



Simple Celebrations
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ELOPEMENT
WEDDING
GUIDE





Hello there!

We are excited that you're interested in our Elopement Wedding! An elopement wedding is a unique way to say "I do" that is tasteful and elegant, yet requires very little planning and cost on your part. We'll provide a planner, officiant, flowers, photographer, and stunning décor and you'll just have to show up with your marriage license, ready to elope! After you say your vows, you'll have a small celebration with your guests, that includes appetizers, drinks and dessert. We even include some music so that you can dance with your sweetie and guests. If you're looking to have a small, intimate wedding with your closest friends and family without the hassle of planning or the hefty cost of a full scale event, then you're in the right place!



The Venue

The location will be unique and the mood will be set for your elopement. Everything you need for a sophisticated, yet simple, ceremony and reception will await you. We'll pay special attention to detail, so that your photos and time with us is unforgettable.



The Ceremony

This won't take long, but we certainly won't rush you. Your ceremony space will be decorated beautifully and you'll have fresh flowers to carry. You'll select a song that you'd like to walk down to and an officiant will lead you through a simple, yet beautifully crafted ceremony.



The Celebration

After saying, "I do," guests will be invited to enjoy a delicious charcuterie spread while you capture gorgeous photos with your photographer. After mingling for a bit, you'll toast and cut your cake with your love, and have an intimate first dance among your closest friends and family.

What is an Elopement Wedding?

A elopement wedding is an intimate 90-minute wedding that is fully planned, designed, and styled by *Simple Celebrations*.

Each wedding is planned carefully by our design team, and includes all of the elements that a traditional wedding includes, but at a fraction of the cost and saving you time and stress that larger events require.

Our beautifully designed elopements include fresh flowers, trendy color pallets, and stunning décor elements to create an amazing time for you. Each wedding includes a gorgeously decorated ceremony and reception area, and a lounge area for you and your guests to enjoy.

Our experienced team includes an array of professional vendors who are dedicated to bringing you an amazing experience. We want you to enjoy every moment of your big day and focus on the most important thing: marrying your sweetie.

Your time with us includes a short, but sweet ceremony, followed by professional photos, dancing, toasts and dessert.

Simply fill out our questionnaire, pick out your attire, obtain your marriage license, and show up with 25 of your closet friends and family to get married.!





What is included?

The Lead Up

- Phone consultation to discuss elopement details
- Unlimited communication with your coordinator
- A personalized *Welcome Guide* that outlines the details of your event
- A wedding preparation checklist
- A detailed itinerary of your 90-minute elopement
- A personalized elopement ceremony

The Day Of

- An onsite coordinator to manage important components of your event
- Beautifully decorated ceremony space
- Personal flowers – a bouquet & boutonniere (or two of the same)
- A sweet legalization of your marriage by a professional officiant
- Welcome table & card box
- Seating for your guests with beautiful place settings + centerpieces
- Stylishly designed lounge area for you and your guests to enjoy
- A traditional champagne toast or mocktail display
- A delicious charcuterie board
- Sweet treats provided by a local baker
- 90 minutes of photography
- 100 edited high resolution photos post wedding
- Ceremony + reception music

Your Support Team .

- On-site Designer + Coordinator
- Officiant
- Photographer
- DJ
- Venue Manager

How do we know if a Elopement Wedding is right for us?

An Elopement Wedding would be perfect for you if:

- You never imagined having a big wedding and you'd prefer a smaller, more intimate affair
- The thought of planning a large event feels stressful and overwhelming
- You simply cannot dedicate 200-300 hours planning a full-scale wedding
- You'd prefer to have a professional plan all the details so that you can be fully present on the day of your wedding
- You would love to have the opportunity to walk into a dreamy wedding fully planned for you by professionals
- You know weddings are expensive and you would rather spend funds on a honeymoon, a new home, or something else important to you
- You're on a limited budget, but still dreaming of a one-of-a-kind wedding
- You've thought of eloping or going to the courthouse, but still want your family and friends with you and host a small celebration after
- You'd like to renew your vows with your partner



Frequently Asked Questions

What do we bring with us to our Elopement Wedding?

