

Philbrook Museum of Art Weddings

Selecting a Ceremony Date, Time & Garden Location

Sunset Times – Spring/Summer/Fall in Tulsa

March - Clocks Spring Forward	<u>7:25-7:45</u>
April	<u>7:46-8:10</u>
May	<u>8:11-8:35</u>
June	<u>8:36-8:45</u>
July	<u>8:45-8:30</u>
August	<u>8:29-7:53</u>
September	<u>7:52-7:09</u>
October	<u>7:08-6:29</u>
November - Clocks Fall Back	<u>5:28-5:10</u>

Example of Wedding Timeline

For sunset times between 6:29 PM – 7:30

- 4:00 PM – Bridal Party arrival
- 4:30 PM – Pictures in the garden
- 5:30 PM – Guests Arrive
- **6:00 PM – Ceremony**
- 6:30 PM – Guests move to Reception – Final Wedding party pictures
- 7:15 PM – Grand Entrance
- 7:15-8:15 PM – Dinner
- 8:15 – Cake Cutting and First Dances
- 8:30 – 10:00 PM – Dancing
- 10:00 PM – Grand Exit

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- 9:10 PM – Cake Cutting and First Dances
- 9:20 – 11:00 PM – Dancing
- 11:00 PM – Grand Exit

The timeline can be customized and adjusted for:

- First look
- Indoor pictures
- More dancing time
- Etc.

Things to consider

- Garden Ceremonies are optimal during Daylight Saving Time so you can have the most light. Most of the **United States** begins Daylight Saving Time on the second Sunday in March and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in November. Weddings outdoors on dates outside of Daylight Saving Time may require specialty or safety lighting.
- At Philbrook, the sun sets behind the building in the west before true sunset, leaving ample time in the gardens without direct sun.
- Example of sun progress:
6:45 – Sun sinks below Villa Philbrook for prime ceremony time keeping the sun out of your eyes and indirect on your guests
8:20 – Sunset
8:20 to 9:00 – Twilight – Getting dark
9:00 – Dusk / Dark
- As a rule of thumb, the Tempietto will be shaded approximately 30 minutes before sunset.
- The sun will shade behind the building first for the Terrace, second for the East Formal, and last for the Tempietto
- At summer solstice (June 21 – longest day of the year with sunset time of approximately 8:44 PM), the East Formal Garden shades the bride and groom at 7:20 PM
- If ceremony seats are in the sun, guests typically stand in the shade until the last minute when prompted/announced by wedding coordination staff to take their seats
- For elderly or guests with challenges walking distances or on uneven surfaces, a golf cart driven by Philbrook Security Staff is available on request to transport directly to ceremony site

- For ceremonies in the East Formal Garden using a sound system, you may decide to have seating for elderly or guests with challenges walking up on the Terrace overlooking the ceremony
- If sun time for guests is unavoidable, consider facing guest chair backs to the sun and a program design that doubles as a fan OR fan party favors
- For an additional fee, catering staff may pass out cups of water or lemonade to guests prior to the ceremony
- Be sure to check what time the sun sets on your wedding date using TimeAndDate.com or Calendar-365.com and work with the Philbrook Events Team to plan a ceremony time that meets all your needs.