on the left, is a Black woman with her hair styled in braids, wearing an off-the-shoulder white wedding dress and a diamond necklace. She is holding a large bouquet of orange and white flowers. The groom, on the right, is a Black man with a beard, wearing a white tuxedo jacket, a black bow tie, and a boutonniere. They are standing in front of a light-colored brick wall, leaning in and kissing. To the right of the couple, there is a black lantern-style light fixture mounted on the wall and a large, lush arrangement of red, white, and yellow flowers. The overall scene is romantic and elegant.

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WEDDING & EVENTS PHOTOGRAPHER

Storytelling Wedding Guide

Insights to create an unforgettable wedding experience



Hi, I'm Tracey,

Thank you for choosing me to be your wedding photographer. I am honoured to be part of your special story.

In this guide, I share insights to help you curate an unforgettable wedding experience that beautifully reflects your love and individuality. Each click of the shutter holds a story, a feeling, a fleeting glimpse of life that can be revisited again and again.

I love to capture the elegance and authenticity of the wedding day. I love to write the story; bringing together the feelings, the atmosphere, the details, the setting and the loving connections. I will document the tender glances shared between you and the joy of the day. I will capture the beautiful moments as they unfold.

I create a relaxed atmosphere where you and your loved ones can truly enjoy every part seamlessly.

As we get to know each other please share with me your story, insights into your personalities, your vision and desires for photography. This collaboration between us will allow me to capture your unique love story in a way that resonates personally.



Example Timeline



- **11.00am**
Details & getting ready photos
- **1.00pm**
Bride/groom ready for photos
Bride "First Look" with Father/
significant person
- **1.30pm**
Guests arriving
- **2.00pm**
Ceremony
- **2.45pm**
Confetti
- **3.00pm**
Drinks & Canapés reception
- **3.30 - 4.15pm**
Couple and group photos
- **5.00pm**
Dinner
- **6.30pm**
Speeches
- **7.00pm**
Cake cutting / Champagne tower
- **7.30pm**
Golden hour photos
- **8.30pm**
First dance

Engagement Session

The perfect way to start your story

An engagement session is a wonderful opportunity to practice being in front of the camera in a relaxed setting before the big day.

Whether you use these images for save-the-date cards or as cherished keepsakes, they beautifully celebrate your love story.

This session allows me to get to know how you interact naturally, ensuring I capture your genuine moments on your wedding day. It's also a chance for you to connect with me as your photographer.

Engagement shoots beautifully highlight the love and connection between you and your partner. These images will serve as lasting memories, capturing the excitement and anticipation leading up to your wedding day.

If you would like to book an engagement session, please get in touch with me.



Engagement Session Tips

- Choose outfits that make you feel comfortable and confident.
- Think about what time of day feels right for your session – golden hour (that dreamy glow right before sunset) gives everything a warm, soft light.
- When selecting your outfit, keep your wedding colour palette in mind. These images will be perfect for your save-the-date cards.
- If you're not feeling confident about doing your own hair and makeup, consider booking your wedding artists for the session. Think of it as a trial run for the big day.
- Above all, relax and enjoy the experience. This is a moment to celebrate your love.



Getting Ready

The first moments of your wedding day set the tone for everything that follows.

This is your time to unwind, trust in your carefully chosen suppliers, cherish and enjoy every moment.

As you prepare for the getting ready stage, there are a few things to consider if you would like these captured as part of the story of your day.

I have compiled a list of items as a helpful guide that you can have ready for my arrival.



The Details

- Dress / suit
- Shoes
- Veil / hair accessories
- Stationery
- Flowers / Bouquet
- Perfume / After Shave
- Jewellery
- Something borrowed
- Something blue
- Sentimental items / gifts
- Cufflinks
- Button hole / corsage
- Watch
- Rings





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The getting ready moments are filled with anticipation and joy, and it is a true privilege to capture them for you to revisit for years to come.

I recommend setting up in a clear space in the suite where there is lots of natural light. Finding a spot that invites sunlight will yield breathtaking results.

