

Weddings at The Deep – Photographers Guidance

We have been advised by our mutual clients that you will be providing wedding photography for their celebrations at The Deep. In view of the fact that The Deep is an unusual venue with live exhibits it is important that we work closely with you to ensure that you can capture all those special photos without causing harm to our animals.

Unlike other venues we like to work closely with our clients photographers. On the day you will have a member of The Deep staff with you to guide to your chosen locations to make sure nothing gets missed.

The main challenge is that flash photography and direct lighting into the tanks is strictly prohibited. As our commitment to you and our wedding couple we strongly recommend the following:

- Initial site meeting with Freya Cross, the Business & Corporate Manager. These are best conducted when The Deep is not busy ie: before 10am or late afternoon. This meeting is generally without the wedding couple in order that practicalities can be discussed without the distraction. A meeting with the couple can always be co-ordinated to take place immediately after if wished and time permits.

This meeting will include a walk through The Deep identifying key locations preferred whilst discussing:

- Additional house lighting available as appropriate
- Power locations for static lighting if being used ie: for the ceremony. When using static lights they are to be turned away from the tanks before being switched on and then turned slowly to the appropriate focal point ie: bride and groom. They must not be pointed into the tank. We do have a couple of lights available to borrow if wished.
- Testing lighting levels with camera and taking sample photos.
- The current schedule as agreed with the couple.
- The role of the member of staff who will be accompanying you and how we work together on the day
- Any other queries
- A walk round with the client at any time mutually convenient time for you all. We would recommend 10am or from 4pm, earlier on less busy visitor days. During this meeting you and the couple would finalise the preferred locations. You do not need to have a member of The Deep staff with you for this meeting so you would need to give advance notice in order to make sure that you have free access to The Deep.

After this meeting we ask that you provide us with a list of locations and who is to be in these photos. This ensures that guests are where you need them when you need them.

Thank you