

# ***Essential Questions for Every Bride-to-Be: Photographer Edition***

## **Availability and Booking:**

1. Are you available on [insert date(s)] at [insert time(s)]? How soon do I have to reserve this date? \*If the wedding photographer is not available on your wedding date, then forego the rest of your questions.
2. Will you personally be shooting my wedding or will you send others within your company? Do you (or the other photographer) normally shoot alone or with assistants?
3. Do you have any other commitments to cover that weekend?
4. How would you and your assistants dress for our wedding?
5. How far in advance do we need to book you?
6. What is required to book you for my wedding date? Do you require just the security deposit or the full amount to reserve this date?
7. Can you please send a contract/written agreement as confirmation of what is included in our package?

## **Background and Experience:**

1. What is your background in photography? How long have you been in the business? Have you shot many South Asian weddings?
2. How many weddings have you photographed? Of those, how many were similar to my event in terms of style and size?
3. Are you familiar with my event's venues? If not, do you typically check out the venue beforehand to see the area and conceptualize shots?
4. May we see some of the print albums of recent weddings you've shot? If you can, please e-mail a link to see images of a full wedding (start to finish) online as well.
5. May I have a list of references and/or see some of your customer testimonials?
6. Do you have a website or blog I can check out?
7. Has your work been published in any wedding blogs or magazines?

## **Vision Questions:**

1. How do you categorize your photography style (traditional, photojournalistic, editorial, documentary)?
2. What kind of equipment do you work with? Do you shoot digitally or with film?
3. What distinguishes your work from that of other photographers?
4. How do you envision our wedding day in terms of the pictures you'd like to take?
5. How do others describe your presence at their weddings? \*Do you like to blend in and take shots ninja-style or do you like to coordinate shots throughout the event?
6. Are your photographs taken in color and black and white?
7. Would you be interested to see our Pinterest board or pictures of the types of poses we'd like for our wedding day?
8. How do you manage/coordinate large group photos?

## **Package Questions:**

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### **Logistics**

1. What is your backup plan for equipment failure or if you get unwell are unable to shoot the wedding? Do you have a backup photographer for emergencies?
2. In terms of timing, if an event lasts longer than expected, then do you stay? Would we incur any additional charge if we go a little over time?
3. What is your policy if other wedding guests are taking pictures alongside of you?
4. What time will you arrive and for how long will you shoot?
5. How would you and your assistants dress for our wedding?
6. How much time is required for bridal portraits and how much is needed for wedding party portraits?
7. Do you back up your photos in camera and off site?
8. When would you like to be allotted time to eat?
9. Is there any information you need from me before the wedding day?

### **Payment:**

1. What is the "door" quote for everything we've discussed for our wedding package? What exactly is included in this charge?
2. If my wedding site is out of your area, do you charge a travel fee and what does that cover?
3. How much of a deposit do you need for reserving the date?
4. Do you offer a payment plan for your services? When is the final balance due?
5. What is your preferred form of payment? Are there any discounts available if we pay in cash?
6. Is our security deposit nonrefundable? What is your cancellation policy with regards to deposits and refunds?
7. Do you have liability insurance? Can we see a copy of your contract?