

HOW TO
ELOPE
your complete guide
IN NYC

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HOW TO ELOPE IN NYC

WHAT IS AN

elopement?



Traditionally an elopement has been a spur-of-the-moment decision to get married in secrecy. It can incorporate the two of you or an intimate group of close friends and family. It's an authentic celebration that focuses specifically on the two of you - your priorities, your relationship, your union. Without all the bells and whistles of a full-blown wedding, more couples are choosing to elope and carefully plan ahead. You can plan your elopement wherever you wish and however, you want it to be. But here are my few tips to make sure you don't forget the essentials.

WHERE DO I START?

01

GET INSPIRED

This is the fun part. What's your dream? Why are you eloping? What do you want your elopement to be like? What's important to you and your significant other? Start looking at locations that would represent you best.

02

RESEARCH THE LOGISTICS

When should we elope? If you're coming from out of town it's time to do some research on the seasons, the weather and pricing, Remember off season is always cheaper but the weather might not be the best.

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START BOOKING

Once you have decided on a location and time of the year you can start booking your flights/transportation and hotels/Airbnb.

START PLANNING

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GET SOME HELP & FINALIZE THE DETAILS

It's time to start booking your vendors. What's important for you on your day? Eloping doesn't mean you have to pass on all the planning a wedding comes with. Book a florist, a photographer, an officiant and plan some activities. Are you having guests on your day? Plan a fun dinner somewhere to celebrate!

I have traveled to so many countries and visited so many cities that when it comes to enjoy a trip fully my question for you is: Did you travel all this way to only enjoy and document one hour of one of the most special days of your life? This is why you should make the most of it even if you choose to elope at City Hall!

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IT'S YOUR DAY! LET'S GET YOU MARRIED!

The beauty of eloping is that you can literally do whatever you want on your day you don't have to respect any traditions! So go have some fun!!!

HOW TO PLAN YOUR DAY

Eloping in NYC is just like any other places. To enjoy the most of it you'll want to plan around the sun. What does it mean? NYC gets packed very quickly and if you want to have some privacy you're going to have to plan your day starting early morning (sunrise) or later during the day towards sunset. **BONUS POINT** it's the best time for documenting your day! The light will be so magical :)

- A few tips: Don't be afraid to split your day and have a full experience! When you decide to elope you shouldn't have to cut off on the experience you're about to have. Plan a full day of activities! You could exchange your vows on the Brooklyn Bridge when the sun rises, following your morning with some brunch and sight seeing in the city. Really you could do anything you want!
- A few tips: Eloping usually means getting married just the two of you but if you want to have your closest family and a few friends go for it! This is when you'll have to make sure the places you have chosen are easy access for your guests and convenient. For example NYC gets extremely hot in the summer. If you want your grandparents to witness your day you might have to find a cooler place for them. Also you might not want to be sweating all day. This is why you plan around the sun it tends to be cooler!
- A few tips: Document your day from beginning to end. Ask your photographer to cover your getting ready. Either you guys want to get ready together or separately. Include a fun first look to keep the surprise of seeing each other for the first time in your wedding attire. And go for a drink, bring some champagne if this is what you're into. Go get your favorite food! The options are endless make sure your day represents who you are!

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WHERE TO ELOPE IN NYC?

let's pick a location

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CENTRAL PARK

for the romantics at heart





The Bethesda Terrace



The Gapstow Bridge



The Bethesda Fountain



Wollman Rink Rock view



The Bow Bridge



The Bethesda Terrace



Wollman Rink Rock view



The Belvedere Castle



The Gapstow Bridge



The Bow Bridge



The Bethesda Fountain

Here is a complete list for your elopement locations in Central Park

- Gapstow Bridge
- Cop Cot
- View over Wollman Rink
- Bethesda Terrace
- Bethesda Fountain
- Bow Bridge
- Lake view (view over the San Remo)
- Ladies Pavilion
- Bow Bridge
- Belvedere Castle
- A Tree house for dreaming
- Oak Bridge
- Shakespeare Garden

The options in Central Park are endless and that's what I like the most in it. You can pick any location and it will be perfect! What I recommend is to exchange your vows either early morning and explore the park. Or explore the Park first and exchange your vows at sunset in one of the locations you picked. Central Park is the most romantic place in the city!



