

YOUR GUIDE TO
INCREDIBLE WEDDING
PHOTOS AT
THE NIXON LIBRARY



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WELCOME

Welcome to "Incredible Wedding Photos at the Nixon Library." Your wedding day is a collection of moments that you will cherish forever, and capturing these memories in stunning photographs is essential to preserving the magic of the day. The Richard Nixon Library, with its rich history and elegant surroundings, provides a unique and beautiful backdrop for your wedding photos.

In this guide, we will explore everything you need to know to achieve breathtaking wedding photos at the Nixon Library. From the majestic architecture to the serene gardens, every corner of this venue offers picturesque settings that will make your wedding album truly special.

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding, and we hope this guide serves as an invaluable resource in achieving the incredible wedding photos you have always dreamed of.

Let's capture your perfect day in the perfect way!

Sincerely,
The Lin and Jirsa Team



PLAN FOR ENOUGH TIME TO PREP

The main ballroom of the Nixon Library is a gorgeous room for your final finishing touches and a few solo bridal portraits.

In general, be sure to plan enough time for wedding prep so that we can maximize your 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.



HAVE YOUR FIRST LOOK IN THE GARDENS



The gardens, with tall trees that provide plenty of shade, make the perfect first look location!



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, free from ceremony distractions.



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.

Intimate Memories: You share intimate moments away from guests' eyes, creating cherished memories.



MAXIMIZE PHOTOS IN THE GARDENS

One of the best aspects of the Richard Nixon Library is its stunning gardens, filled with lush greenery and vibrant flowers. These gardens provide an idyllic setting for natural light couples' photos. The soft light filtering through the trees and illuminating the flowers creates a warm, romantic ambiance ideal for intimate shots, especially during early morning or late afternoon when the light is most flattering.

Be sure to explore various garden areas, from rose-lined pathways to serene, shaded spots under towering trees. Each corner offers unique photographic opportunities, enhancing the beauty of your wedding album. Incorporating the Nixon Library's gardens into your photos will highlight the venue's elegance and create cherished memories of your special day.





GET PRESIDENTIAL

For your groom and groomsmen photos, consider utilizing the unique presidential and patriotic elements of the Nixon Library. This venue offers a variety of backdrops that add a touch of historical significance to your special day.

Start with the iconic helicopter on the grounds, which provides a striking and memorable setting.

Positioning yourselves around the helicopter, whether in formal poses or more candid shots, can result in dynamic and captivating images.

Inside the Nixon Library, take advantage of rooms adorned with American flags and other patriotic decor. These elements offer a classic and dignified atmosphere, perfect for capturing the spirit of your union. The rich colors and historical artifacts in these rooms will enhance the photos' visual appeal, making them stand out.





GET CREATIVE WITH YOUR DESIGNS



Adorn the outdoor ceremony space and indoor ballroom of the Nixon Library with your choice of florals to make the space uniquely yours.

Transform the outdoor area with a floral arch or canopy at the altar, aisle arrangements, and floral accents on seating. Use your favorite blooms and colors for a romantic, personalized setting.



Enhance the indoor ballroom with tall or low floral centerpieces. Decorate the head table with a floral runner and adorn key areas like the entrance, cake table, and dance floor with beautiful installations.

Creative floral designs will make the Nixon Library reflect your style, bringing your vision to life and leaving a lasting impression on your guests.



SCHEDULE A COUPLES SESSION DURING GOLDEN HOUR

The golden hour, that magical time when the light is soft, warm, and absolutely perfect, is a photographer's dream. It typically takes place roughly an hour before sunset, though the exact timing for the best light varies depending on the time of year and the weather.

By arranging your couple's session during the golden hour, you ensure that your photos will be bathed in the most flattering and romantic light, resulting in a collection of images that truly showcase the beauty and emotion of your special day."



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.

You might also consider scheduling more time in the finished ballroom to maximize the creative angles, practice your first dance, or even take more family photos.





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

Amidst the hustle and bustle of your wedding day, don't let the night pass without experiencing the enchantment of a twilight escape. The allure of twinkling stars overhead sets the stage for a truly magical night session that should not be missed.

Consider the 'Sneak Away' session—a brief respite from the festivities, lasting no more than 20-30 minutes. This short interlude allows you and your partner to bask in the splendor of the night while your photographer captures the essence of this unique moment.



INCORPORATE A GRAND EXIT

The Nixon Library is one of the few wedding venues in the area that allows you to have a sparkler exit. Though things may change, so please check with the venue.

Your wedding day is filled with moments that sparkle with joy and love, and what better way to cap it off than with a spectacular grand exit? Enter the enchanting world of sparkler exits! A sparkler exit adds an extra layer of anticipation and exhilaration to the evening. It's the grand finale that everyone looks forward to, a captivating moment that leaves a lasting impression.

From a visual perspective, sparkler exits are a photographer's dream. The soft, warm glow of the sparklers against the darkened backdrop of the night sky results in captivating and cinematic photographs that you'll treasure for a lifetime. These images capture the essence of your wedding day, radiating joy, love, and excitement.

If they no longer allow sparklers, consider getting creative with other fun items like glow sticks or bubbles.



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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