

Wedding Timeline for 2pm Ceremony

July 20, 2026

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Venue Setup & Decorator Arrival

The Grand Estate Ballroom & Gardens

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

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Bridal Hair & Makeup

The Grand Estate Bridal Suite

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

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Catering Team Arrival & Kitchen Prep

The Grand Estate Kitchen

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

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Groom & Groomsmen Prep

The Grand Estate Groom's Lounge

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

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Bridal Party Brunch

The Grand Estate Bridal Suite

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

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Groom & Groomsmen Photos

The Grand Estate Gardens

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

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM Bride Getting Dressed

The Grand Estate Bridal Suite

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

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM First Look & Couple's Mini-Session

The Grand Estate Secret Garden

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

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM Bridal Party Photos

The Grand Estate Grand Staircase

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

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM Guests Arrive & Seating Begins

The Grand Estate Ceremony Hall Entrance

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

1:45 PM – 2:00 PM Groom & Groomsmen Take Positions

The Grand Estate Ceremony Hall Altar

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

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM Wedding Ceremony

The Grand Estate Ceremony Hall

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

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM Recessional & Receiving Line

The Grand Estate Ceremony Hall Exit

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

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Family Photos

The Grand Estate Ceremony Hall Altar

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

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Cocktail Hour for Guests

The Grand Estate Outdoor Patio

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

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Couple's Portraits

Various locations at The Grand Estate

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

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM Guests Transition to Reception

The Grand Estate Ballroom Foyer

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

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM Wedding Party Grand Entrance

The Grand Estate Ballroom Entrance

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

4:45 PM – 4:55 PM First Dance

The Grand Estate Ballroom Dance Floor

The newlyweds share their first dance as a married couple.

4:55 PM – 5:00 PM Welcome Speech

The Grand Estate Ballroom Stage

A brief welcome speech by the host or a parent, officially kicking off the reception.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Dinner Service - Starter & Main Course

The Grand Estate Ballroom

Guests are served the first two courses of the wedding dinner.

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Toasts & Speeches

The Grand Estate Ballroom Stage

Maid of Honor, Best Man, and other designated guests deliver heartfelt toasts and speeches.

6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Dinner Service - Dessert & Coffee

The Grand Estate Ballroom

The final course of the dinner, featuring dessert and coffee service.

7:00 PM – 7:15 PM Parent Dances

The Grand Estate Ballroom Dance Floor

The bride dances with her father and the groom dances with his mother.

7:15 PM – 7:30 PM Cake Cutting Ceremony

The Grand Estate Cake Display Area

The couple performs the traditional cake cutting, followed by cake service for guests.

7:30 PM – 10:00 PM Open Dance Floor & Party

The Grand Estate Ballroom Dance Floor

The dance floor opens for all guests to enjoy music and celebrate with the couple.

8:30 PM – 9:00 PM Late Night Snacks

The Grand Estate Buffet Station

A selection of late-night snacks is offered to guests to refuel during the dance party.

10:00 PM – 10:15 PM Bouquet & Garter Toss

The Grand Estate Ballroom Dance Floor

The traditional bouquet toss for single women and garter toss for single men.

10:15 PM – 10:45 PM Last Dance & Farewell

The Grand Estate Ballroom Dance Floor

The final songs of the evening, allowing guests to say their goodbyes to the couple.

10:45 PM – 11:00 PM Grand Exit / Send-off

The Grand Estate Main Entrance

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

11:00 PM – 12:00 AM Venue Teardown & Cleanup

The Grand Estate (Entire Venue)

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