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Stunning photography
London and Worldwide

Frequently Asked Questions

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So, you love taking photos?!

I've been a photographer for over 20 years, and I cover everything from weddings to rock bands, so there is barely a moment when I don't have a camera in my hand!

I am relaxed, but utterly professional.

How far do you travel?

We undertake weddings both here in the UK and overseas.

We are based in St. John's Wood in London NW8, and weddings outside a 50 mile radius usually incur some additional travel expenses (also possibly overnight accommodation if over 2 hours drive).

This can be flexible depending on your investment.

Do you use film or digital?

Although we now use digital exclusively, our background in shooting film means we can apply a professional darkroom eye to the photographs.

Professional digital cameras are now far better than their film equivalents, allowing much better performance in low light conditions. This enables us to offer you the most advanced quality available for your final prints. We use Nikon pro bodies fast professional Nikon lenses. And we always carry spares of everything, just in case!

How many photographs do you take?

We will often take around 500-1500 images on the day. These are then carefully edited and selected to give you a choice of around 300-1000 fantastic pictures depending on the style of your wedding.

We shoot carefully, and work on a "quality not quantity" approach.

Can we obtain framed pictures for the wall?

Yes. There are lots of options for wall products.

Images can be printed on Canvas, Acrylic, aluminium, or housed in contemporary frames. You can also have multiple images within one product. We even offer waterproof canvas for outdoor use, swimming pools, etc. It's a huge range, so please ask for further details.

What is a pre-wedding shoot?

A great opportunity to get to know each other, and get some photos done in advance of the big day. And it's often FREE, included with all our full-day wedding packages. Great opportunity to get some cool photos in a park or urban location in London. The emphasis is on relaxed, natural images, and help to get over any camera shyness.

You have the opportunity to obtain any prints you like from our studio price list.

How do you describe your style?

Relaxed! Most of the day you'll hardly notice us, as we capture your day in a documentary style. Stevie C are also known for beautiful bridal portraits, so your wedding photos will have the perfect mix. We're certainly not going to be making you stand around in cheesy poses!

Who will photograph our wedding?

Stevie is the primary photographer and he is responsible for the photography on the day. He will also personally discuss your requirements at the initial meeting, and help you select your images at the viewing stage.

For larger weddings we suggest a 2nd photographer @ £150.

We get booked very far ahead, so please book early.

Do you take group shots?

Of course, but quickly and efficiently! It's your day, and you may not have the opportunity to get some of these people together again.

Our #1 aim is to help you relax and enjoy your day, without having a camera in your face all the time.

Sometimes we may pose people to get some fab shots; mostly we'll work discreetly in the background to capture the smiles on people's faces.

How many should we choose for our album or book?

Be prepared to love all the pictures! Many clients often find it hard to shortlist 250 images. We can help to make it easy for you by doing the initial selection for you.

For albums, allow a maximum of 150 images in a 100 page album, or 400-600 in our "Gallery Books". Every album is unique, and all are designed and made to order.

Can you retouch or enhance the pictures?

Every care is taken to ensure your album pictures look amazing!

All album images are individually balanced for colour, density and contrast, and many are retouched.

For albums and prints we used skilled techniques to retouch and enhance all images where we feel necessary. We do not charge extra for this service.

What about "Trash The Dress" "Love The Dress"?

This is normally done within 3 months of the wedding, and the good news is that it's FREE, included with all our full-day wedding packages, you just pay for any prints.

Don't worry, we don't actually "trash" the dress like they do in the States, this is an opportunity to get the dress back on, with a different hair-style and make-up, and do some exciting fashion shots. We can also offer award-winning hair and make-up artists and stylists (pricing details on request).

What is available for our family?

Parents can obtain everything from an exact copy of your album, down to a small pocket book (starting at less than £3, the pocket book is also great for the bridesmaids and relations).

Digital wedding albums enable us to offer generous discounts on duplicate copies of the main book.

It's really hard to decide on a photographer!

You need to choose your photographer by the quality of their imagery, and their ability as a business person.... it's vital you have somebody with a professional mindset so they don't ruin your day.

The next main criteria is really personality.... your photographer will be with you for most of your wedding day, and with you for more than almost anyone else that day. It's essential that you feel 100% comfortable that you (and your family) can get along with them!

What you can expect from us:

- Professionalism from start to finish – you will not be let down by us! And we are fully insured.
- Attention to detail – we know how stressful the day can be, so we go 100% to make things relaxed for you.
- Eight hours coverage of your day – we don't rush off when the cake is cut. Most of the fun at a wedding happens on the dance floor, so we're often asked to carry on shooting well into the late evening.
- And of course, truly stunning images!

What packages do you offer?

Stevie C photography packages are really simply priced. For midweek central London dates it starts from just £499, and you can book us for as little or as long as you like. Our usual full day rate is £1500 for around 8 hours, and extra hours are £125.

We don't package people, so any albums / prints are completely optional with no hard sell.

Our albums start from just £99 for a simple coffee table book, through to over £2000. Pro prints from £10.

Most people spend around £900 on their album.

High-resolution DVD slide-shows are also available.

See our PACKAGES leaflet for full details of our range of combinations.

What if it rains? / It's a winter wedding!

Don't worry! Winter weddings are our speciality. We're used to rain and low light in the UK, so we will still get the shots. Even the most unlikely looking wall can offer spectacular backdrops for photos.

If it's truly horrendous weather, we're happy to offer you a re-shoot of the couple shots.

I don't like my photo being taken!

Honestly, don't worry, we'll make you feel completely at ease. People photography is what we do every day, so you will hardly notice us after a while.

Do you archive the pictures?

All our digital images are backed up securely. If you plan to leave it longer than 12 months to order prints, we recommend you purchase a disc of retouched images. We suggest that you inform your insurance company to ensure that your album/disc is covered in case of damage or loss.

Do you offer Gift Vouchers?

Stevie C gift vouchers are a great idea. We set up a dedicated section our web-site, where your guests can log-in, and buy gift vouchers for you. You could set the denominations at whatever level you like (£5, £10, etc, and they can then buy multiples of those). We keep a spread-sheet of what has been accrued, and who has purchased, which you can access via your own pass-code. For guests who prefer to buy you something specific, we can set up some options such as a Canvas Print etc, so they buy you a specific item. Of course, after the day, it is your decision whether to use that value for the item they bought, or just towards your album.

We can also set a limit. You may decide that the maximum you want spent on photo vouchers is £500.

Once that level has been reached, we would close off the list to avoid further sums being accrued (and they are directed back to your other wedding list).

The vouchers are valid for 18 months after your wedding date, giving you plenty of time to decide.

How much are extra pictures for our album or book?

We offer three main album products: storybook albums, matted overlay albums, and Fine Art books.

Album costs vary depending on size, cover options, and page quantity.

We normally suggest that 100 pictures would need a 50-65 page album. 170-200 photos? Go for 100 pages. Our largest size album is 50x40cm (20x16") with 100 pages.

Our new "Gallery Books" can hold 400-600 images.

Our albums come with the images of your choice and are unique designs, individually styled for your photos.

The main album images are beautifully retouched.

What if you're ill?

Thankfully, I've never had to miss a wedding. However should the unthinkable happen, I have a great network of some of the top photographers in the UK who I can turn to. We collectively enter our booking days to a shared schedule, and so we always know who is on standby for an emergency.

OK, we'd like to book.... what next?

We get booked very far ahead, so please book early.

We send you a payment link, and you pay a £250 deposit now, and the balance one month before the big day. We accept most credit and debit cards.

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