

Adventure Elopements

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INTIMATE ADVENTURES FOR CREATIVE COUPLES IN LOVE

This is the day you have been planning for and dreaming of. Your favorite person is by your side, your adventure awaits. Every little detail has been tended to and now it's time to participate in the beautiful ritual of marriage with your partner and best friend.

You deserve to have this experience thoughtfully documented. Your imagery becomes heirloom as you share the story of your wedding with family and friends in the decades to come.



Curated, couple focused
experiences
brought to you by
Nina Lily Creative founder,
Christina Campbell.





I believe that your marriage matters. If industry expectations do not resonate with you, consider following your heart and eloping instead. Let me be your advocate and help you to focus on what matters most:
You have chosen LOVE.

**CONGRATS ON YOUR
COMMITMENT TO LOVE.**

**CONGRATS ON YOUR
COMMITMENT TO
EXPERIENCE.**

**CONGRATS ON YOUR
DECISION TO ELOPE!**

Choosing to elope is a choice for freedom.
You've taken away the variables that others have imposed and you've chosen to make your wedding day about just the two of you instead.
You have chosen adventure over playing it safe.
You have chosen an experience over things.
You have chosen to be fully present in your own journey.

CONGRATULATIONS!

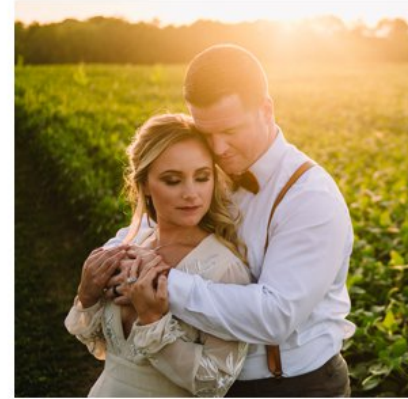


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What is an elopement?

An elopement is a couple focused wedding experience. A modern elopement has no rules. It is an expression of love and commitment. To elope affords the opportunity to be fully present with your partner during this intimate moment in time. An elopement is intentional. Whether on top of a mountain or in your backyard, an adventure elopement is the start of your next beautiful chapter.



How do I plan an elopement?

You've already begun! Your elopement journey began with prioritizing your experience over creating an event. Once couples have made this decision, we've seen elopements successfully planned in anywhere from over a year out to under a month. In particular, 2020 showed us what is possible when Love Wins! The average planning period is about 3 – 12 months. Think about how much time you may need to get the best lodging and secure the best prices on your flights.



How much is an elopement going to cost?

Budgeting for an elopement is like planning a vacation, you prioritize the elements of your experience. Financially, you can plan and execute your elopement for significantly less than a full size wedding. In Pennsylvania, the average cost of a wedding event is \$36,000. This number stands for most of the United States. Imagine planning an amazing adventure for half that or less! Expect to spend up to 80% of your budget on documentation & planning and the rest on travel, attire, aesthetic, food, activities & your marriage license.



What about my VIPs?

We've defined elopement as a wedding focused on the couple... that's YOU. If you're VIPs share your vision, their support & attendance can be a gift! If you have heard the term "microwedding", this is basically an elopement with your VIPs. Microweddings can have the same intimate & intentional feeling as an elopement for two. The key is that you choose your guests with intention. Be clear with your expectations & let your VIPs know that you are prioritizing your experience. Set clear boundaries about their roles & the experience will be magic for everyone.





“My husband and I worked with Christina for our intimate wedding. I knew that from our first phone call that she was going to make the whole experience stress-free and comfortable. She was great at listening to how we envisioned our photos, and they turned out even better than imagined. As someone who is not used to being in front of the camera, Christina really knows how to make you feel like a natural. Christina was like our guide through the day, she helped direct my husband and me to get the most perfect shots, with gorgeous backgrounds and scenery in our photos. She was also able to capture the most precious moments of us and our family during the ceremony. These are memories that I will treasure forever, and Christina truly has the gift to encapsulate these priceless moments.”

— CHELSEA



ELOPMENT EXPERIENCES

My intention is to craft an intimate elopement experience that unfolds naturally for you. I hold space for connection and expression, creating an opportunity for authenticity

– ultimately, documenting the place where your story lives.

Openhearted couples are making the commitment to trust the process and begin their next big adventure with an elopement instead.



