

Wedding Timeline for 1pm Ceremony

Date: July 22, 2026

Timeline

07:00 – 08:00 Venue Setup & Decorator Arrival

Initial setup of the ceremony and reception areas by venue staff and decorators, ensuring everything is in place for the day's events.

Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom & Gardens

07:30 – 11:00 Bridal Hair & Makeup

The bride and bridesmaids receive professional hair styling and makeup application, ensuring everyone looks their best.

Location: The Grand Estate Bridal Suite

08:00 – 09:00 Catering Team Arrival & Kitchen Prep

The catering team arrives, sets up their stations, and begins initial food preparations for the reception dinner and cocktail hour.

Location: The Grand Estate Kitchen

09:00 – 10:00 Groom & Groomsmen Prep

The groom and groomsmen get ready, including dressing, tying ties, and enjoying some pre-ceremony camaraderie.

Location: The Grand Estate Groom's Lounge

10:00 – 10:30 Bridal Party Brunch

A light brunch and refreshments for the bride and her bridesmaids to enjoy before the final preparations.

Location: The Grand Estate Bridal Suite

10:30 – 11:00 Groom & Groomsmen Photos

Pre-ceremony photo session for the groom and his groomsmen.

Location: The Grand Estate Gardens

11:00 – 11:30 Bride Getting Dressed

The bride puts on her wedding gown with the help of her maid of honor and mother.

Location: The Grand Estate Bridal Suite

11:30 – 12:00 First Look & Couple's Mini-Session

The couple sees each other for the first time in their wedding attire, followed by a brief intimate photo session.

Location: The Grand Estate Secret Garden

12:00 – 12:30 Bridal Party Photos

Photo session for the entire bridal party, including bridesmaids and groomsmen.

Location: The Grand Estate Grand Staircase

12:30 – 12:45 Guests Arrive & Seating Begins

Guests begin to arrive at the ceremony location and are directed to their seats.

Location: The Grand Estate Ceremony Hall Entrance

12:45 – 13:00 Groom & Groomsmen Take Positions

The groom and groomsmen take their places at the altar, greeting arriving guests.

Location: The Grand Estate Ceremony Hall Altar

13:00 – 13:45 Wedding Ceremony

The formal wedding ceremony, including the processional, vows, ring exchange, readings, and pronouncement.

Location: The Grand Estate Ceremony Hall

13:45 – 14:00 Recessional & Receiving Line

The newly married couple and bridal party exit the ceremony hall, followed by a receiving line to greet guests.

Location: The Grand Estate Ceremony Hall Exit

14:00 – 15:00 Family Photos

Formal family photo session with the newlyweds and their immediate families.

Location: The Grand Estate Ceremony Hall Altar

14:00 – 15:00 Cocktail Hour for Guests

Guests enjoy an open bar, appetizers, and light background music while waiting for the reception to begin.

Location: The Grand Estate Outdoor Patio

15:00 – 16:00 Couple's Portraits

An extended photo session for the newly married couple at various scenic locations around the estate.

Location: Various locations at The Grand Estate

15:00 – 15:30 Guests Transition to Reception

Guests are invited to move from the cocktail hour area to the main ballroom for the reception.

Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom Foyer

15:30 – 15:45 Wedding Party Grand Entrance

The bridal party and the newly married couple are formally introduced as they enter the reception ballroom.

Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom Entrance

- 15:45 – 15:55 First Dance**
- The newlyweds share their first dance as a married couple.
Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom Dance Floor
- 15:55 – 16:00 Welcome Speech**
- A brief welcome speech by the host or a parent, officially kicking off the reception.
Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom Stage
- 16:00 – 17:00 Dinner Service - Starter & Main Course**
- Guests are served the first two courses of the wedding dinner.
Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom
- 17:00 – 17:30 Toasts & Speeches**
- Maid of Honor, Best Man, and other designated guests deliver heartfelt toasts and speeches.
Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom Stage
- 17:30 – 18:00 Dinner Service - Dessert & Coffee**
- The final course of the dinner, featuring dessert and coffee service.
Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom
- 18:00 – 18:15 Parent Dances**
- The bride dances with her father and the groom dances with his mother.
Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom Dance Floor
- 18:15 – 18:30 Cake Cutting Ceremony**
- The couple performs the traditional cake cutting, followed by cake service for guests.
Location: The Grand Estate Cake Display Area
- 18:30 – 21:00 Open Dance Floor & Party**
- The dance floor opens for all guests to enjoy music and celebrate with the couple.
Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom Dance Floor
- 19:30 – 20:00 Late Night Snacks**
- A selection of late-night snacks is offered to guests to refuel during the dance party.
Location: The Grand Estate Buffet Station
- 21:00 – 21:15 Bouquet & Garter Toss**
- The traditional bouquet toss for single women and garter toss for single men.
Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom Dance Floor
- 21:15 – 21:45 Last Dance & Farewell**
- The final songs of the evening, allowing guests to say their goodbyes to the couple.
Location: The Grand Estate Ballroom Dance Floor

21:45 – 22:00 Grand Exit / Send-off

The couple's grand departure from the venue, often with sparklers or a similar send-off.

Location: The Grand Estate Main Entrance

22:00 – 23:00 Venue Teardown & Cleanup

Venue staff and vendors begin the process of dismantling decorations and cleaning up the event spaces.

Location: The Grand Estate (Entire Venue)