

Ralph Raphael

WEDDINGS

Guide 2020





You said yes! **Congrats!**

*You're in for the adventure of a lifetime &
I'd be delighted to be a part where it starts.*

I've been there, I've done that and trust me when I say I know the excitement is real. As a husband, professional wedding photographer and a lover of all things weddings, I find myself in a unique place not only to beautifully & creatively document your wedding day, but to also scribe the beginning of your story as it is meant to be told. Don't worry if you are feeling overwhelmed, it's all part of the process. Take a deep breath and let this guide help you get some of the important things checked off of your to do list and protect the flow of your big day.









Photographer *Meet your*

In case you were wondering, yes, Ralph Raphael is my actual real name. The chances of you finding another photographer that is as energetic & full of life as I am is very slim. There is no denying that I love what I do. And with this passion, comes dedication, hard work and joy beyond belief. I am living my dream everyday and part of my dream is helping yours come true. I truly cherish each opportunity I get to do what I love. There is something absolutely amazing about being a part of the moment when two people promise to love each other for better or for worse.

I'm all about creating photos that reflect my couples' distinct personalities and interests, and most of all, documenting the uniqueness of their relationship. I can't tell you how much I love and appreciate working with couples who value art, love with reckless abandon, and are up for anything fun and creative.

I believe the photographs I take have the power to influence and encourage you on this journey, simply by looking at a picture will bring you to that moment of happiness and pure euphoria, your special day. I do not take for granted any opportunity I have to touch others through a photograph, a smile, or simply being a part of their history because I am living my dream through my God given gift. I will provide you with an experience that you will not forget, a dedication that will be hard to ignore and pieces of art for you to proudly display and swoon over for years to come. I am based in South Florida, but I will travel anywhere to be a part of your wedding day.

When I'm not shooting, you'll find me out and about, exploring new adventures, trying new restaurants with my wife, or at home watching the latest action movie.

I've been told that I am crazy, down to earth and super funny all in one sitting, but for some reason I feel like I can only relate to this description after a few beers ha-ha.



Why **Me**

Your wedding day is huge, enormous, massive big deal!. I know you invested lots of time and money to ensure that every single detail, all the way down to the napkins on the reception tables, is nothing short of perfect. I also know there are other photographers out there, and while they won't be as fun as me, will do an outstanding job. When it comes down to it, I believe that choosing your wedding photographer is all about relationship created and the vibe you get from the person you hire. It also goes without saying that you should really love your photographer's work and shooting style. I've received raving reviews from my brides simply because I care. I take clients and turn them into friends. As the day unfolds, I am watching and documenting moments you might not even see happen, moments dearest to your heart, moments I know you will love and cherish for years to come.

In short, choosing your wedding photographer is not an easy decision. I take pride in being extremely positive, open minded and extraordinarily passionate about what I do. I will continue to manifest professionalism and friendliness from the minute we meet, until the day I deliver your photographs and beyond. I am not a just camera robot clicking away, I aspire to be a friend and support system on your very important day and your very important journey. Please feel free to glance at the photographs captured at other weddings or engagement sessions at <https://ralphraphaelweddings.com> and if you love them like I know you will, I would love to speak with you, even if it's just to ask some questions or for you to feel me out.



Investment Packages

Each couple is different, as such, getting to know you is the best way for me to cater a photo package to your needs. These prices should get you started, however do get in touch so we can create a package that caters to you needs.

The Notebook - First Wedding Collection \$6900

- + Complimentary Engagement Session
- + Up to 12 hours of wedding day coverage
- + 3 photographers and 1 Assistant
- + Up to 15 Same Day edits
- + 10X10 Wedding Album (40 Pages)
- + Consultation
- + Planning and timeline assistance
- + 5 Hour on-site Photo Booth
- + Souvenir Box
- + Photo Safeguard for up to 3 years
- + Family Heirloom Souvenir

Serendipity - The Bliss Point \$4650

- + Complimentary Engagement Session
- + Up to 9 hours of wedding day coverage
- + 2 photographers
- + Up to 5 Same Day edits
- + Family Heirloom souvenir
- + Planning and Timeline Assistance
- + Photo Safeguard up to 2 years
- + Online Proofing
- + Print Rights

*** MOST POPULAR**

Love Actually - The Intimate Special \$3750

- + Up to 7 hours of wedding day coverage
- + 2 photographers
- + Souvenir Box
- + \$50 Credit towards engagement session
- + Consultation
- + Wedding Planning assistance
- + Print Rights
- + Family Heirloom



A La Carte *Investment*

Planning something less traditional and more intimate? If you'd much rather retreat to the woods and exchange vows on a mountain top with the love of your life and those closest to you while overlooking a beautiful sunset, I get it. Elopements are usually made up the two of you and a few witnesses. An intimate wedding starts with 10 people but usually does not exceed 55 or so. Get in touch and we will go over all available options and customize a package that is right for you.