An attunement to care & empathy

I establish a space for trust and storytelling by beginning with inquiry and reflection. This enables me – as your guide, photographer, celebrant and advocate – to support your vision and to craft your day in a way so that you are exactly where you want to be with each breath, and help you slow down and savor the unfolding moments of reflection and celebration.

A natural distillation of connection & guidance

I appreciate that life is a journey – how each path has its own inherent beauty. A truly bespoke elopement experience is the same: it is uniquely beautiful. I am here to be your adventure photographer and guide. Your effortless ease results from our dedication to your vision and to our belief that human connection allows us to get our love across.





ELOPEMENT PLANNING GUIDE + CHECKLIST

MY PROCESS HAS BEEN CAREFULLY CRAFTED OVER
MORE THAN A DECADE. IT IS AN ELOPEMENT
EXPERIENCE DESIGNED TO ALLOW AUTHENTICITY,
EASE & TRUTH TO COME FORTH.



Begin Your Journey



CONNECTION

I believe in your story. Through a series of consultations, we hone in on your vision. Through a series of questionnaires, I invite you to connect more deeply with your story & with each other. This connection allows me to be authentically in the moment with you during your elopement, leaving me to focus on your story.



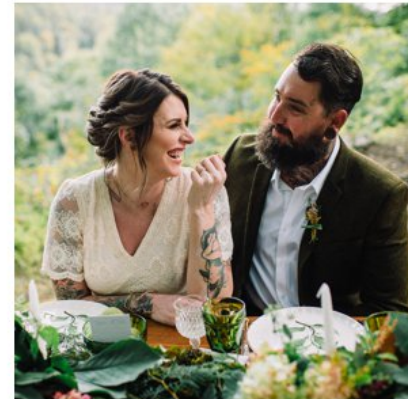
INSPIRATION

Your experience is my priority. As you begin dreaming about your next big adventure, allow me to become your inspiration resource. I will offer suggestions for your planning timeline from mood boards to marriage license procurement. When you book with Nina Lily, you will be booking an adventure guide.



RESOURCES

I am your adventure guide. Let me navigate you through the adventure elopement process with our curated list of locations and vendor recommendations. Once you book, I am your planning resource. You will have access to our research & expertise. We are available for as much communication as needed to help achieve your dream elopement.



EXECUTION

When elopement day arrives, I will be with you to hold space. Your day will unfold organically; trust that our planning journey & your unique story brought you to this moment. Allow yourselves to be fully present with each other, creating memories for your lifetime.

Love, Savor, Enjoy!





INSPIRATION

It's time to dream & get inspired!
As you begin brainstorming, ask questions:

What is your intention for the day?

Do you have a vision?

What will be your ideal scenery backdrop?

Will the seasons factor?

Staying local or planning to travel?

How much time can you devote to your journey?

Will you invite some VIPs?

What rituals will you incorporate into your ceremony?

Have you thought about your wardrobe aesthetic?

Can you see yourself doing activities?

As you begin gathering your inspiration, we can help narrow your vision with insightful guidance.

RESOURCES

Now that you have a clear vision, it's time to explore the resources which will help with execution. Here are some things to consider:

Will there be location access fees?

Do you need a permit for your ceremony or documentation?

What are the local marriage laws to make things legal?

Do you want your VIPs to be with you?

What are the accessibility requirements for your ceremony location?

How public is your ceremony site?

What vendors do you need?

Will you indulge in any celebratory activities?

Are you going to need lodging before or after the ceremony?

Have you thought about meals?

We can guide you through this step in the planning process with figuring out what is feasible.



Marriage Laws



Is an elopement legal? The short answer is YES! As with any size wedding, there are certain steps that must be taken to legalize your marriage. This varies widely by state and country. It will be important to do the research on the frontend to ensure that you can legally marry no matter where you decide to elope. There will be paperwork and you may need an officiant and/or additional witnesses.

This process isn't as intimidating as it sounds! You have options. Should the marriage laws seem prohibitive in your dream local, consider doing the paperwork at home. Many couples who choose a destination elopement can complete the legal formalities pre or post marriage day; this can free you up from the constraints of a certain jurisdiction.

WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR MARRIAGE BEGINS
AT THE MOMENT YOU CHOOSE TO RITUALLY
COMMIT TO YOUR PARTNER.



