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YOUR SESSION



WELCOME

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR SENIOR PHOTO SESSION

BEFORE *we begin shooting your senior photos, you may want to get your hair and makeup done. We do have several hair stylists and makeup artists that we can recommend should you need someone to help you achieve your ideal look on the day of your shoot. Whether you want a bold look or something more natural, choose a style that you feel comfortable with.*

Once you are happy with your look, we will either head to a favorite location or the studio to start capturing your images. To mix things up, we recommend a few options for your look. Whether it's adding some color to your outfit or changing your hair slightly, it's better to have a good variety of images to choose from after your shoot.

If you enjoy being outside, take advantage of the golden hour, which will add a soft, warm glow to your photos. Plus, the outdoors offers so many photo opportunities and backdrops.

If you would prefer something a little more stylish, you could use a studio setting instead. We know exactly how to prep our studio so that we can shoot some fun, fashionable images. Don't forget to bring some music along to add some energy to your shoot.

Finally, there is also the option of using an urban setting for your shoot, where you can take advantage of the natural light and choose from a variety of unique backdrops.



THE EDITING PROCESS

Once we've captured some great shots, the editing will begin. During the editing process, we will touch up each photo and remove any minor imperfections, ensuring that your skin looks flawless.

ORDERING YOUR PHOTOS

Once we have processed your photos, we will arrange a time to meet with you to show you the final product projected large. Once you've seen all of the options, we will help you narrow down your selection into groups, measure your walls for any canvas portraits and help you choose photos for your album.

LOCATION:

12 FUN SENIOR PHOTO SHOOT LOCATION IDEAS

IF you're in the process of planning your senior photo session, you're probably looking for a few theme and location ideas. Below are a few fun ideas to give you some inspiration:

HEAD TO A NEW CITY.

If you're really looking to find some interesting shoot locations, why not head to a completely different city to shoot your senior portraits? You never know what you will find once you start exploring.

ENJOY AN AMUSEMENT PARK.

Using an amusement park as a location doesn't mean you need to use rides as a backdrop, instead, incorporate the bright colors and bold patterns into your shots.

ENJOY A MILKSHAKE AT A 50'S DINER.

Think jeans, white-tshirts, milkshakes and red lipstick. A classic 50's diner will leave you with some truly memorable senior portraits.

FIND A BOTANICAL GARDEN OR PARK.

If you would prefer a beautiful backdrop of trees, flowers, and wide open spaces, use one of the local parks or botanical gardens as a location for your shoot. you will find once you start exploring.

TAKE A TRIP ON A BOAT.

If you are lucky enough to live near the ocean or a lake, why not use the water and a boat as the backdrop for your senior portraits?

A NEED FOR SPEED.

If speed is more your thing, you could incorporate a muscle car or racy motorbike into your senior session.



HEAD DOWNTOWN.

Take advantage of the graffiti, bridges and unique doorways in the city for an urban theme.

CURL UP WITH A BOOK.

If you simply love the library or your local bookstore, why not use it as a location for your senior portraits?

GRAB YOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE.

Love being outside on your bike? Mountain biking locations make for some amazing backdrops.

HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE.

Coffee shops and cafes are great for senior portraits as they offer soft lighting and an interesting setting.

FIND A LAUNDROMAT.

Want a more retro look and feel? Head to a laundromat for some fun senior shots.

USE A COLLEGE CAMPUS.

Most colleges have an array of interesting buildings, archways and beautiful outdoor areas that are perfect for a senior photo session.



DIFFERENT:

WHY OUR SENIOR SESSIONS STAND OUT

SENIOR portraits are not what they used to be, especially with the emergence of social media's "do it for the likes, bro," which is why we have taken our senior sessions to a whole new level.

Our senior portrait sessions are unlike any other, with our state-of-the-art studios producing photos that can be compared to Nike apparel or Vanity Fair fashion shoots. By pairing our elaborate sets and world-class makeup artists and hair stylists with our impressive photography skills, we can help you produce unique senior portraits that you won't see anywhere else.

Every year that we shoot senior portraits, we come up with new and exciting themes and ideas that make us stand out from other photographers in our area. If you are looking for senior photos that are unique, stylish, and memorable, we can help.



MISTAKES:

THE 5 SENIOR SESSION MISTAKES TO AVOID

1 WEARING THE WRONG OUTFIT.

The wrong clothing can really make a big difference to your senior portraits. If you want your photos to look great, make sure that your clothing is fitted and suited to your body shape and type. You also want to stay away from bold patterns, luminous colors, and logos.

2 CUTTING YOUR HAIR JUST BEFORE YOUR SESSION.

Your hair plays an important role in your overall look and if you decide to get a haircut or try a new hairstyle too close to your senior session, you could end up with photos that you hate. If you will be cutting or changing your hair, rather do so at least a week before your shoot.