During this time I will also capture the special connections between you, your close friends & relatives getting ready with you.

These images beautifully document the cherished relationships in your life, creating lasting memories of your wedding day.

If you would like to have a first look with a significant person in your life, please let me know and I will happily arrange this for you.

First Look

The first look offers a beautiful opportunity for you both to connect in a private moment before the ceremony, providing a serene pause and helping to soothe pre-wedding nerves.

A first look is not for everyone, some couples prefer to adhere to tradition and wait until the ceremony to see one another. I'm here to accommodate your personal preferences and vision for your day.

If you would like to have a first look please let me know and we can plan this for your special day.





The Ceremony

Your wedding ceremony is the soul of your day. The moment when you and your partner declare your commitment to one another for a lifetime.

This is an opportunity to curate an experience that is uniquely yours. Thoughtfully designed to reflect your love story, your individual personalities and the community of family and friends surrounding your love.

As your photographer, I will capture the ceremony as it unfolds, preserving the authenticity of every emotion and gesture. If you have special elements planned, please share them with me. I am here to ensure your vision comes to life in a way that reflects your story beautifully.



A romantic couple is shown in profile, kissing outdoors. The man, on the left, has dark, curly hair and is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt and a red tie. The woman, on the right, has dark hair and is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, dress. Her hair is adorned with a small floral accessory. They are both looking towards each other, and their faces are close together. The background is softly blurred, showing green foliage and warm, golden light from the setting or rising sun, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is intimate and romantic.

Portraits

Couple portraits are a chance to capture your personalities and authentic connection between you both beautifully and naturally.

I create a relaxed atmosphere allowing for candid moments to unfold between you. I encourage you to be yourselves and enjoy each other's company, as this often leads to the most stunning photos.

I understand that not everyone feels at ease in front of the camera, so I give you gentle guidance throughout.

For summer weddings, I recommend two portrait sessions. The first, shortly after your ceremony during the drinks reception; capturing those initial moments of excitement.

The second session, during golden hour, offers captivating lighting that creates romantic images with an ethereal glow.



Group Photos

Let emotion and love surround you on your day

I recommend taking your group photos soon after your ceremony, during the drinks and canapés reception.

By scheduling them right after the ceremony, everyone will still be in their full wedding attire, and the joyful emotions will be high. It's a perfect opportunity before everyone mingles around the venue.

Please communicate with me in advance about the specific images you would like. I will bring this list with me on your day.

