

Bella Collina San Clemente

CEREMONY START TIME WORKSHEET

TIME OF YEAR – What month and day are you getting married?

Date	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1 st	4:45PM	5:22PM	5:49PM	7:13PM	7:36PM	7:59PM	8:08PM	7:54PM	7:19PM	6:38PM	6:01PM	4:44PM
7 th	4:58PM	5:28PM	5:54PM	7:18PM	7:41PM	8:02PM	8:08PM	7:49PM	7:11PM	6:30PM	4:55PM	4:44PM
15 th	5:06PM	5:36PM	7:00PM	7:24PM	7:47PM	8:06PM	8:05PM	7:40PM	7:00PM	6:19PM	4:50PM	4:45PM
21 st	5:11PM	5:41PM	7:05PM	7:29PM	7:52PM	8:08PM	8:02PM	7:33PM	6:52PM	6:12PM	4:46PM	4:47PM
29 th	5:19PM	5:48PM	7:11PM	7:35PM	7:57PM	8:08PM	7:57PM	7:23PM	6:41PM	6:04PM	4:44PM	4:52PM

Estimated Sunset times in Orange County per alliedpra.com

WEDDING MONTH: _____ WEDDING DAY: _____ ESTIMATED TIME OF SUNSET: _____
(for timing purposes, select the time from the chart that is closest to the date you are getting married)

LET'S WORK BACKWARDS...

1. ESTIMATED TIME OF SUNSET MINUS 30 MINUTES: _____ = *latest photos should be done
2. #1 ROUNDED TO NEAREST 15 MINUTE MARK (:15, :30, :45, :00): _____ = *photo / cocktail hour end time
3. #2 MINUS 1 HOUR _____ = *estimated ceremony end time
4. #3 MINUS 30 MIN. OR 1 HOUR FOR RELIGIOUS CEREMONY _____ = *estimated ceremony start time

Note: If you ended up with a time that ends in :15 or :45, round down to the nearest 30-minute mark (:00 or :30) and that should be your estimated ceremony start time.

ESTIMATED CEREMONY START TIME: _____

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER:

OVERALL TIMING OF YOUR EVENT – Just so we are clear... Just because you came up with a time above, doesn't mean you HAVE TO start at that time. You can always start earlier and you can always start later. Event time at Bella Collina for weddings is 6 hours (prior to any additional added hours) so you can pick when those six hours work best for you. For example, if the sun doesn't set until 8:00pm in the summer, it doesn't mean you have to start at 6:00pm. You can always start earlier depending on what works best for you and your guests.

Examples of reasons to start earlier:

- ♥ **Dinner is Served:** On average, estimate that dinner will start approximately 2 hours after your ceremony start time. If the timing of when dinner may take place is too late for you liking, consider an earlier start time.
- ♥ **Guest Attendees & End Time:** If you know you will have guests that will stay up and dance the night away, great! But if you know your crowd likes to get to bed early, consider starting your ceremony earlier so majority of your wedding guests leave early.
- ♥ ***Worried you won't get that sunset shot if you start earlier?** Don't worry! You can always sneak out of your reception with your photographer to capture sunset photos! It happens :)

Examples of reasons to start later:

- ♥ **End Time is Too Early:** If you find that you feel that your wedding "end-time" is too early for your liking, you can do 2 things. Add additional time OR start later. But if you start later, you would most likely have to get ALL your photos done prior to the ceremony to beat sunset.

BUFFER TIME – Optional, BUT important to consider! Are you allowing time for any late arrivals or unforeseen/planned (holiday) traffic? Planners won't start without majority of your guests there, but we always suggest that you plan to build in a buffer when it comes to putting a start time on your invitation.

Working backwards from your Ceremony Start Time above, we suggest either a 15-minute or 30-minute buffer. For example, if you ended up with a start time of 3:30pm, consider putting 3:00pm on your invitation. If you ended up with a start time of 3:15pm, consider a start time of 3:00pm.

CEREMONY START TIME: _____

INVITATION CEREMONY START TIME: _____

YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER – Always consult with your photographer! Your photographer is the one capturing your photos so always run what photos you are wanting with them to make sure that the timing and lighting will work for him/her. Depending on what photos you are wanting, first look vs. no first look, and how many family photos are being taken will play important roles in how long he/she will need for photos. You'll want to make sure there is enough time and lighting for everything you want to capture, so we suggest always running your time by them to make sure they can do the best job for you.

Again, this is just a guideline, not a rule!

At the end of the day, it is all about you and what you are wanting and we are always here to help you find the right start time for you day of.

Have any questions? Contact us and we are happy to help! 