

Q&A

“WHEN INTERVIEWING A WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHER, WHAT SORT OF QUESTIONS SHOULD I ASK?”

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the experts weigh in



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Ask the questions that are relevant to determine your compatibility with the photographer. Do ask to see his or her portfolio in person. This allows you to interact with the photographer before your special day. You want to be absolutely comfortable with them. Don't be shy to ask for everything you want and what would that cost from them. Ask to see the most recent wedding. But most important ask them why they do wedding photography and judge for yourself in their demeanor and candor.



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I've met with many couples and they either don't know what to ask or ask about things that don't have anything to do with their wedding day photography. A couple should have a strong feeling or connection to a photographers work. The more portfolios you look at, the more you'll start to see the many differences in photographic styles. Remember, you are interviewing your photographer to get a feeling for who they are, but they should also be asking you all about your plans and expectations for your wedding, they shouldn't just be tooting their own horn.



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Make appointments with photographers to see their work and style and get a firsthand look at the different albums or packages they offer. This also gives you the opportunity to meet the one person who will be near you all day. Make sure it is a personality fit as well. Don't be afraid to ask questions. How long have you been in business? How many weddings have you done? Why do you enjoy wedding photography? Do you work with an assistant? Get it in writing. Communication is key to understanding what is included in your wedding package. Are the digital files you receive full resolution or thumbnail? How long is your photographer needed for the day? Does the package include specific hours or unlimited time? Ask what "unlimited time" means to the photographer? Does the package include prints? How long will it take to get your photos or wedding book? There are hundreds of people who advertise themselves in the wedding industry. Use the search and interview process to put together a team who will work together to make your wedding day the best memory of your life.