

YOUR GUIDE TO INCREDIBLE
WEDDING PHOTOS AT
THE HYATT
HUNTINGTON BEACH



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Welcome to Your Ultimate Guide for Capturing Breathtaking Wedding Photos at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach!

Located just steps from the iconic sands of Huntington Beach, this coastal resort offers an incredible blend of Southern California charm and luxury. With its Spanish-inspired architecture, oceanfront views, and beautifully landscaped grounds, the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach is a dream backdrop for your wedding day.

In this guide, we'll walk you through expert tips and creative ideas to help you make the most of this stunning venue. Whether you're envisioning golden-hour portraits by the beach, intimate moments in the courtyards, or vibrant reception memories under the stars, this guide will help ensure your wedding photos are unforgettable.

Let's dive in and discover how to turn your special day into a collection of timeless images at one of Orange County's most beloved wedding destinations!



PLAN FOR ENOUGH TIME TO PREP

The suites at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach offer a beautiful, light-filled space for your final touches and elegant bridal portraits. With soft window light and stylish decor, they're ideal for capturing those intimate, emotional getting-ready moments.

To keep things running smoothly, keep these tips in mind:

Go First if You Can – If you're sharing a hair and makeup team, consider going early to avoid any last-minute delays.

Build in Buffer Time – Add 30–60 minutes of cushion time for wardrobe fixes or unexpected hiccups.

Do a Hair & Makeup Trial – A trial ensures you love your look and helps avoid time-consuming changes on the day.

Coordinate Photo & Video Start Times – Your teams don't need to capture the entire prep. Aim to be nearly finished when they arrive so they can focus on final touches and emotional moments.



HAVE A FIRST LOOK

The shaded walkways at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach create a romantic and private setting for your first look—an emotional moment where you and your partner see each other before the ceremony.

Here's why you might want to include one:

A Deeper Connection – Away from the crowd, you can fully soak in each other's emotions, creating a raw, heartfelt memory.

A Moment of Calm – Amid the buzz of the day, it gives you a peaceful pause to breathe and reconnect.

More Photo Opportunities – Doing a first look allows for extra time and variety in your portraits before the ceremony even begins.

Intimate and Unforgettable – With just the two of you (and your photographer), you'll create personal memories that feel truly your own.



HAVE A PHOTO PLAN

With a venue as expansive and photo-rich as the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach, having a well-thought-out photo plan is essential. From the serene spa garden and iconic bridge to the beach, grand hallways, and open lawns, the options are endless—but so is the walking.

Without a clear plan, you risk spending too much time moving between spots or missing key locations altogether. Work with your photographer ahead of time to prioritize your must-have shots and map out a route that maximizes efficiency while capturing the full beauty of the property.



CONSIDER SUNSET PHOTOS BY THE OCEAN

The beach across from the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach offers a stunning backdrop—especially at sunset, when the light is golden and the ocean views are at their most breathtaking. If you're dreaming of those romantic, windswept portraits, this is the moment to capture them.

However, keep in mind that the walk to the beach isn't short and may not fit into every timeline. Be sure to discuss this with your photographer in advance and build in enough time if oceanfront photos are a priority. A little extra planning ensures you get the shot without feeling rushed or delaying the rest of your day.



GET CREATIVE WITH YOUR DESIGNS



Adorn the outdoor ceremony space and indoor ballroom at the Hyatt HB with florals that reflect your unique style. The venue's elegant, neutral backdrop makes it ideal for everything from classic arrangements to bold, modern designs.

Outside, create a romantic setting with a floral arch, aisle blooms, and accents on guest seating. Inside, continue the theme with centerpieces or statement floral pieces that elevate the space.



SCHEDULE A COUPLES SESSION DURING GOLDEN HOUR

Golden hour—the soft, warm light that occurs about an hour before sunset—is a photographer’s dream. It’s the most flattering and romantic lighting of the day, perfect for capturing stunning couples’ portraits.

Planning your photo session during this time ensures your images are bathed in that magical glow, adding depth, warmth, and emotion that elevate every shot. Just be sure to check the exact timing with your photographer, as it can vary by season and weather.



SCHEDULE TIME IN YOUR BALLROOM

This is the moment you've been waiting for—the first look at the space you've dreamed of and carefully brought to life.

Before guests arrive, take 15–30 minutes for a quiet couple's session in your fully styled reception space. It's the perfect chance to soak it all in, capture the details, and preserve the beauty of your setup before the celebration begins.



EMBRACE CANDID MOMENTS

Candid photography adds a charming authenticity to your wedding album. 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 snapshots often reveal the most heartwarming and memorable aspects of your celebration, providing you with candid keepsakes that will be cherished for a lifetime.

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 A SNEAK AWAY SESSION

Candid photography brings a beautiful, unscripted authenticity to your wedding album. By simply relaxing and being present—laughing with friends, hugging family, soaking in the joy—you allow your photographer to capture real, emotional moments that reflect the heart of your day.

These genuine interactions often become the most cherished photos, revealing the warmth, connection, and personality of your celebration in a way posed shots can't. Let go, enjoy each moment, and trust your photographer to preserve it all.



INCORPORATE A GROUP PHOTO

A large group photo is a fun and memorable way to launch the dance floor and energize the reception. If you'd like to include one, let your photographer know in advance—they'll coordinate with the DJ to invite all your guests onto the dance floor for a grand group shot.

The photographer will capture a few variations, from everyone smiling to playful, celebratory poses. For the final photo, the DJ can cue the music the moment the shutter clicks—seamlessly transitioning into your first big dance party of the night!

NEXT STEPS



We hope you found this guide helpful and inspiring as you plan your special day at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach. Amid all the details and decisions, remember to pause, soak in the joy, and embrace each moment with an open heart. It's the little, unscripted memories—alongside the big, planned ones—that come together to tell the true story of your wedding day.

Wishing you a celebration filled with laughter, love, and incredible photos that reflect your unique journey. Cheers to this beautiful chapter ahead!

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