

Elopement Checklist

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Travel Tips

helpful tips as you start planning for
your elopement

checklist

use this guide and checklist to help you
plan

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your free consult call

WHAT IS AN ADVENTURE ELOPEMENT?

An adventure elopement is an outdoor, intimate wedding that focuses on your relationship more than anything else. Adventure elopements are more than weddings with breathtaking views and bouquets in backpacks. Rather, it's a one-of-a-kind experience that forgoes the stress of a typical wedding in favor of untamed love and adventure

Planning an elopement and overwhelmed with where to begin? Use this resource as your guide!

Choosing to forego a traditional wedding does not necessarily mean you eliminate the stresses of planning entirely. Big tasks are often more manageable when they are broken down into smaller steps. Strategize how you will tackle planning your elopement by outlining what you will accomplish during the months and the weeks leading up to your big day.



ALL ABOUT ELOPEMENTS



A few tips:

- To avoid crowds, particularly at popular locations, plan to elope on a weekday
- Allot 1.5 hours for hair and makeup to allow your stylist enough time to create an “adventure-proof” look
- Work in extra travel time (e.g., driving, hiking, etc.) between locations to account for road conditions, spontaneous photo opportunities, “warm up” breaks during the winter, etc.
- Avoid holding your ceremony midday, when the light is the harshest, and aim for 1.5 to 2 hours before sunset
- Allow about 15 minutes to exchange vows, 1 hour for the bride and groom photos, and 10-20 minutes for photos with any present friends or family



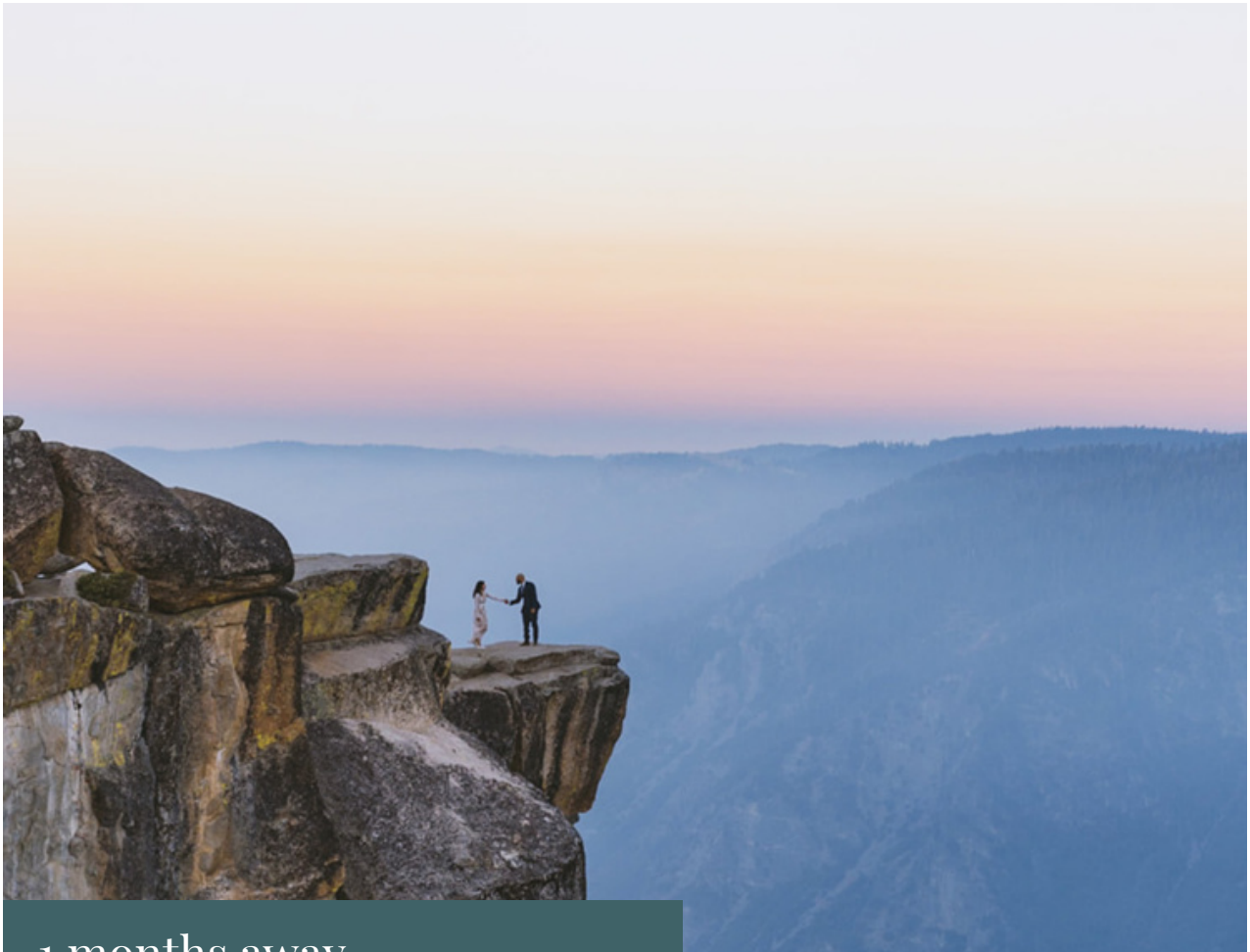
3 months away

- Set a budget and establish a timeline for how you will save that amount
- Choose where you will say “I do”
- Set a date – be conscious of local events if traveling abroad
- Decide how involved you would like to be in the planning:
 - Hire a planner?
 - Purchase an elopement package?
 - Book a day-of coordinator?
 - DIY?
- Shop for your elopement attire
- Research legal requirements for marriage at your destination
- Hire a photographer and do an engagement shoot to break the ice
- Book your elopement accommodations
- Make travel arrangements to and from your elopement destination
- Make day-of travel arrangements (e.g., how will you get to and from your elopement ceremony location?)
- Decide where you will honeymoon
- Confirm your shots and travel documents are up to date (e.g., passports if travelin



2 months away

- **Book your honeymoon accommodations and make travel arrangements**
- **Choose your witness(es)**
- **Book all other vendors**
 - **Celebrant/officiant?**
 - **Videographer?**
 - **Day-of coordinator?**
 - **Hair/makeup stylist?**
 - **Florist?**
 - **Baker for a one-tier cake?**
 - **Musicians?**
- **Purchase wedding rings**
- **Purchase all wedding attire (e.g., gown, accessories, undergarments, shoes, suit, etc.)**
- **Obtain your marriage license**
- **Purchase a wedding present for your fiancé**



1 months away

- Purchase all hair and makeup supplies
- Do a styling trial run
- Select wedding music (if applicable)
- Confirm all vendors
- Photographer
- Videographer
- Venue
- Accommodations
- Transportation
- Celebrant/officiant
- Other (day-of coordinator, hair/makeup stylist, florist, etc.)
- Confirm travel plans with your witness(es)
- Have your hair cut and/or colored
- Schedule final fittings for all apparel
- Break in new shoes
- Obtain foreign currency if traveling abroad
- Make reservations for celebratory meal
- Create a timeline for the day-of

Make arrangements for pet sitters, house sitters, mail, etc

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Thank you

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the way!

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