



Ultimate Elopement & Wedding Planning Checklist

Your names:

The Day:



Hi there
Adventure Seeker!
I'm Gaby!

I'm your future destination elopement and wedding photographer, adventure buddy, and biggest hype woman.

Your Love. Your Rules. Your Journey

Close your eyes and imagine this: the wind weaving through your hair as you exchange vows on a secluded cliffside, the sound of waves crashing behind you as you hold each other close, or the golden glow of sunset wrapping around you as you celebrate with your closest loved ones. This isn't just a dream—it's **YOUR DAY, designed exactly how you want it.**

I believe your day should be about experience over expectations—whether that means an intimate mountaintop ceremony for just the two of you or a heartfelt gathering with your closest friends and family. There should be no stress or pressure—just a day that feels like you.

That's why **I created this checklist.** It will guide you through your planning with peace and confidence! It helps you stay organized while also **embracing the day's magic.**

This is just the beginning of the Adventure of Your Life



WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

The Checklist Before the Day

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Determine budget
- Create guest list
- Define wedding style and vibe
- Book ceremony and reception venues (check if they offer catering and rentals)
- Book wedding planner
- Book wedding photographer and/or videographer

10 MONTHS BEFORE

- Start planning honeymoon
- Choose wedding party
- Start looking for wedding dress and accessories
- Send the Save the Date
- Book catering (if different from venue)

8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order Wedding Dress
- Choose and order bridesmaid dresses
- Start planning decor, centerpieces, flowers, rentals, and more
- Order wedding cake or desserts
- Book DJ and/or band

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Starting looking for Suits
- Book hair and makeup artists
- Book transportation for wedding day
- Book officiant
- Finalize guest list
- Finalize booking remaining vendors
- Start looking for wedding bands
- Book hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Select invitations and order them

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order wedding bands
- Start looking for jewelry
- Choose wedding readings
- Arrange for marriage license
- Create wedding day timeline with planner
- Send invitations
- Hair and Makeup trial

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose and purchase wedding accessories (shoes, jewelry, veil, etc.)
- Arrange transportation for wedding party
- Start planning seating chart
- Send out rehearsal dinner invitations
- Confirm wedding day timeline with vendors
- Choose ceremony and reception songs

The Checklist Before the Day

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Confirm final guest count with RSVP
- Plan reception details (menu, seating, etc.)
- Have legal paperwork ready
- Confirm final payments with vendors
- Have final dress fitting
- Finalize seating chart and reception details

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Self Care (Mani & Pedi, Facial)
- Hair appointment
- Have vendors phone numbers saved
- Practice wedding vows and/or speech

DAY BEFORE

- Consider taking a relaxing bath or go to a spa
- Pack an overnight bag with any essentials you may need for the wedding day (ie. details, rings, vows, perfume, and more). Check the next page for a detailed checklist.
- Confirm last-minute details with planner
- The Wedding Day Checklist
- Go to bed early!

Your Notes:

The Wedding Day Checklist

FOR THE BRIDE / FEMININE PARTNER

- The Dress (+Veil)
- Jewelry, Accessories, and Shoes (have a set of comfy ones for dancing)
- Bridesmaids gifts (if you want to)
- H&M Touch Up Kit
- Go to the bathroom before putting on the dress

FOR THE GROOM / MASCULINE PARTNER

- Attire (Suit, Shirt, tie or bow, shoes, socks)
- Perfume, watch, cufflinks, boutonniere
- Lint roller
- Iron/Steamer

FOR BOTH

- Have STRONG meals
- Snacks and Water
- Chargers for phone
- Rings and Vows
- Marriage License
- Music Playlist
- Flat lay items from photographer's list
- Timeline in hand

EMERGENCY KIT

- Band-aids
- Sewing kit
- Safety pins
- Deodorant
- Stain remover
- Medication for stomach pains
- Pain reliever medication

Ten Wedding Day advices:

1. Assign tasks
2. Savor every moment and stay present
3. Trust your team and vendors
4. Embrace the unexpected, don't stress about the small stuff
5. Have buffer time in your timeline
6. Pack seasonal items
7. Have a moment alone, just you two
8. Don't forget to drink water and eat
9. Take all necessary reception photos early, so you can enjoy the celebration without worrying about the missing photos
10. Spend time with your spouse! It's easy to miss out on these moments while paying attention to everything surrounding you

A close-up photograph of two hands holding each other. The hand on the right is wearing a large, ornate ring on the ring finger and has a tattoo on the back of the hand. The hand on the left is wearing a watch. The background is a dark, textured wall.

ELOPEMENT PLANNING CHECKLIST

The Checklist Before the Day

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Define vision (type of elopement - location, season, vibe)
- Set your Budget
- Book your Photographer/Videographer
- Start Location Research (often photographer offer location planning, like ME!)
- Choose a date

10 MONTHS BEFORE

- Start looking for flights and travel accommodations
- Create a guest list if you're not eloping alone
- Research other vendors and start booking
- Research legal requirements if you want and can marry in location
- Need extra help? Consider booking a planner
- Finalize choosing the spots in your location

8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order attire
- Start booking remaining vendors (florist, officiant, hair and make up, etc)
- Make sure your passport is valid for more than one year. If not, renew!
- Book flights, lodging, and car rental

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Start exploring floral arrangement
- Start looking for hair and make up ideas
- Start looking for wedding bands
- Finalize booking remaining vendors
- Start attire fittings
- Book hotel accommodations for guests if applicable
- Secure any necessary permits

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Decide on your Hair and Make Up
- Start buying jewelry and accessories
- Send invitation if applicable
- Order rings
- If you haven't, book and confirm officiant

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Start timeline planning with photographer
- Confirm Travel arrangements
- Plan Ceremony Details (reading, vows, music, etc)
- Finalize attires

The Checklist Before the Day

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Create timeline with photographer
- Write your vows
- Have legal paperwork ready
- Create packing list
- Confirm final payments with vendors
- Confirm timeline with Vendors
- Get travel insurance

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Self Care (facials, mani & pedi, etc)
- Pack for your elopement
- Confirm Travel
- Make sure you both have vendors' phone numbers saved
- Photographer Check In 🧑🏻👩🏻

DAY BEFORE

- Have a relaxing day
- Confirm last-minute details with partner and vendors
- Buy snacks and water for elopement
- Check the Day-Of checklist to make sure you have everything
- Go to bed early!

Your Notes:

The Elopement Day Checklist

FOR THE BRIDE / FEMININE PARTNER

- Attire (Dress, Veil)
- Jewelry, Accessories, and Shoes (bring extra pair)
- H&M Touch Up Kit
- Bouquet

FOR BOTH

- Have STRONG meals
- Have snacks and water
- Rings and Vows
- Marriage License
- Music Playlist
- Chargers and portable battery for phones
- This Checklist and Timeline in hand

FOR THE GROOM / MASCULINE PARTNER

- Attire (Suit, Shirt, tie or bow, shoes, socks)
- Perfume, watch, cufflinks, boutonniere

EMERGENCY KIT

- Antiseptic Wipes
- Band-aids
- Sewing kit
- Safety pins
- Deodorant
- Stain remover
- Lint Roller
- Tissues
- Medication for stomach pains
- Pain reliever medication

Ten Elopement Day advices:

1. Embrace the unexpected
2. Stay Present
3. Trust your team and vendors.
4. Have a moment alone
5. Celebrate your love, not perfection
6. Don't forget to eat
7. Don't stress about the small stuff
8. Don't forget to drink water
9. Get ready together if you want and if possible
10. Spend time with your spouse! It's easy to miss out on these moments while paying attention to everything surrounding you



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take the
next step to
make your
dream
happen?

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and let's turn your dreams into a reality

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is HERE!

Now... Let's talk About The
Adventure Of Your Life!