Ever After - The Essentials \$2950

- + Up to 6 hours of wedding day coverage
- + 1 photographer
- + Online Gallery
- + Digital high resolution download
- + Family Heirloom Souvenir
- + Consultation and planning

The Engagement Session \$550

- + 2 Hour engagement session in South Florida
- + Up to 3 outfits
- + 2 locations (10 to 15 Miles Apart)
- + 80+ final edited images
- + Digital Download of your images in high resolution
- + Planning Assistance
- + Online Proofing

Extras

- + Additional hours // \$450
- + Wedding Albums
 - 10X10 // \$800 - 12X12 // \$1200
- + Additional Photographer // \$700
- + Day After Session // \$650
- + Lifestyle Portraits - Maternity // \$500









The **Engagement**

The engagement Sessions is so important not only because they are celebration of your future together, they're also a prime time for us photographers to capture all that ooey gooey, lovey-dovey stuff on camera. This time together will show me how you two naturally interact with each other which is important for your big day! It also gives you an opportunity to get to know me, feel comfortable and see how I work behind the camera so your mind can be at ease on the day of your wedding, trusting that I will capture the moments you want without any worries or qualms. Treat engagement sessions like a practice round, they really make for better wedding photos plus there are a ton of uses for the photos we will take that day including the save the dates, your wedding website, the bridal shower, thank you cards and more.

Well We start out by discussing the details: themes, locations, outfits, and what you plan to use your images for. From there, I inquire about location permits if needed, and work with you to help find the perfect props (if necessary). I will guide you in your wardrobe choices if you would like a little help or feedback on what will photograph nicely. I'll be here along the way to address any questions you have, so don't be afraid to ask. On the day of your shoot, we'll meet at the location of your choice and start snapping away. I am always sure to get lots of photos that truly showcase your love for each other and the details including your ring of course. If you have any specific requests, we'll make sure to get those taken care of, as well. The engagement session last anywhere from one and a half (1.5) hours to two (2) hours and is also included in most of our wedding packages. Alternatively, you can have your engagement session a la carte. The costs is \$550. Please have with you a few change of clothes as this will increase the variety of looks we'll have from the session. We will work together to find locations that reflects your style and or match the theme of your wedding.

Tips & Tricks

- + Don't try to match, instead choose outfits that coordinates. Be comfortable
- + Don't be afraid to accessorise. This is one of the best ways to bring out and show your personality.
- + Choose locations that are personal to the two of you and or speaks about your relationship.
- + Try to set up your make up trial the same time as your engagement session.
Believe me, it helps to see what you will almost look like on your wedding day in pictures.
- + Hair did, Make up did, oh wait! them nails, yes do them. which ever color you'd like.
- + Be Prepared to laugh, relax & enjoy.















A complete **Experience**

Consultation

I love meeting new people and hear about different love stories so we'll start by getting together for a cup of coffee or a few beers. Trust me when I say, its all part of the process. As your photographer, I want to get to know you, hear your story and get a feel for what makes you two gel. Plus you get a chance to tell me all about you, what you have planned for the big day, go over all the juicy details and most importantly ensure we're a good fit for each other. If meeting for coffee isn't an option due to location or timing, we can definitely talk via face-time or Skype.

Contract & Booking

You're excited, I'm excited - Awesome, let's do this. If you haven't already booked me during the meet, its alright because after the meeting, I can send over the contract and payment of the retainer details over email. retainer details are as follows, 35% of the total amount is due at the time of booking, 35% is due 6 months before the wedding and the rest which is 30% is due exactly one week before the wedding. This helps you in a few ways, giving you time and flexibility and the freedom of not handling money comes the wedding day. Once booked, depending on the packages, both engagement and wedding dates are secured.

