

ELOPEMENT PLANNING GUIDE



Figuring out where to start when planning your elopement can feel *overwhelming*. You might find yourself feeling unsure of where to start, which can lead to stress and confusion. I understand how frustrating it can be to spend hours searching google, blogs and social media for ideas and information on how to elope and only coming up with conflicting answers. That's why I not only photograph elopements, but help plan them! I provide all of my clients with vendor recommendations, location guides and scouting, timeline planning, and legal guidance to make planning fun and your elopement day stress-free!

Don't let the chaos of having endless possibilities get the best of you. Imagine facing frustration on your big day, struggling with unexpected situations (like weather and road closures) when all you wanted was an intimate, joyous celebration. **You deserve to feel connected and celebrated, not overwhelmed and disappointed.**

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Here's your solution—these essential steps will help guide you through the elopement planning process effortlessly:

1- PICTURE IT. Sit down with your partner and visualize what your dream elopement might look like. Talk about what you might be wearing, what the scenery looks like, how the weather feels, what activities you might be doing, and who might be there. Now this vision can change down the road but this will help make sure you are both in agreement with how the day looks and give you a general idea of where to start.



2- RESEARCH IT. Look up general states, countries and locations that might align with what you envisioned for your day. I don't recommend getting too specific here because it can change based on a lot of things (time of year, privacy needs, willingness to hike, etc.) so just get a general idea. If you have a specific activity in mind like rock climbing, skiing, or off-roading- look up destinations that would be great for that.

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3- FIND AN ELOPEMENT PHOTOGRAPHER. Finding a photographer that specializes in elopements will help make the process easy and enjoyable for you. You can search based on the area you may want to elope in, someone who specializes in the type of elopement you are looking for (destination, adventure, city, etc.), or someone who has experience with the adventure you are wanting to have on your elopement day (hiking, hot air ballooning, caving, etc.). This is one of the most important steps of your elopement planning process. Take your time researching and getting to know photographers. Make sure you vibe with them and can picture them being part of your big day. Finding someone with expertise in elopement will help streamline the rest of the planning process, create the perfect timeline, and bring your vision to life!

4- THE LOGISTICS. Now that your photographer has probably helped you narrow down the exact spot you're saying "I do", helped you find a great place to stay nearby, and has finalized your elopement day timeline- it's time to look into and book other vendors to help out with your day. While I always send out vetted vendor recommendations to my clients, here are some ideas for vendors you might want to research and include in your elopement day:

Hair and makeup artists

- Florals
- Cake
- Private chef
- Catering
- Videographer
- Officiant
- Adventure guides



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5- LIVING IT. Your elopement day is finally here and you are *SO FREAKING EXCITED!* You have been dreaming of this day and have been filled with anticipation waiting for it. Sit back, relax and enjoy every second of it with the love of your life. Congrats friend, you did it!



Just remember, planning isn't always linear and some people choose their own path, that's ok! Let these steps set a foundation of where to start rather than be a concrete to do list. Planning doesn't have to be stressful; it can be a fun adventure in itself.

Let's make sure you plan a day that's authentic to your relationship and filled with unforgettable moments! Start by visualizing your dream elopement and reach out to experts who can help bring your dreams to life!

Wondering where to go from here? Check out my elopement packages [here](#), inquire, and schedule a free consult call to start planning your dream elopement!

Let's start planning your dream elopement!