

The Basic Elopement Checklist

For everything to run smoothly at your elopement it's crucial you map out your special day (or getaway) accordingly.

It's important to remember that this is your WEDDING DAY! Even if you're choosing to have a reception later in the year, this will be the first (and hopefully last time) you say "I do."



THE LOGISTICS

Date + Location

Unless you're opting for a courthouse ceremony (preference or cost based) choose a spot that's special and meaningful to you and your partner.

Witnesses

Choosing your witnesses is a lot like choosing Godparents...choose wisely.

Flights

Hotels

Reservations

“Rehearsal” Night Dinner

Wedding Night Dinner

Hair

Makeup

Photographer

Officiant

City Hall Appointment + Paperwork

THE AESTHETICS

Planning Your Content

Creating Your Vision Board

Curating Your Elopement Aesthetic

Curating Your Outfits

The Places

Finding places to dine, drink and party. To save money choose a place that already aligns with whatever elopement aesthetic you've created.

THE BUSINESS

Obtaining a Marriage License

Per city rules, most will require 24-48 hours of a valid license.

check city guidelines

Schedule a City Hall Appointment

Whether it's in person or via zoom.

check city guidelines

Documentation

Any and all paperwork and valid

identification required via city hall website.

check city guidelines

Returning Your Marriage License

Most freelance officiants will package and return your paperwork for you.

if you're getting married at city hall this does not apply to you

Discussing your Name Change

Discuss options for hyphenation if thats something you want, otherwise DON'T

TRIP you can change later.

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