Dianna Bonner's Top Ten Tips For A Successful Wedding Day

Planning a contemporary wedding can be a daunting but exciting task and selecting your wedding photographer is just one element. After many years of photographing weddings, there are so many tips that can be shared with couples planning their dream wedding.

Here are just a few:

- 1. Take time to find and meet a wedding photographer whose style reflects what you are looking for.
- 2. Make sure you get along well with the wedding photographer you select and like their working approach.
- 3. Take a good look at the quality of the wedding photographer's previous work and be sure that you like what they do. Their portfolio should show a range of different styles and moods.
- 4. Ensure that you like the selection of albums and other display materials available. They should be of high enough quality to reflect the investment you are making in your wedding photography.
- 5. Ensure that the service provided suit and justify your budget?
- 6. Take time to find the right wedding venue, visit as many as you need to and ask for references.
- 7. Think about any special or unique photographic shots that you would like to include, or any special people that need to be featured, so your wedding photographer can plan this in advance.
- 8. Ask your wedding photographer to prepare a time plan. Many specialist wedding venues regulate the time set aside for formal group photography; be realistic about how many group photographs are necessary. As a rule of thumb eight group shots will take thirty minutes provided all wedding guests who should be there are.
- 9. Allow plenty of time for the less formal reportage coverage and you will get those fabulous wedding photos you dreamed of.
- 10. Finally, enjoy yourself and you will both look great in the wedding photographs