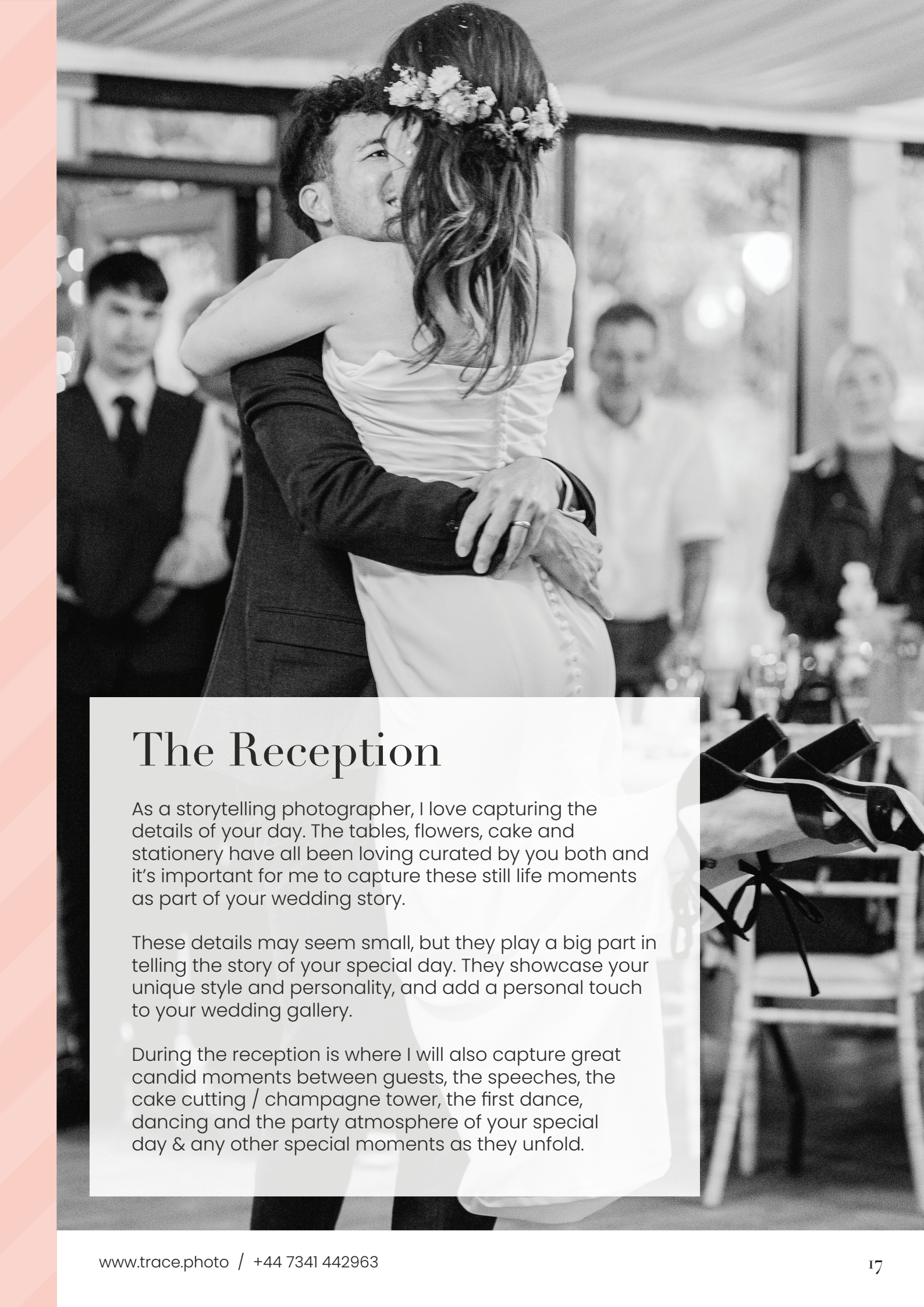
It is helpful if you can assign someone who knows everyone well, to help with gathering the right people for the photographs.



Examples of Group Photos

- Parents
- Parents & grandparents
- Both sets of grandparents
- Parents, siblings & partners/children
- Bridal party (Bridesmaids, flower girls, Best Man, ushers and page boys)
- Bridesmaids & flower girls
- Maid of Honour
- Groomsmen & page boys
- Best Man





The Reception

As a storytelling photographer, I love capturing the details of your day. The tables, flowers, cake and stationery have all been lovingly curated by you both and it's important for me to capture these still life moments as part of your wedding story.

These details may seem small, but they play a big part in telling the story of your special day. They showcase your unique style and personality, and add a personal touch to your wedding gallery.

During the reception is where I will also capture great candid moments between guests, the speeches, the cake cutting / champagne tower, the first dance, dancing and the party atmosphere of your special day & any other special moments as they unfold.



For the Storytellers

Recommended Suppliers

• Hair

Lynette Chasmer

• Make Up Artists

Alice Wotton
Flawless Faces

• Celebrants

Ellie the Celebrant
Ceremonies by Ruth

• Florists

Thrive Florists
Winter in the Willows

• Cake

The Iced Vegan
Claire Ellen Designs

• Accessories

Liberty in Love
Alabaster Dream

• Singer

Sammi Sings

• Event Stylists

CMA Hire

• Dresses

Jean Jackson Couture
Millia London
Veni Infantino

• Bridesmaid Dresses

Amara Bridesmaids

• Veils

Rebecca Anne Designs

• Suits

Moss Bros
Anthony Formal Wear

• Rings

Essex Bespoke Jewellery

• DJ

DJ Scott Dewing



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