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KAUA'I – HAWAII

## KAUA'I ELOPEMENT GUIDE



visual storytelling for  
wildly in-love couples  
based out of Kaua'i,  
Hawaii

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## ALOHA & WELCOME

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Hey there! Congrats on your engagement!

You're probably overwhelmed with all the wedding information out there, but don't worry - you're not alone. I am a seasoned professional who is here to help you document one of the biggest days of your life so you have beautiful memories for years and years to come.

The information in this planning guide is meant to help you through all of your photography-related questions so you can relax and get excited for your big day.

If you still have questions, don't hesitate to give me a ring or send over an email! I am here for you every step of the way.

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## MEET KERI

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My approach is to focus on what really matters. And that is you. I truly want to know about the two of you and why you are so important to each other.

I am artistic and experimental. My photos have a huge focus on emotion, art, and storytelling. My nature is helpful and caring, like someone you can trust to lead you. I like to have fun and be adventurous, I am always looking for new experiences, new beauty, new wonder.

Filled with kindness and soul, I am energetic and ready to share this experience with you, fully recognizing the importance of this special day you are sharing together.

I will support you in dreaming up the best day of your life as you marry your love. I don't just show up on your wedding day and photograph your ceremony and leave. Your wedding day deserves so much more than that.



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LET YOUR VALUES BE THE GUIDE,  
NOT EXPECTATIONS

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## EVERY WEDDING COLLECTION INCLUDES:

ON-LOCATION EXPERIENCE

CREATIVE STORYTELLING

STRATEGIC PLANNING BY KERI COOPER

HIGH-RESOLUTION DIGITAL FILES

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PRIVATE GALLERY OF PHOTOS

A WEDDING ALBUM. YOUR FIRST FAMILY HEIRLOOM



# *Elopement Tips*

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*What is a modern elopement?*

Getting married on the beach in Hawaii can be considered a destination wedding or an adventure elopement. Whatever label you want to put on the day doesn't really matter as much as the intentions you have for your wedding. The idea that couples are running away to get married is out-dated. The first day of your marriage should be spent in the way you feel most loved and connected to each other.

*Why elope on Kaua'i?*

The island of Kaua'i has a way of slowing us down, leaving space to connect with each other. It's lush greenery and soft sands are naturally romantic. Exploring and relaxing together while creating new memories is a wonderful way to start the new chapter of your relationship.

*How to make it feel special?*

Incorporating tropical flowers and Hawaiian traditions are a beautiful way to add some special touches to your wedding. Exchanging leis and carrying a bouquet will make the photos look more elegant.

*What does a  
Kaua'i elopement  
look like?*

I always tell my couples to dream up their best day ever and then we can create your wedding around that. Maybe that looks like:

- Sunrise ceremony on the beach with donuts and a nap to follow? YES!
- Spend the day on an epic hike followed by a glam session and a sunset ceremony? YUP!
- Relax poolside with your bestie, get a massage, have a garden ceremony, then a delicious dinner overlooking the ocean? ABSOLUTELY!





## ENJOYING KAUA'I

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### *Things To Do*

- Take a hike. There is a hike for every level of adventurer. Some meander along the coastline and others take you into the jungle to explore vegetation and find waterfalls.
  - A few favorites: Mahaleupu Heritage Trail, Sleeping Giant, Hanakapiai Falls Trail.
- Have a beach day. Pack snacks and shade so you can just relax to the sound of waves. Leave the phone behind and truly disconnect to reconnect with nature, and each other.
  - Best beaches: Hanalei Bay, Anini Beach, Lydgate State Park, and Salt Pond Beach.
- Try some new food!
  - Coconut syrup on your pancakes, loco moco for breakfast, shave ice (not shaved ice), Lilikoi pie, fresh poke! Yummmmm.

### *Excursions*

- Kayak the Wailua River.
- Snorkel (be kind to the living reef!)
- Go on a guided atv ride or zipline tour. Not only will you have a chance to learn more about the island, you are sure to get some funny stories to take home.
- Take the Rum Safari at Kilohana Plantation.

# ENJOYING KAUA'I

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## *Getting Around*

Google maps are pretty dependable and the timing is usually correct. Keep in mind though that some areas in Kokee and the North Shore will not have cell reception. So take screenshot of your directions, just in case. There is one road that connects the island, the speed limits don't go over 50mph, and there are one-lane bridges to be aware of. Rule of thumb- "Slow down, this ain't the mainland."

## *Wardrobe*

In the summer it is hot and humid. Loose clothing and slippers (flip-flops) are the go-to. The winter months have frequent rain, so be prepared for passing showers. Passing showers are pretty common in summer too. Our family keeps bathing suits and towels in the truck at all times because you never want to be without if the water calls!

