



## **Preparing for your Engagement Photoshoot**

### **Commonly Asked Questions**

#### **1. Should I even take engagement photos?**

As you'll see, the wedding day can be very chaotic. There will be many guests and matters that limit your time. You'll want to have a special day prior to wedding day that you can dedicate to capturing your relationship through photography. These will be memories that you'll cherish for years to come. These photos can also be used for invitations, party favors, seating charts, frames, and more.

#### **2. Where should I do my photoshoot?**

The three most common photoshoot locations are beach, nature, and architectural shoots. You can choose based on preference, or we can do multiple locations if they are nearby. We do local photography and travel shoots. Our favorite travel spots are St. Augustine Beach and Clearwater Beach. There may be an additional travel fee to cover the costs of transportation and lodging. Some of our favorite Orlando locations include:

- a. **Lake Eola**
- b. **Baldwin Park**
- c. **Dickson Azalea Park**
- d. **Rollins College**
- e. **Downtown Lake Nona, Medical City**
- f. **Loews Portofino Bay Hotel**
- g. **Disney Springs**
- h. **Winter Park Train Station & Hannibal Square**
- i. **Casa Felix Historic Home Museum**
- j. **Harry P. Leu Gardens**
- k. **Lake Runnymede Conservation Area.**

There are also gorgeous hotels in the Orlando area, but they require that you book a room for the night. Some of our most beautiful photos have been at hotels such as Gaylord Palms or some of the Disney hotels. Some places may charge a venue fee for the photoshoot. If there is a place that is near and dear to your heart, we are always open to suggestions.

**3. What time should we take the pictures?**

For beach photoshoots, the best times will be sunrise and sunset, depending on the coast. Otherwise, consider the season and the weather. Summer photoshoots should be early in the morning or late in the evening for the coolest temperatures and those special golden hour photos.

**4. What should I wear?**

For engagement photos, we recommend a white or pastel colored long dress for the bride and a suit or linen clothing for the groom. Don't think that you have to match exactly. The key is to be coordinated, not identical. Always avoid excessively bright colors such as neon, or clothing with words or large logos. Make sure clothing is nicely ironed prior to photoshoots. Shoes should be comfortable since photoshoots often require some walking. Heels can be carried in hand until we reach our destination. We recommend bringing an outfit change for a little bit of variety to the photos. One can be formal and one can be more fun and playful.

**5. What should I bring to my photoshoot?**

Please remember to bring the beautiful engagement ring. Bring any accessories you would like to wear such as earrings and necklaces. A flower crown is a beautiful accessory that you can bring for a unique touch to any photography session. If you have any special items that are meaningful to you, you can bring it and we can include them in some of your photos. We recommend use repellent prior to nature shoots.

**6. What poses will we use for the photos?**

Your photographer is an expert on poses and positions that are the most flattering for all body types. If you have any ideas or specific poses you would like, we are happy to include those as well.

**7. Can I bring my children to my engagement photoshoot?**

Absolutely! If you have any little ones, we are happy to include them in some of your photos. This applies to fur babies as well. Just let us know in advance so we can prepare accordingly.

**8. Sparkler Photographs**

Sparkler photos are a beautiful touch to any couples photography session, but we can only take them in dark environments. We recommend sparkler photos for evening shoots such those right at sunset.