Timeline Scheduling

We'll schedule out last meeting for just about four to five weeks prior to your wedding day. This meeting a special because we're doing a venue walk through. This is important to be because I get to preview what my lighting will be like, we go over the setup, plus we sit and hammer out all the fine details such as getting ready pictures and location, the first looks if any, the family formals, cocktail hour, the reception and most importantly, the creation or modification of the wedding day timeline. The simple truth is. the better the timeline, the better the photos will be because once we go over the timeline, you will know exactly the amount of time allotted for photos.





A complete **Experience** *Continued*

Wedding Day

My second shooter and I arrives anywhere from half an hour to an hour before the scheduled time. This helps ensure that we arrive safely, have the chance to scope out the getting ready location and start exactly at the scheduled time. Of course, we greet each other like we've been bests friends since way back and you get to introduce us to your bridesmaids and groomsmen. We photograph everyone during the getting ready and the moments in between as you share with them something unique that make them feel even more special for being a part of your day. Next, if you opted to have one, we do the first looks, whether it be with your sweet dad or your soon to be husband or wife.

During the ceremony, we make sure to capture all the magic, raw emotions, and the funny moments in between. After the ceremony, while the guests enjoy cocktail hour, we get started on the list of family formals picture, then the super important first moments as a married couple portraits and the ever and the details of your amazing reception hall. We know how much thought went to each table arrangement, the colors and decor, so we make sure to capture all of that and then some. Afterwards we get to party! We'll photograph all the activities, from the bridal party entrance until your exit. Lots of candid are taken of your guest during that time as well as your famous dance moves.

Photo Delivery

The next few weeks is spent on sorting, culling, retouching and curating you photographs in a way that tells the story of your incredible day from start to finish. Within 9-10 weeks, sometime sooner depending on the demand, you will receive high resolution images via an online gallery. Feel free to share them with friends and family, download or order prints, have your guest order prints or select the favorite ones for your album. Rest assured, my photographs are never watermarked and access to them is never restricted.





Wedding day *Planning your*

Through the experiences acquired after having documented over 100 plus weddings, I've compiled a list of helpful tips that will help you with the planning process and reduce any wrinkles throughout your wedding day. These tips and trick will ensure you look and feel your best throughout the day.

Schedule Strategically

Believe it or not when I say this but the schedule of your entire day hangs solely on your ceremony start time and said start time is in direct relationship to the style of photographs you will receive. Although, it's not to say you are out of options, if you wanted a ceremony later in the evening you can opt-in for a first look or a day after session. If applicable, while you're working on the timeline, keep in mind the travel time it takes from one location to another (I.E. The hotel to the church, back to the hotel or reception venue). If there is travel time involved, make sure to add yourself some time cushion because let's face it, weddings run late sometimes.

Details Matters

Preparation of the details is key. Once we arrive, we begin by styling and documenting the details like your dress/tux, shoes, veil, hair pieces, perfume/aftershave, jewelry, the full invitation suite, the rings, the boutonnieres, bouquet and bouts, cuff links, family heirlooms, gifts and letters, as well as anything you want photographed. Needless to say, it's a great help and a great time saver to have these things in one place, you'll have all the details accounted for and I can commence right away without wasting time. There are details in literally everything we do, so pay close attention to them. Try to have a hair and make up trials done on the day of the engagement because it will give you an idea of what to look forward to on the wedding day.

Communication is key

In order for every one to be on the same page, be sure to communicate the role of your family members and bridal party. Inform them about who needs to be where and the time allotted for the formals pictures. Have the bridal party ready in regards to the start times and locations when it's their turn to be photographed.

Random Tidbits

Consider hiring a planner or a day-of coordinator because they can solve things before you even hear about it, keeping you stress free throughout the day. Consider having a ceremony and reception exit, they are fun and an awesome way to celebrate your happiness as newlyweds. Don't forget to mention any special moments, if you are doing or have something in the works for your brand new wife or husband. (I.E. choreographed dance or white dove release).

Keep it natural and be present, in the now. Try hard to not get carried away with what should have been because the most important thing that could be is already here and that's you and the love of your life. Choose your best fitting, most comfortable undergarment, truth is, I would rather you to be fully present and enjoying as much as possible without any added discomfort. (I.E. a tight bustier). Lastly, think of me as one of your guest, one of your bridesmaid or groomsmen, better yet, your personal hype man, not just someone with a camera. The more comfortable you feel around me, the more you can be yourselves, the more genuine you can be with each other, resulting in even better memories and breath taking pictures.









The FAQ

Do you Travel?