3 CHOOSING THE WRONG PHOTOGRAPHER.

You need to feel completely comfortable around your photographer, which is why it's important to take your time and do your research before you decide on someone. Be sure to meet with photographers face to face too, to make sure that they're a good fit for you. If you're going to feel uncomfortable during your shoot, it's going to show in your photos. Also, if your photographer isn't experienced enough, you're only going to end up being unhappy with your photos and angry that you wasted your money so make sure that they have experience with senior portraits before you pay.

4 RUSHING THROUGH YOUR SESSION.

If you want to be happy with the results of your senior session, it's very important not to rush. Your photographer is a professional and knows that a successful senior session is going to take longer than 30 minutes so prepare yourself to be in front of the camera for several hours. The results will be totally worth it.

5 FORCING A POSE OR A SMILE.

The more natural you are in front of the camera, the better your photos will look. If you're feeling nervous or aren't sure how to pose, rather ask your photographer to guide you so that you get the senior portraits you're hoping for.



PROFESSIONAL

WHY HIRE A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER FOR YOUR SENIOR SESSION?

THIS is your senior year, which is a very special time in your life. And while you could probably get a friend or family member to take some photos of you, they simply won't be able to produce what a professional photographer can.

When you work with a professional photographer, you get to benefit from their years of experience, which includes knowing how to work with natural and studio lighting, where to find the best locations for your shoot, and how to compose a great shot. Not to mention the fact that they're skilled editors and know exactly how to make you look incredible in every photo.

A professional will also know how to bring your unique style and personality through in each and every image and will be there to guide you on how to pose and smile in order to get the best photos.

A professional photographer is the best person to guide you during the photo selection process too, helping you choose the best shots for printing and your album. Since most photographers have been shooting and printing images for years, they know exactly which paper, canvas sizes and printers to use to get the job done right, giving you beautiful photos that you can display in your home, in an album or on social media.

You only get to be a senior once so don't miss the chance to capture some great photos of yourself by using a friend or family member instead of a professional for your senior shoot.





PRICING:

FIND A PRICING PACKAGE TO SUIT YOU

BOOK OF DREAMS PACKAGE. \$1230

Our custom designed Senior Dream Album with 20 luxurious pages and Fine Art Cover

11x14" Framed Portrait

25 5x7 Linen Portrait Cards

3 Petite Treasure Box Portraits

Social Media images

TREASURED MEMORIES PACKAGE. \$840 (OUR MOST POPULAR)

Designer Satin Image Portfolio

11x14" Framed Portrait

25 5x7 Linen Portrait Cards

2 Petite Treasure Box Portraits

Social media images

STUDIO ENHANCED PACKAGE. \$680

1 - 11x14" and 1 - 8x10" Framed Portrait

25 5x7 Linen Portrait Cards

2 Petite Treasurebox Portraits

Social Media images

STUDIO CLASSIC PACKAGE. \$460

11x14" Framed Portrait

25 5x7 Linen Portrait Cards

1 5x7 Sweet Petite Portrait

Social Media images



CLOTHING:

6 OUTFITS TO CONSIDER FOR YOUR SENIOR PORTRAIT SESSION

THERE are a lot of factors that contribute to an amazing senior session and your outfit is one of them. We recommend bringing more than one type of outfit to your senior session, here are a few ideas to get you started.



1
OUTFIT

YOUR PERSONAL FAVOURITE.

Bring along an outfit that you simply love wearing. Not only will it let your unique personality and style shine through but it will also make you feel comfortable and confident during your senior session.

SIMPLE & CLASSY.

Choose an outfit that you can use for some formal shots. Keep it simple by choosing safe, solid colors such as white, black or brown. Basically, bring an outfit that you would wear to church or a formal family gathering.

2
OUTFIT

GET CREATIVE.

This is your chance to let your unique personality really shine through. What inspires you and gets you smiling? Who do you want to be? Keep this in mind when choosing this outfit.

3
OUTFIT

ACCESSORIZE.

For your next outfit, simply adding in a few accessories such as a hat, scarf or sunglasses will give you a completely different look. You can also choose to throw in a few props to add some interest to the shot.

OUTFIT 4



GO TRADITIONAL.

If your culture and family traditions are a prominent part of your life, why not use a traditional outfit or one that represents your culture as one of the clothing changes during your senior session?

OUTFIT 5



GET ACTIVE.

If sport was an integral part of your life at school, bring your sports uniform to your senior session as an outfit change. You can even add in bats, helmets or gloves as props to add interest to the shot.

OUTFIT 6



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