



PORTRAIT SESSION INFO

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING OUR PHOTO SESSION I wholeheartedly believe that an enjoyable *experience* of being photographed is integral to creating enjoyable photographs that you're going to appreciate over the years to come.

For this reason I have a more organic approach to my photo sessions, encouraging a natural spontaneity through directing activities and interactions, rather than posing you. This allows a far more comfortable experience with more authentic personal expression. And all the while I'm continually observing through my lens, waiting to catch those split-second moments when expressions and gestures (and light!) are just right to translate into a favourable picture.

I am flexible and happy to follow any suggestion or opportunity that arises, and also, if there are particular photos that you would like, such as groupings of specific people, just let me know at the time. The whole photo session usually takes one to two hours, but sometimes they are so much fun we agree to extend the session, or even move to a different location. (There may be an additional fee for this, depending on the circumstances.)

PREPARING FOR OUR PHOTO SESSION Since my photographic philosophy is all about authenticity, all you really need to do is show up as you are! There are a few things, however, that can contribute to a successful photo session resulting in beautiful photographs:

Coordinate your outfits; I don't mean all dressing the same, but rather selecting a few colours you all normally wear. Also keep the style consistent, so for example if you're going casual keep everyone casual. Plain, less busy clothing is less distracting, allowing your faces to be the main focus, so try to avoid large prints, slogans and overly bold or bright colours.

If you have little ones a favourite toy can help them feel secure in an unfamiliar situation. It usually takes kids (well, most of us, really) a little time to become comfortable with a new person, so I tune into their pace and mood, allowing them time to get used to me. And I never ask them to do anything they're not happy with.

Feel free to bring any special items you'd like to be part of your photo session. (I don't usually provide my own props as I prefer to focus on your usual natural interactions and emotions.)

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER OUR PHOTO SESSION I download all the undeveloped raw images, sorting through them to discard the boo-boos, applying general post-processing treatment to the rest and presenting the initial previews to you via a private web gallery where you will be able to select your faves. (Personal preference is entirely subjective so I like you to have the photos *you* like, which may differ slightly from my choice.) The number of images you may select is—within reason—not limited. (Depending on the number of people, groupings and locations, about fifty to a hundred is usually ample.)

I then individually process your selected photographs in a style that I feel best conveys the mood of the occasion, creating a cohesive collection of photographs. (I commence this post-processing work once I've received the remainder of your package fee.)

The initial previews usually take no more than two weeks to be available, while your final digital images take about two to four weeks. Printing, framing and albums naturally take a little bit longer, usually about two to three weeks.

Your photographs are supplied as high-resolution digital files, ready to print, on USB and/or downloadable via my website, along with a personal website gallery to share with friends and family. And provided it's for personal, non-commercial use, you may use the photographs from your photo session as you wish.

WHAT NEXT These are just my words about my pictures, so, if you haven't already, you can see what some of my photographs say for themselves at pix.andynix.co.za/-/galleries/portfolio

If you've decided that my photography might be just right for you, please get in touch with me so we can get excited about ideas, discuss options and design a great photography package for you.

Please feel free to call me on **082 789 1272** or email me at pix@andynix.co.za.

Thank you, and have a beautiful day!