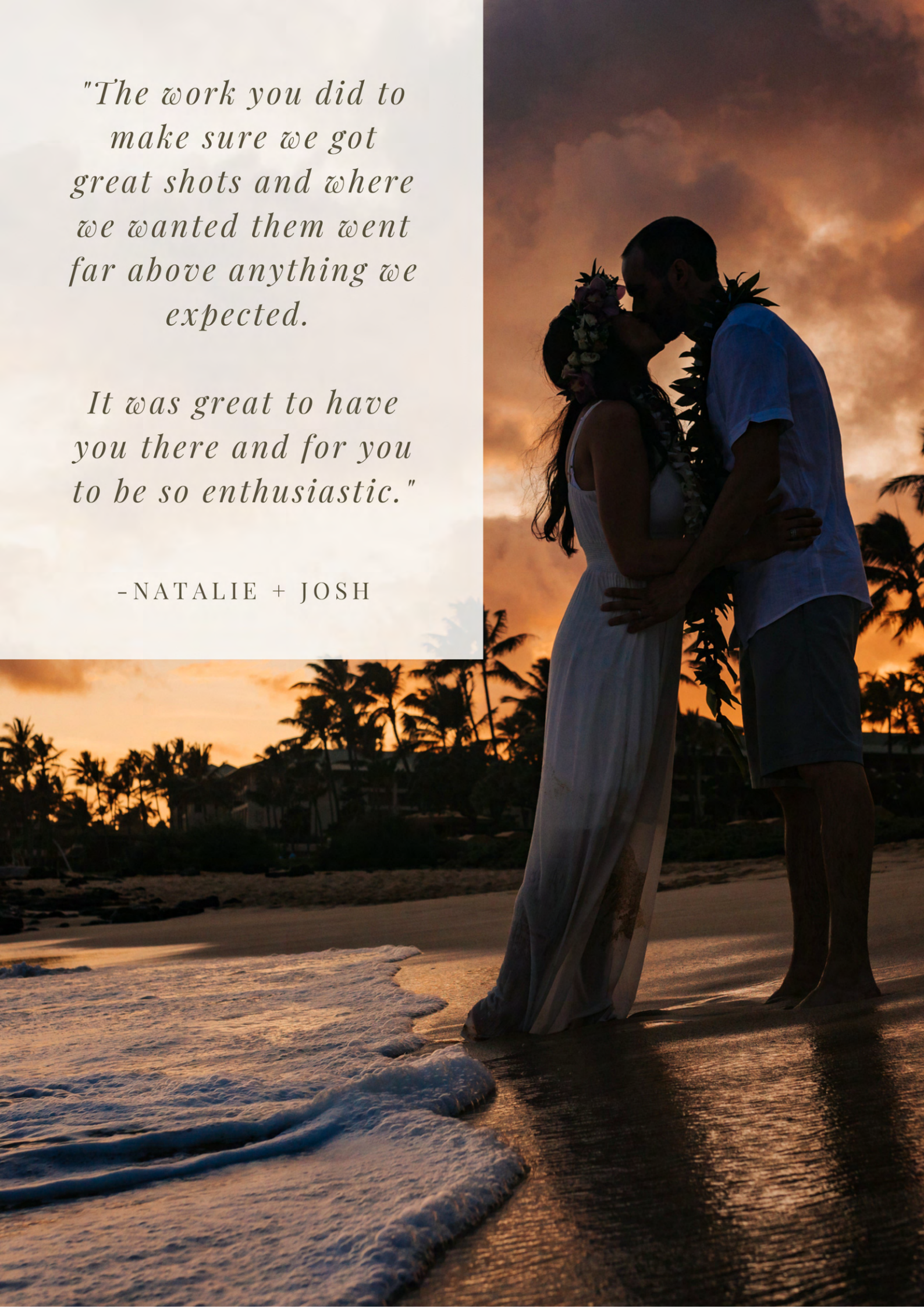




*"The work you did to  
make sure we got  
great shots and where  
we wanted them went  
far above anything we  
expected."*

*It was great to have  
you there and for you  
to be so enthusiastic."*

-NATALIE + JOSH







## YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

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**Q: What sets you apart from other photographers?**

A: With 20+ years of training under my belt, I know how to pose and guide clients to make them feel relaxed while looking their very best. I use natural lighting as often as possible and make sure my sessions are intimate & fun!

**Q: Will we get the print release to our photos after our wedding?**

A: Yes! Upon receiving your images, you will also get a full print release.

**Q: How many photographers will be there at our wedding?**

A: My wedding collections come with a single photographer, but you are more than welcome to add a second shooter for an additional cost.

**Q: Will my photos be posted publicly on your site or social media?**

A: I respect your privacy and allow each client to decide whether or not they want their photos displayed publicly. I'd love to show off you & your images, if you're game! If not, that's okay, too.

**Q: Will our photos get featured in a magazine or blog?**

A: While many of my sessions do get featured, this isn't something that is guaranteed. Most publishers are interested in uniquely designed weddings.

**Q: Will you Photoshop my images to hide any unwanted spots, wrinkles, etc?**

A: Minor edits will be made to all of your images, but I believe our imperfections are what make us beautiful & unique. If there are specific edits you want, these will be charged according to the number and complexity of edits.



## I HAVE ANSWERS

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**Q: Do you have a list of preferred vendors to use?**

A: Yes! From wedding planners to florists and caterers, we have worked with some of the best companies in the industry & would love to share their information with you!

**Q: Do I have to order prints through you?**

A: I highly recommend ordering prints through one of my professional labs, but it isn't required. The difference in quality is huge when it comes to ordering through a professional lab, so I always love to help with prints!

**Q: What equipment do you use?**

A: I use all of the latest Canon equipment. I always carry the 6D, the Mark 4, 85 mm lens, 35 mm lens, & the 50 mm lens, among other items.

**Q: Do you photograph destination weddings?**

A: Yes! I've shot dozens of destination weddings and am more than happy to create a custom wedding collection to suit your travel needs.

**Q: Are the people featured on your site models?**

A: For the most part, no. While I am lucky enough to work with gorgeous clients, the majority of the images shown on my site and blog are of regular, paying clients.

**Q: How do we reserve our wedding date?**

A: A 50% deposit & signed contract is required in order to get your wedding day on the calendar. The remainder of your balance is due two weeks prior to your wedding.











## *Ready to book?*

Glad you asked!

I am excited to learn more about you! Please use the form on my website to send an email. I will reply within 24-48 hours to confirm if I am still available on your wedding day.

After confirmation, secure your booking by choosing your collection and sending your non-refundable downpayment.

Still unsure if you should book me? Do not hesitate to send a message and I would love to answer all your questions!

Mahalo,

*Keri Cooper*





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