You and your partner are responsible for bringing your marriage license that you need to obtain a few weeks prior.

Can we stay longer than 90 minutes?

Unfortunately, to maintain the structure of the day, your timeslot cannot exceed 90 minutes. However, some of our events offer extended time with food and drink options for you and your guests.

Can we invite more than 25 guests?

Our elopement wedding package traditionally includes 25 people (including children), but we can accommodate up to 30 guests for an additional price. For larger parties, we would be happy to speak to you about hosting a larger, private event.

Can I bring my own personal items?

Of course! If you'd like to bring personal items, such as flatlay elements, framed photos, card box, guestbook, or cake topper, we are happy to incorporate those into your décor.

How many photos will I receive?

Couples will receive a minimum of 100 digital images to download and print on their own.

Is there on-site parking?

Yes, there is plenty of free on-site parking available for you and your guests.

Can you accommodate dietary restrictions?

Absolutely. Please let us know your restrictions and we will do our absolute best to accommodate you.

What can we do after our wedding?

We suggest a brunch, lunch, or dinner reservation at one of your favorite restaurants or have a casual backyard celebration. Or, you could skip all that and head straight to your honeymoon!





What else do we need to know?

- You are solely responsible for securing your marriage license.
- You must familiarize yourself with your arrival and ending times and to be sure to communicate this information and timeline with your guests.

Timeline of Events

Arrival + Photos: 15 minutes

Ceremony: 15 minutes

Cocktails + Hors d'oeuvres: 30 minutes

Dancing + Desserts: 30 minutes

Departure

- We recommend having **one attendant for each of you** standing by your side at the ceremony, and they will most likely be the person signing your marriage license as well.
- We ask a **non-refundable deposit of 50%** to secure your date and time with the remainder paid no later than 30 days prior to your wedding date.
- A **cash bar will be available** for guests to purchase drinks. If you decide that you would like to host drinks for your guests, that can be arranged.



Did you know the average cost of a wedding in Rochester, NY with 100- 150 guests is between \$25,000- \$35,000?

According to *The Knot*, here are the average costs of local wedding vendors in 2025

Wedding Planner/Coordinator: \$1,000 – \$6,500

Invitations + Postage: \$250 – \$500

Attire & Accessories: \$2,000 – \$3,500

Hair & Makeup Services: \$300 – \$850

Venue: \$1,000 – \$5,000

Catering + Bar Services: \$5,000 – \$10,000

Photographer/Videographer: \$2,000 – \$3,500

Officiant: \$250 – \$450

DJ: \$850 – \$2,000

Live Band: \$3,000 – \$5,000

Florist: \$1,000 – \$5,000

Dessert + Sweet Treats: \$350 – \$500

Specialty Décor + Rentals: \$500 – \$2,000

Transportation: \$500 – \$1,500

Rehearsal Dinner: \$500

Honeymoon: \$850 – \$3,000

This estimate does not include engagement rings, wedding bands, alterations, favors, bridal party gifts, or gratuity for vendors.

How much does it cost?

Your Elopement Wedding package includes:

A 90-minute intimate wedding celebration

25 guests

Professional Vendors:

Wedding Planner + Designer

Day-of Coordinator

Officiant

Photographer

Florist

Decor + Design Team

Charcuterie Display

Champagne Display or Mocktails

2-Tiered Cake

DJ + MC

TOTAL INVESTMENT: \$4,450



Interested? Here's how it works:

01 CHECK AVAILABLE TIMES FOR YOUR DESIRED DATE

If interested, reach out for availability and let's discuss your options. Send us a message or schedule a consultation call to chat about the details.

