

VISION PHOTOGRAPHY

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What to Expect – Family Photo Shoot

After reading this, if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.



Family Photo Shoot

The family photo shoot is always a lot of fun and a great opportunity to capture some amazing, timeless images.

The relationship between yourselves and me, as the photographer, is an important one, and I always like to get to know you a little better before working together. If you've made a booking with me, or even if you're just thinking of doing so, I always like to have an initial chat via Skype, FaceTime or simply a quick phone call. This helps me to understand what you expect from the shoot and what your photo priorities are.

First things first, you need to select a date that best suits you and your family.

I offer two types of family photo shoot; **studio or outdoors**. The following details the characteristics of both and hopefully gives you an idea of how I conduct each or perhaps you still need some help deciding which you would prefer.

Outdoors

Typically with outdoor family shoots, I try to avoid the hot midday sun and aim for the less busy times of the day. You can choose from an early morning shoot starting between 7am and 9am, where we'll benefit from the cooler temperatures and fewer people around. Alternatively, a late afternoon shoot, starting around 4pm and 5pm, can be excellent for sunset lighting and the temperature has fallen.

I like arranging 'outdoorsy' sessions on a beautiful day, in one of your favourite spots of Singapore. When deciding on the location, you may have a place in mind, but I can also recommend a few of my favourites for you to consider. Ideally, the best locations are ones with numerous beautiful backgrounds, where we can wander around the area to get a variety of shots. For example, you may want the natural feel of the Botanic Gardens, or the beautiful backdrop of Singapore's cityscape from Gardens By The Bay East side.



Studio

With my studio sessions, you have the added security of not needing to rely on the weather because the shoot is carried out in a controlled environment. The sessions take place in my home studio and we can be completely flexible on the times that best suit you throughout the day.

The studio sessions involve taking pictures on white, black or artistic grey background colours. The type of shots will range from traditional to more artistic using creative lighting techniques. They are really fun and stylish photos that give a truly professional look.



In both circumstance the shoots tend to be around 1 hour. This can be longer depending on whether we have agreed more than one location.

For everyone that's going to be included in the photos, it tends to be better if you wear simple, non-patterned and lightweight clothing. The photos look better with plain clothing and in neutral or dark colours that have limited or no pictures, logos or patterns on them. This way they don't detract from yourselves. Though this is less important for very young children, as they usually have more colourful outfits and dresses which is fine. This is just a guideline and you also need to be comfortable, so something lightweight and cool would be advisable to prevent signs of sweating.



After Your Shoot

Now you can go home, sit back, relax and soon you'll have all your beautiful images! I'll go through the images from your shoot and select the cream of the crop. I then usually narrow it down to between 30-40 images. Once I have the 'final cut' selected, I'll fully edit these photos. Unlike some photography companies, I believe that the price you pay for the session should include access to all your photos. I'm very proud of my work and I want to share all the images with you without making you decide what you can afford, or making you pay extra for them. You deserve them all and I don't hold photos to ransom!!

In my editing, I'll provide a balance of warm, colourful photos and turn some into black and white shots if I feel they are better suited to that style. Your edited images will be ready within one week, and I'll email them to you as soon as they are ready.

If you wish to purchase one of my stunning, fully customisable photo albums, or if you'd like me to have certain pictures printed for you, I offer this as an additional service. The choice is yours! If the answer is "Yes please," then it's simple. You can either use the online gallery I'll send you to help select and upload your favourites, or simply call/Skype me to discuss which ones would be better suited for printing. Please visit my *Packages* page for rates. If you decide to get your images printed yourself, there are a few things to keep in mind. Firstly, your pictures are all sized to be 4x6", which is the standard ratio at which my camera captures images. If you want to increase the size, be careful of cropping the photo as you'll be altering the ratio of the image. Secondly, if you're going to get your images printed elsewhere, make sure you tell them NOT to "autocorrect", as this will change the colour and style of the images and erase all my editing.