Absolutely! I will go to the ends of the earth to document a love story. I would love to discuss travel details and create a custom package for you.

What gear do you use?

My team and I use professional grade camera bodies and lenses from Canon Digital.

How do we book with you?

All you have to do is contact us to request your date. Once you have a date, we request the signing of the contract and a retainer of 35%. This locks us in for that date, ensuring that Ralph Raphael photography is set to capture your wedding day.

Do you provide wedding albums?

While wedding albums aren't included in packages, I do make them. Please reach out to learn more about the price and process of choosing your wedding albums.

Can we have all the raw files?

RAW files are unprocessed images which often includes duplicates, blinking, and blurry photos. It's my due process to sort through and cull the best images that artfully represents you and tell your story. While handing out raw files isn't then industry norm, you can choose to purchase them, understanding that by requesting to purchase raw files, you also agree to purchase the exclusive rights to said raw files.



How long does it take to receive the images?

I work diligently to edit your photographs and get them to you in a timely fashion. Our typical turn around is between 6 to 8 weeks during the slower season and up to 10 weeks out during the peak season. We want to make sure every image and product is perfect.

Is travel included in your fee?

Travel fees is not necessary for any weddings located with an 1 of Fort Lauderdale, FL in any direction. For weddings located 1.5-3 hours, a fee of \$70 is required. Outside of that I do ask that you either pay the travel fee of \$1300 or simply cover the accommodations yourselves, which ever is easiest for you. (i.e. Hotel, airfare, car rental is applicable)

Are you insured?

Yes! absolutely, my team and I are equipped with the necessary license and certificate of liability to work any weddings, that includes aerial footage and location management.



Let's do it!

*Wedding photography is an investment
Your wedding photographer is an even bigger investment.*

It breaks my heart when I hear these few lines from couples, "Oh my God, I hate my wedding photos" or "Oh my, how I regret not getting a great photographer for my wedding" or "I wish my photographer was like you". After 4 or 5 years, that's not what you want to remember when you want to relive your wedding day. Think of it this way, the food and cake will be eaten and digested, the flowers will die at some point, and even the dress will be sold or preserved. Your photographs and your heirloom album will live on for your generation to enjoy. So make that investment in your future and tell your story the way you've always imagined it to be told. Bring your story to life and leave your lasting legacy to those you love. After all is said and done, you'll always have the timeless images you receive from Ralph Raphael Photography.



"Ralph was beyond spectacular! If you're looking for a passionate photographer to capture your big day like I was he's the one. He made sure to capture even the smallest details on my day from getting ready to my guest enjoying the night on the dance floor!!! My husband does not like taking pictures, but Ralph guided us every step of the way that even he felt comfortable taking pictures. He was energetic and uplifting with his personality and Ora. He listened to everything I wanted for my special day and executed it so smooth and professionally. I would hand down recommend him."

- Karen & Daniel







I can't say enough good things about Ralph. His energy made my husband and I feel like we were actual models! Haha even our guests said that his energy was just amazing and so much fun! He truly took pride in his work, remaining professional, but still allowing us to feel free and have fun. He met with us on multiple occasions to go over the plans we had for our big day where he gave us amazing advice and feedback, beyond his photography skills. We saw a small preview of some of our portrait photos and I am already in AWE! Just beautiful!

Thank you so much Ralph!

- Sabrina & Francisco



- Natalie & Nick

"Hands down so happy I chose Ralph Raphael to be the photographer for our wedding. I have followed Ralph's photography for years, and have always been in love with his work. I've been lucky enough to have worked with him in the past as well! I wasn't your typical "bridezilla." I had my sister plan my entire wedding, the only thing I knew for certain I wanted at my wedding was for Ralph to be our wedding photographer. Ralph went above and beyond. He captured the most tender and sincere moments. He even got my husband (who is incredibly camera shy) to laugh and have a great time taking photos. When you book Ralph, you're not just booking a wedding photographer, you are booking an experience. His laughter is contagious and he brings such wonderful happy energy. He is professional, arrives on time and his photo turn over is also very timely! His photography style is ethereal and romantic which is exactly what I wanted. I remember the word I kept using when I saw my photos was "dreamy." Whether it's your wedding, engagement or even a fashion photographer you're looking for, Ralph is the total package!"









Get in touch

If you're interested in having me document your engagement or wedding day, you like my style and approach or you're convinced that were a match, I would absolutely love to chat with you!

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