Portrait Photoshoot Permit Rules and Regulations

Thank you for choosing The Ringling for your photography session. The Ringling is proud to provide breathtaking settings for your portrait setting. Photo shoots can be scheduled from 10:00am to 3pm.

A fee of $200 with Florida sales tax included, applies to anyone having a portrait taken at The Ringling, including engagement, weddings, portrait, family, or group photoshoots by professional or amateur photographers. All photoshoots need to have a permit and check in at the Visitors Pavilion or they will be asked to cease the photoshoot.

The qualification of a photoshoot vs. souvenir photography lies solely with The Ringling. The Admissions Management or Security Supervisors have the authority to decide under which category photographs fall under.

Please keep your receipt and the following photo permit with you at all times as proof of payment. You are required to show your photo permit when asked by The Ringling staff. If you do not have your photo permit, you and your party will be asked to visit the Visitors Pavilion to acquire a photo permit.

The photographer is responsible for the conduct of their party. Photographers who do not abide by these guidelines (including members of their party) will be subject to permanent loss of privileges. The Ringling reserves the right to cancel this photography session without a refund and to remove any party from the premises for violations of any of the following rules and regulations.

1. Photo shoots are for a maximum of two hours between the hours of 10:00am and 5pm. Dates and time for photography sessions are reserved on a “first-come, first-served” basis.
2. To make a reservation complete the Application and you will be contacted with payment options by Ringling staff. Reservations must be made and fees paid in full at least one week in advance.
3. All visitors, including photographers and their assistants, are required to enter and exit through the Visitor’s Pavilion. The photographer must check in with staff to receive their Photo Shoot pass.
4. Photography is permitted outdoors only; no photography is permitted inside any of the Museums or Ca’ d’Zan.
5. Photography must not block gateways, pathways, entrances or exits. Do not place equipment where they will block pathways or restrict access for other visitors.
6. Walking, standing, placing equipment or taking photographs in planting beds and wooded areas is not permitted at any time.
7. Do not pick any flowers. Live plants or flowers (including flower petals) and any other materials that leave residue (including but not limited to rice, glitter, paint and balloons) are not permitted.
8. Do not stand, sit, lean or climb on walls, railings, statuary or fountains.
9. Do not attach, drape, lean or hang any props, clothing or other items on trees, plants, gates or statuary.
10. Applicant will use discretion during the shoot and must not interrupt or disturb other guests or events that may be occurring on the estate.
11. The Ringling cannot guarantee that scheduled special events, programming, maintenance work, or construction work will not interfere aesthetically, logistically, or physically with the photo shoot.
12. A maximum of one (1) shoulder bag and 1 additional outfit may be brought onto the property. Additional luggage, hand trucks or other wheeled carts are permitted based on Ringling Approval.
13. The Ringling reserves the right to remove from the premises any person behaving in a manner considered potentially harmful or detrimental to the Ringling and/or to other guests at the photoshoot.

14. In the event of inclement weather, you will have one opportunity to reschedule your reservation if you give at least one-hour notice.

15. The permit is for photography only. Wedding ceremonies are not allowed. Performing a ceremony will result in the immediate termination of the shoot with no refund of the fee.

16. The Ringling has no changing facilities on property ~ please plan accordingly. Photographers and their party must be fully clothed while on the property, lingerie and/or swim suits are prohibited. Shirts and shoes are required.

Permittee agrees to release from liability and hold The Ringling harmless from any and all liabilities, losses or damages resulting from use of the property and performance of this agreement. Permittee understands and agrees that any insurance protection provided by the permittee shall in no way limit the responsibility to keep harmless and defend The Ringling and its employees. Permittee expressly understands that by signing this document and agreeing to its terms, they are giving up their rights to obtain damages, judgments or awards from injuries, theft, death or any other harm that may occur from the use of the property and performance of this agreement.

Thank you for abiding by these guidelines to make your visit as safe and enjoyable as possible and to maintain The Ringling as a world-class cultural destination.