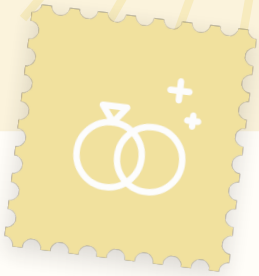
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Corfu Wedding Day Timeline Planner

Sunset times, three sample schedules and a blank planner to fill in

STORY — LIGHT — SEA

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A good Corfu wedding day timeline starts with one number: the time the sun sets on your date. Work backwards from it and the rest falls into place, from when hair and make-up begin to when you slip away for portraits.

This planner gives you approximate sunset times for the wedding season, three sample timelines I have built from the way real Corfu wedding days tend to run, and a blank page to write your own. Treat the samples as a starting point and adjust them with your planner, your venue and the people filming and photographing your day.

Approximate sunset times in Corfu Town

MONTH	1ST OF THE MONTH	15TH OF THE MONTH
April	20:05	20:20
May	20:35	20:50
June	21:00	21:10
July	21:15	21:10
August	20:55	20:40
September	20:15	19:50
October	19:25	19:05

These are approximate times for Corfu Town at sea level, in Greek summer time, rounded to the nearest five minutes. They change by a minute or two from year to year. On the last Sunday of October the clocks go back an hour, and sunset jumps to around 17:45.



TIP

The clock time is only half the story. On the east coast (Kalami, Kassiopi, Corfu Town) the sun disappears behind the hills earlier than the table says. On the west coast (Paleokastritsa, Pelekas, Glyfada, Agios Gordios) you see it set into the sea. Check your exact time with a sunset app and, if you can, at the venue itself.

HOW TO USE THE LIGHT

- **The last hour before sunset** gives the warm, low light most couples picture when they think of a Corfu wedding. Plan 20 to 30 minutes of portraits inside it.
- **The half hour after sunset** brings soft, even light and a glowing sky. It is lovely for a short walk, but it fades quickly.

- **Midday in July and August** is hot and the light is hard. Keep outdoor ceremonies to the later afternoon and give guests shade while they wait.
- **Spring and autumn** sunsets come earlier, so dinner can start in daylight and the evening has more time to breathe.

Sample timeline for an afternoon church ceremony

Example: a Greek Orthodox ceremony in or near Corfu Town in mid-June (sunset around 21:10), with the reception about 25 minutes' drive away.

TIME	WHAT HAPPENS	NOTES
13:30	Videographer and photographer arrive at the groom's	Getting ready, family, small traditions
14:30	Move to the bride's getting ready	Details first: dress, shoes, rings, bouquet
15:30	Bride in the dress, final touches	Parents and close friends in the room
16:15	Family photos at home	A list of groups saves time
17:00	Guests gather at the church	Water and shade outside
17:30	Groom waits at the church door with the bouquet	A lovely moment to film
18:00	Bride arrives, ceremony begins	Allow about 45 minutes
18:45	Congratulations at the church door, rice, group photos	Can take longer than expected with a big guest list
19:20	Travel to the reception	Drive the route beforehand at this hour
19:45	Welcome drinks for guests	The couple has a few minutes alone
20:15	Couple portraits in the golden hour	25 to 30 minutes
21:10	Sunset	Guests on the terrace with a drink
21:20	Grand entrance and first dance	
21:40	Dinner, speeches between courses	Sound for speeches set up in advance
23:00	Cake, then the party	
00:30	Last songs and a send-off	Check the venue's music end time

Sample timeline for a sunset ceremony at a villa

Example: a symbolic or civil ceremony at a west-coast villa in early September (sunset around 20:10). Ask the municipality where a civil ceremony can legally take place.

TIME	WHAT HAPPENS	NOTES
14:00	Videographer arrives; décor and villa details	Film the setup while the light is high
14:30	Getting ready in separate rooms	Window light, tidy rooms
16:30	Dress on, letters or gifts exchanged	
17:15	First look, if you want one	In shade, away from the guests
17:30	Wedding party photos	Keep it to 20 minutes
18:15	Guests arrive, cold drinks in the shade	
18:45	Ceremony (20 to 30 minutes)	Ask which way the ceremony should face; the low sun can shine straight into guests' eyes
19:15	Congratulations, confetti, group photo	
19:30	Couple portraits in the golden hour	
20:10	Sunset	Everyone back together for the view
20:30	Dinner, speeches between courses	Lanterns and lighting ready before dark
22:00	First dance and party	
23:30	Music ends or moves indoors	Check the villa's noise rules

Sample timeline for an elopement

Example: just the two of you, with a celebrant or a few witnesses, in early October (sunset around 19:25). The legal ceremony can happen on another day at the town hall.

TIME	WHAT HAPPENS	NOTES
15:30	Getting ready at your hotel or villa	Videographer arrives
16:30	Drive to the ceremony spot	A quiet terrace, a viewpoint or a beach
17:15	Vows (15 to 20 minutes)	Written vows read aloud carry the film
17:40	A toast and a few quiet minutes	

TIME	WHAT HAPPENS	NOTES
18:00	Second location for a walk and portraits	Somewhere with a different feel
18:40	Golden-hour portraits at the main view	
19:25	Sunset	
19:50	Last light, final shots	The sky often glows after the sun has gone
20:15	Dinner for two	Book a table with a view of the sea



TIP

Public places are open to everyone, so expect passers-by at popular viewpoints. Monuments and archaeological sites need permission from the Ephorate of Antiquities for filming and photography. Ask your planner or the official source early.

Your Corfu wedding day timeline

Wedding date _____

Approximate sunset on our date _____

Ceremony location _____

Reception location _____

Travel time between them _____

Contact person on the day _____

TIME	WHAT HAPPENS	WHERE	WHO NEEDS TO BE THERE

CHECK YOUR TIMELINE BEFORE YOU SEND IT

- [ ] Hair and make-up finish at least 30 minutes before you need to leave
- [ ] Every drive is timed at the hour you will make it, plus 15 minutes
- [ ] There are 10 to 15 minutes of buffer between the main moments
- [ ] Group photos have a written list and one person to gather people
- [ ] Portraits fall in the last hour before sunset
- [ ] Guests have shade and water before an afternoon ceremony
- [ ] Speeches have a microphone, and the DJ or band knows when they happen
- [ ] The final version goes to every vendor at least two weeks before

Notes

Need a hand with the timing?

Light is the part of a wedding I think about most, and I am always glad to look at a timeline with a couple before the day. If you would like a second pair of eyes on yours, message me on WhatsApp (link on the website), email info@mirjanfilms.com or visit mirjanfilms.com.



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