Your Vendor Team



ATTIRE

When you start thinking about what to wear, consider that traditional attire options may include timelines. But you are already following your own path so have many choices! Think about fabric, packability & weight. You will also want a style that allows for freedom of movement. This most important consideration is that you feel confident all day long!



FLORALS

Flowers! We love flowers. Look into local florists & see if they offer elopement packages. Due to downsizing in 2020, many artists now offer intimate wedding options. If a bouquet or two is important to you, this is a great way to go. Everlasting designs are also gaining popularity & can be brought with you.



HAIR & MAKEUP

You've got options when it comes to achieving your look personally or professionally. Research local hair & makeup artists to see if they've done weddings. Artists that are familiar with elopements will take extra care to use products that will stand up to activities & environment.



OFFICIANT

Most of our adventure elopement packages offer complimentary Celebrant services. I am an educated Celebrant trained in ritual & storytelling. During your ceremony, I put my camera down & hold space with you while I share your story via oral tradition. If this doesn't resonate, consider bringing an Officiant along on your adventure; they can even act as an extra witness if you need one.





P e r m i t s

ETHICS & LEGALITIES

So you have an idea about where you want to adventure, now it's time to think about the exact spot for your ceremony. As you narrow down your options, make sure that you can feel good about your impact. Educate yourself on local laws & make sure that you say your vows in an appropriate setting. Be respectful of Native Lands & other protected areas.

PERMITS

Plan on securing a permit. Both public & private lands usually require permission to have a ceremony. There may also be additional paperwork needed for documentation. Plan on there being fees associated with applying for your permit and feel good about the fact that you are supporting the stewardship of meaningful places.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Be conscious of your impact on your environment. We follow the 7 Leave No Trace principles during all outdoor adventures.

1. Prepare & Plan Ahead
2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impact
6. Protect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate



S e a s o n s

Seasons not only refer to the time of year that you are planning your adventure but also to the popularity of certain destinations. When tourism is high, this can impact the seclusion of your ceremony. Pricing of travel, lodging and food also varies between "high" and "low" season. Consider researching the best time to visit the location of your dreams. Seasons can also affect the accessibility of certain areas. While avoiding the crowds, make sure that you research seasonal closures that could impact your experience. It's also a good idea to check into any natural events that are known to occur at certain times of year; avoid dangerous weather seasons.

Some things will always be out of your control, so be ready to embrace the moment & remain flexible. Consider a backup plan in the surrounding area for unexpected weather. And remember that you are in this together, committing to your partner & choosing love.



Celebration



ACTIVITIES

Imagine your perfect elopement day. What would be fun for you? This day is the start of your next chapter together, what experiences would you like to incorporate to set the tone of your life adventure? There are so many possibilities! Consider your favorite activities & make memories.



RITUALS

Rituals define moments & celebration signifies transition. Are there special traditions or things that would add to the symbolism of your day? Think about incorporating intimate moments into your ceremony that speak to you. As you consider options, keep your leave no trace principles in mind.



MEALS

Every adventure needs sustenance. Consider incorporating your meals into the story of your elopement day. Perhaps you have a favorite meal that would set the tone or maybe there is a restaurant locally that would be the perfect pairing. Many couples opt for a private chef or a catered picnic. These decisions are as personal as you are.



MUSIC

Music speaks to our souls & can trigger memories for years to come. If incorporating a soundtrack into your elopement day is important, think about how you will play it. Live music will take some coordination in advance as you consider including musicians or bringing your own instruments along.



EXECUTION

Once the inspiration has been absorbed and the research has been collected, it's time to make decisions and execute your vision! You are well on your way towards your dream elopement. What's next:

Choose your date & destination.

Pick the general location for your ceremony.

Book your lodging nearby.

Choose your transportation & book it.

Book your vendors including your:

- Photographer
- Hair & Makeup Artist
- Florist
- Officiant
- Musicians
- Private Chef / Restaurant

Plan your activities & pick up any extra gear.

Finalize your ceremony plan & write your vows.

Make arrangements to pick up your Marriage License.

Have an amazing elopement adventure!



Your Adventure Awaits



I am an inherent observer. I see with both my artist's sensitivity to subject and craftsperson's detailed eye. In taking the time to truly get to know you, I am able hold space for you, your connection and expression. This is the place where your story lives. We attend to the opportunity of each moment; you simply remain present.

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LIVES TO CELEBRATE LOVE.



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