

YOUR GUIDE TO INCREDIBLE
WEDDING PHOTOS AT
**THE FAIRMONT GRAND
DEL MAR**





WELCOME

Welcome to *Your Guide to Incredible Wedding Photos at The Fairmont Grand Del Mar.*

Your wedding day will be full of precious moments that deserve to be captured in stunning photographs, preserving the joy and beauty of your special day for a lifetime. The Fairmont, with its luxurious ambiance and breathtaking surroundings, provides the perfect backdrop for your wedding photos.

In this guide, we will walk you through everything you need to know to get exceptional wedding photos at The Fairmont. From the opulent architecture to the serene gardens, every corner of this venue offers picturesque settings that will elevate the elegance of your wedding album.

Let's dive in and explore how to create lasting memories at one of SoCal's most exquisite wedding destinations!



PLAN FOR ENOUGH TIME TO PREP

The suites are gorgeous rooms for your final finishing touches and a few solo portraits. Take full advantage of the soft window light and tasteful decor for your preparation photos. To help stay on schedule, consider the following tips:

Prioritize Your Turn - If others are sharing the same hair and makeup team, consider going first to avoid delays in the schedule.

Schedule Buffer Time - Allocate an extra 30-60 minutes of buffer time in case unexpected issues arise, such as wardrobe malfunctions.

Schedule a Hair and Makeup Trial - A trial ensures you're satisfied with your chosen style, reducing delays on the wedding day.

Coordinate Photo and Video Start Times - Photo and video teams don't need to be present for the entire duration of the hair and makeup process. Aim to be nearly finished when they arrive for final touches.



CHOOSE YOUR IDEAL FIRST LOOK LOCATION

The venue has multiple options for first look locations, so choose the one that matches your vision. We recommend any of the following:

- The indoor staircases (top photo)
- The outdoor gardens (middle photo)
- The outdoor hallways (bottom photo)



The 'first look' tradition is a private, emotional moment where the bride and groom see each other before the official ceremony. Here's why you should consider one:

Emotional Connection: This private moment lets you express your love and anticipation authentically.

Calm Amidst Chaos: It offers solace and grounding in the midst of wedding-day commotion.

Extended Photography: It extends your photography opportunities, capturing more diverse shots.





TAKE PHOTOS IN THE GARDENS



The Fairmont Grand Del Mar boasts stunning outdoor areas perfect for capturing romantic couples' photos. The well-manicured lawns, elegant trees, and lush greenery create a picturesque setting that enhances the natural beauty of your wedding day.

We recommend scheduling a short couples session in the gardens during the golden hour, the period before sunset when the light is soft and warm. This magical time of day bathes everything in a golden glow, adding a dreamy quality to your photos.



MAXIMIZE THE OUTDOOR ARCHITECTURE

The Fairmont Grand Del Mar is renowned for its exquisite architectural features, including stunning arches, grand staircases, and intricate details that offer exceptional backdrops for your wedding photos.

These elements not only add a touch of elegance and grandeur to your images but also provide a sense of timeless beauty that enhances the overall aesthetic of your wedding album. Utilize these magnificent structures to frame your family and couples' photos, creating visually striking compositions that highlight the sophisticated ambiance of the venue.





GET MOODY IN THE INDOOR SPACES AND HALLWAYS



The Fairmont's indoor spaces are adorned with luxurious decor and a rich ambiance, making them perfect for capturing moody and dramatic photos.

Scheduling time for groomsmen or couples' photos in these settings can result in stunning images that contrast beautifully with the bright, outdoor shots, providing a well-rounded collection of memories that capture the full spectrum of emotions and settings from your special day.



GET CREATIVE WITH YOUR DESIGNS



Adorn the outdoor ceremony space and indoor ballroom at The Fairmont with your choice of florals and design elements to make the venue uniquely yours.

Simple, elegant designs can beautifully complement the venue's stunning architecture, allowing its inherent grandeur to shine.



Alternatively, you can treat the space as a blank canvas, transforming it entirely to match your vision. Whether you prefer minimalist arrangements that highlight the venue's classic features or elaborate decorations that add a personal touch, your creativity will bring your dream wedding to life.



SCHEDULE TIME IN YOUR BALLROOM

This is the moment you've been eagerly awaiting—the first glimpse of the wedding or reception you've envisioned and meticulously planned.

After all the time and effort invested in the setup, it's only fitting to set aside a precious 15-30 minutes for an intimate couple's session in this beautifully arranged space before your guests make their entrance.





EMBRACE CANDID MOMENTS

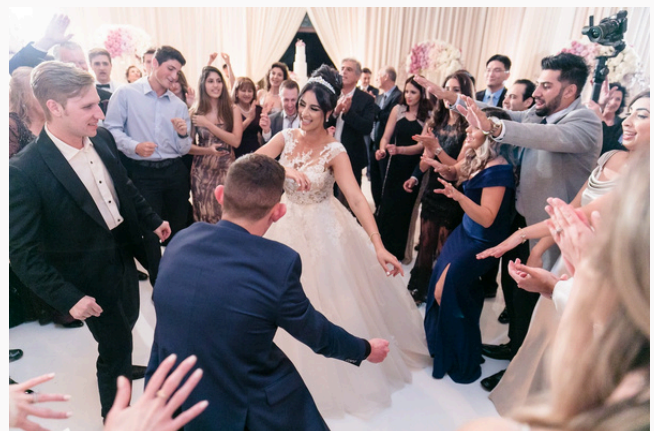
Relax and enjoy the moment. Spend time with your loved ones and let your natural interactions add genuine emotions and real moments that beautifully reflect the essence of your special day. These unscripted photos often reveal the most heartwarming and memorable aspects of your celebration.

By staying relaxed and immersed in the joy of the day, you not only create a more enjoyable experience for yourself but also enable your photographer to seize candid, heartfelt moments.



SCHEDULE ENOUGH PHOTOGRAPHY TIME!

Ensure your photographer stays for dance floor coverage as this is when some of the best spontaneous moments happen. The dance floor is where your guests let loose, creating an atmosphere filled with joy and excitement. These candid interactions and unguarded expressions are priceless, capturing the true essence of your celebration. By planning ample photography time to include this part of your event, you'll be able to preserve these unforgettable memories, from the laughter and energetic dance moves to the heartfelt embraces and shared happiness.





NEXT STEPS

We hope you enjoyed this guide and thank you for reading. Amidst all the details and decisions, it's essential to cherish each moment and enjoy the process. Embrace the journey with an open heart, for it is the unique moments, both big and small, that will tell the story of your wedding day. Remember, it's perfectly normal to feel a bit overwhelmed at times, but don't let small things overshadow the magic of this special time in your life.

Wishing you a wedding filled with laughter, love, and incredible photos that tell your unique love story. Cheers to your unforgettable journey ahead!

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