

DN: This is Durgesh Nandhini here, recently engaged to Mr Prabu Shankar from Tiruppur, Coimbatore district. I happened to come across your website. I highly appreciate your work and attention to detail in your photography. I am looking for a journalistic, candid, storytelling way of photography for my wedding, and your portfolio visualizes my thoughts.

The Wedding is on Oct 20 and 21 at Tiruppur. We are expecting a crowd of 3000+ people. It's a Hindu wedding, the functions start from the 20th morning and ends by 21st early evening. We have decided to go in only for still photography for the whole wedding and video tape just 2 hours of the actual wedding ceremony on 21st morning 8am to 10am. It would be nice if you could photograph the memories of my wedding. Please mention your product and pricing for the above requirement.

AJ: Thanks for writing. Let me know when is the good time to call you so we can talk about the wedding in detail to get a better idea for me to estimate the effort.

DN: You can call Prabu Shankar right away and discuss. He is been expecting your call.

DN: Heard from my fiancée about the conversation you both had...

The wedding agenda is

20/ 10/2010 9am - 10am Nalungu ceremony for both bride and the groom at the Mandapam.

20/10/2010 6pm-10pm Reception at the Mandapam

21/10/2010 9am -10am Mugartham at the Mandapam

21/10/2010 12pm -1 pm Lunch

21/10 /2010 2pm - The couple goes to the groom's place. (Coimbatore)

21/10/2010 4pm - The couple goes to the bride's place. (Tiruppur)

So this is the agenda for the two days...Please quote you pricing for the above.

As we are expecting a crowd of 3000+ people is it possible for you to cover the whole crowd with the help of your assistants as our parents expect.

AJ: I prefer taking pictures of the couple shots in natural light/outdoors. So let's plan for this on one of these days. We can do it at the wedding location but the scope is usually limited.

I do not like to take pictures of standing and posing groups, as there is nothing creative involved in it. But we can do some family shots for sure. And the couple moving around interacting with guests makes for nice moments to photograph. As also, captures of people's expressions and emotions.

If you have any questions or things to discuss, mail or call me.

AJ:I am available on the following date for the wedding shoot. This is the basic cost as per your mail, but I am not sure about shooting the bridegroom visiting homes kindly let me know so, I can be prepared accordingly. Overall am looking at 10hrs of a shoot in 2days span. Any questions kindly call so we can be clear about it.

Date: Oct 20th & Oct 21st (Muhurath) 2010.

The cost involved for the shoot will be [REDACTED]

What you get:

approx. 400+ high-resolution, ready-to-print digital images on a DVD.

The cost includes:

This involves the bridegroom getting ready + wedding + evening reception + Couple photos on an outdoor location (Max 9 to 10 Hrs/2days).

Includes travel and accommodation.

The cost does not include:

Any album or any prints. A photo book can be specially designed @ additional cost. It will be like a coffee table book and it can be customised as per size/pages etc. so let me know if you require a photo book.

Sample photo book link:

<http://www.facebook.com/ajphoto.in?v=photos&ref=ts#!/album.php?aid=156759&id=1716430755>
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DN: Thanks for your very clear and focused mail. My fiancé is out of the station. Will let you know the confirmation by tomorrow.

DN: I saw your printed albums. They were great. I have a few doubts to clear.

1. What would be the cost of printing 400 snaps?
2. I understand your point on not taking standing groups. If so, is it ok with you, if we get a local photographer to do that as our parents wish to cover the crowd? My question is, will you be compatible with another photographer in the venue.
3. I want you to take snaps at both of our homes when the bridegroom is visiting for the first after mugurtham on the 21st afternoon. I shall let u know the exact timing tomorrow
4. I wish you could take lots of our family snaps

Regarding the confirmation and advance, will ask my fiancé to call u today.

AJ: Here are the answers to your questions:

1. What would be the cost of printing 400 snaps?

A wedding photo book 18X15 size with around 400 selected snaps from the shoot will cost around [REDACTED] for initial copy, more copies will be around [REDACTED]. I use canvera.com for printing services, they are best in the country.

2. I understand your point on not taking standing groups. If so, is it ok with you, if we get a local photographer to do that as our parents wish to cover the crowd? My question is, will you be compatible with another photographer in the venue.

Am fine if they take up the task of documentation group shots if both of us clicking the ceremonies will be a bit uncomfortable sometimes.. I can't move as I want to click around the ceremonies.

3. I want you to take snaps at both of our homes when the bridegroom is visiting for the first after mugurtham on the 21st afternoon. I shall let u know the exact timing tomorrow

Sure I can be there to shoot, let me know the timings so, I can plan my travel in advance.

4. I wish you could take lots of our family snaps.

Is it possible, before or after the wedding day I can be around and shoot the family in the house candid way? Is that what you want me to do or how to let me know. Basically not to take much "posing" than candid group pictures...

Mostly I am introduced as a friend, mingle with families to be comfortable and I can shoot very candid way... depends on the shooting hours we may have to recalculate the cost than what is given. Let me know your thoughts.

DISCLAIMER:

This conversation pertains to the scenario in OCT, 2010. I do not know Anbu's terms and conditions now, so please contact him directly.