



Jonathan Phillips
PHOTOGRAPHY

Location Photo Shoot - Frequently Asked Questions

How far in advance do I need to book?

At weekends and school holidays we're often booked weeks in advance. We always book a backup appointment too in case of bad weather, so it's best to book in as soon as you decide you want a shoot - even if it's for six months ahead

What does the shoot fee of £175.00 include, and how long will the shoot last?

The shoot will last as long as Jonathan feels it needs to. That can be anything between one and two hours, depending on how it's going. The fee covers his time and expertise; time spent selecting the images to show you, and Jonathan's time in making them look even more fantastic. All in all, this could equate to four or five hours.

How many photos will be taken?

Loads! - It really depends on the opportunities available and how each child reacts.

What should our children wear for a shoot?

Whatever you like seeing them in, and whatever is practical bearing in mind that they'll be photographed outside, as well as inside. We want them to be themselves! They may be clambering over logs, or lying on the ground, so avoid anything too precious! It's also best to avoid large logos, numbers or writing on their clothes. On shoots where children will be photographed together, coordinating the clothing looks great. Denim & same colour t-shirts always work well. You could also bring hats, sunglasses, wellies - whatever you fancy. Bring a change of clothes too, as this will add variety to the pictures.

What happens if one of the children is unwell?

You'll spend the day at home cuddling them! We'll rearrange the shoot. Spots, scratches and other blemishes can be vanished away by us however as required, using the latest digital technology. It's not only the top models that get the benefit of 'airbrushing'. That's a standard thing too.

What happens if we've booked a location shoot and it's raining or the sky is overcast on the day of our shoot?

If it's raining or the ground is very wet we'll change to the back-up appointment. We want the experience to be fun for you, and Jonathan doesn't like lying on wet grass either!

Can we have a choice of Black & White as well as colour?

Absolutely. We shoot everything in colour but the camera files are optimised to produce fantastic black and white images too.

How do we select the photographs that we want?

That's another fun bit. Jonathan will come to you or you can come to us, and the photographs will be projected onto a screen so that you can see them clearly. You will probably love them all so please allow an hour or so for the viewing. We do prefer that partners attend together as it's impossible for one of you to make the decisions on your own. We also recommend that you don't bring children as you'll find it hard to concentrate.

What if other family members want to buy some photographs?

They're very welcome to come with you to the viewing as we can accommodate up to four people at a time in our viewing room. It will take much longer though as everyone has their own opinion and their own requirements. The better alternative is to arrange a separate viewing for them.

We are not very good at making instant decisions – can we have time to think about what we want?

Selecting your favourite images will be easy. Choosing frames and ways of displaying them often takes some thinking about. Before coming to the viewing it's best to have in mind the wall space you have available at home. Also consider other locations you spend time in, such as your office or holiday home. You might prefer a collection of images in an album rather than wall frames, perhaps both. Our product range is totally bespoke so there's a really wide choice. We're really good at helping you reach your decision, and won't subject you to a 'hard sell'. That's a promise.

Can we keep a set of proofs?

Sorry, but there aren't any. We hate throwing stuff away, so don't make prints of any images until they are ordered.

How much will I be expected to spend on photographs?

There is no normal amount as each family is different, however, as a guide expect to want to spend from £500 upwards.

Can we have the pictures in albums?

All of our photographs are available in bespoke albums. Many of our clients prefer this, as it is a way of building up a library of stunning images year after year!

I would like a record of my children as they grow – do you offer any 'packages'?

Jonathan offers a baby 'package' – please ask for details. We also offer reduced session fees for subsequent shoots booked within 18 months. We try to structure a change of seasons with each shoot. Our aim is to provide you with an ongoing record of you and your family's journey through life. It's normal for our clients to mix the seasons with subsequent shoots, and these can include:

- An autumn woodland session with vibrant colour and the fun of crashing through the fallen leaves.
- A winter shoot with frost and gorgeous low angle sunlight
- A spring shoot in bluebell woods or gardens with daffodils.
- A summer shoot with a picnic in a meadow or on the beach.

*all information correct as of December 2010 .

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