02 BOOK YOUR DATE + SIGN YOUR CONTRACT

Let's make it official! Lock in your date + time with us by signing our contract. Once booked, we'll begin to work on your personalized plans.

03 TAKE CARE OF A FEW FORMALITIES

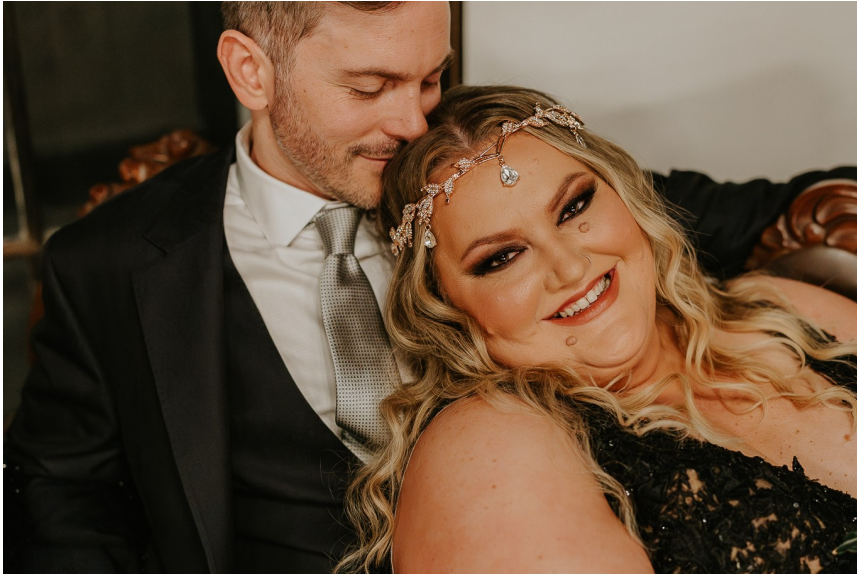
While we have most of the details planned, we'd love for your thoughts on a few special details, such as your dessert flavors and song choices. We'll have you complete our *Elopement Questionnaire* to gather this information and then you'll just have to obtain your marriage license and invite your guests!

04 JUST SHOW UP + GET MARRIED!

All the hard work is done! While we work on your wedding plans, You'll get to enjoy your engagement and the days leading up to your wedding. Then on your big day, show up looking amazing and get married to your one true love!



Couple's Reviews



I'm not even sure there are words adequate enough to describe just how *magical* Melissa is. But I'm going to try. The second I saw a vision board posted on the *Simple Celebrations* Facebook page, I knew it was meant solely for me. I reached out that day in January and booked. I told Melissa that I was incapable of making decisions and I would need to rely on her intrinsically. What she provided for our wedding was beyond any of my wildest dreams. Every detail was flawless. Every question, concern or last minute insanity was immediately answered and soothed, letting me just really RELAX, quite possibly for the first time in my life. We showed up dressed and that was that. Our wedding was one for the record books. I don't know how she does what she does, but I am eternally grateful.

- Blossom



I really wish that I could express how thankful I am for Melissa, her fun spirit, listening ear, and impeccable attention to detail. I had a lot of anxiety about planning a wedding, wanting it to be awesome but also feeling overwhelmed by what it would take to do that. Melissa absolutely knocked it out of the park. She engaged with our suggestions, listened to our fears and worries, really took in our vibe and style and then just turned it into the most magical night we could have imagined. Absolutely incredible. I would hands down recommend her to anyone!

- Josh

Blossom + Josh

What are the next steps?

Let's connect!

We would love to hear from you and chat about our services, answer any questions you may have, and help you plan your wedding!

Simply browse our website to view our scheduled elopement wedding dates and reach out to us to check availability and/or book your event.

Interested in a payment plan? We can do that, too!

We can't wait to make the BIGGEST day of your life the BEST day of your life!

Sincerely,

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*Please note, we operate on a first-come, first-serve basis and cannot hold dates without a signed contract and deposit.

