

Engagement Photo Tips

Tip#1 Location, Location, Location

Depending on how many locations that you're planning on going to and how long you've paid your photographer to stick around, you may only need one outfit. But, if you're in it for the long haul and have plenty of time and patience, then you could even go so far as having multiple sets of clothes for each of your locations. Just remember that if you have the room to haul around a bunch of clothes, it's always better to pack more stuff than less. Having options is never a bad thing and once you're on the clock with your photographer it's going to be hard to head back to your house for additional wardrobe changes. So, be prepared and once again, have some fun with it!

Your poses tie in with the clothing that you choose because potentially some of your clothes could limit your poses due to being too restricted, revealing or who knows what. Your poses should once again reflect your personality as a couple and you should try to get as many different poses in at each location as your time allows. Also, I would suggest that you try to mix in some serious poses with some fun and romantic poses so that by the time your photo shoot is over you'll get a great mix of everything. One other thing -- be ready to do a lot of smiling, kissing, nose-rubbing and cheek-brushing because these are what help create some of the most amazing shots you'll take.

Tip #2 Photograph at the Right Time of Day

"This is the simplest tip, because it lets natural light do most of the work for you. When the sun is directly overhead or high in the sky — say from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — it creates harsh, unflattering shadows. Shooting before or after will give you fewer shadows and a more even glow. Use morning light for a beautiful cool tone and late-afternoon light for a look that's warm and soft. If you have to shoot mid-day, make sure it's cloudy or overcast — or find a big spot of shade."

Tip#3 Pick Your Wardrobe Wisely

The goal here is not to match but to coordinate your clothing. Choose colors that complement each other and avoid patterns that clash. And most importantly, stay away from logo tees. You might love a band, but your engagement photo is not the place to advertise."

Tip # 4 Be mushy gushy

These photos are for you. Let your guard down and show each other some love! We'll do all that we can to help you feel comfortable, and from there it's up to you to let loose. Hold hands, make each other laugh, give hugs and kisses, look into each other eyes. Stop to think why you are doing all of this- the photos, the wedding, everything. Those emotions will shine through your photos

Tip # 5 Stay stress free

Try to have everything ready days ahead of time so that you won't be stressing out about details. Allow extra time to get ready and arrive to your shoot on time. Get plenty of rest the night before so you won't be tired out. On the drive to your session, loosen up to your favorite cd and crank it up! Make each other laugh and have fun together.

Be prepared to be photographed head to toe- don't neglect details! Girls, make sure your hair, nails, toes, and eyebrows are done. Guys, get a haircut a week or two before hand and make sure your nails are clean and facial hair is the way you like it. In the days leading up to your engagement session make sure to drink extra water to hydrate your skin for the photos.

Tip # 6 Be Yourself

Just be yourself. Play, cuddle, kiss, laugh. Work it. Girls- channel your inner wild side and be fierce. Guys, be smooth. You are going to rock your session.