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BROOKLYN

for the best skyline views



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Manhattan Bridge



Pebble Beach (Dumbo)



Jane's Carousel



Dumbo waterfront



Manhattan Bridge Park



The Brooklyn Bridge



Japanese Garden



Rooftop in Dumbo



Long Island City



Prospect Park



Ann's warehouse



Dumbo Boardwalk

Here is a complete list for your elopement locations in Brooklyn

- Dumbo
- Dumbo boardwalk
- Manhattan Bridge
- Jane's Carousel
- Ann's warehouse
- Pebble Beach
- Manhattan Bridge Park
- A rooftop
- Prospect Park
- Botanic Garden
- Japanese Garden
- Greenpoint
- Williamsburg
- Domino Park
- LIC waterfront

Just like Central Park the options in Brooklyn are endless. There are a ton more areas you could pick depending on what you're looking for exactly. Brooklyn is perfect if you want to get the Manhattan skyline in the background of your photos. Dumbo and the Brooklyn Bridge are the most famous areas. If you want to experience Brooklyn as a local I recommend Williamsburg / Greenpoint and LIC. For more privacy you can also rent a private rooftop of airbnb!





MANHATTAN

for all the city vibes

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The Top of the Rock



Soho



Greenwich Village



The High Line



The Vessel



Tribeca

Here is a complete list for your elopement locations in Manhattan

- Central Park
- The Top of the Rock
- Rockefeller Center / Ice Rink
- Bryant Park
- The NYC public Library
- The Lincoln Center
- Union Square
- Washington Square Park
- Tribeca
- Greenwich Village
- The High Line
- The Vessel / Hudson Garden
- Pier 35
- Any rooftop
- Grand Central



If you're local to Manhattan any park in your neighborhood to exchange your vows will be amazing. It will represent you and where you live. The city is full of small park and it can be very quiet. If you can rent a private rooftop just like Brooklyn go for it, the views are always worth it! This list is just a few ideas for your ceremony or for wedding photos in the city! Have fun and go explore the city!



CITY HALL

to keep it simple

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PICK YOUR CITY HALL

NYC Manhattan City Hall

141 Worth Street New York, NY 10013
Subway: Brooklyn Bridge Station on the 4, 5, & 6 lines;
Park Place Station on the 2 & 3 lines;
City Hall Station on the N & R lines;
Chambers Street Station on the A & C lines

Brooklyn City Hall

Brooklyn Municipal Building 210 Joralemon Street,
Room 205 Brooklyn, NY 11201
Subway: Borough Hall

[Link to plan your City Hall wedding here!](#)

VENDORS

to have the perfect elopement



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VENDORS TO CONSIDER FOR YOUR ELOPEMENT IN NYC

Wedding gown

Men's attire

Hairstylist

Makeup Artist

Florist

Officiant

Photographer

Videographer

Cake and Deserts

Restaurants

Hotels and airbnbs

Calligrapher /
Stationer Designer



THE TEAM

Wedding gown

- [Liza Ray New York](#)
- [BHLDN](#)
- [Lovely Bride](#)

hairstylist

- [Andria Tobey](#)
- [Beauty Icon NYC](#)

Videographer

- [Anna Joyce](#)
- [Natalie + Nick](#)
- [Lovebrain](#)

Makeup artist

- [Beauty Icon NYC](#)
- [Christina Delfino](#)
- [Irene Roselli](#)

Florist

- [Fox Fodder Farm](#)
- [Rosehip Social](#)
- [Adore Floral](#)
- [Mimosa Floral Design](#)
- [Vows Creative](#)

Officiant

- [Revannie Lawrence](#)
- [Once Upon a Vow](#)
- [Perfect Union NY](#)
- [Officiant Peter B](#)

Designer

- [I can do that design](#)
- [Barrio Letterpress](#)

Rent a Space

- [Peerspace.com](#)

FAQ

frequently asked questions

Do I need a permit?

- You do for some are in NYC depending on the number of guests you'll be having.
- [Here is the link for NYC parks. Having a permit may be free in some cases but it will help you reserve a space for the time you want.](#)
- [Here the link for Dumbo](#)

Where do I get my marriage licence?

- Please note that you'll need 24hrs after you receive your licence to perform your wedding ceremony.
- And you'll also need at least one witness
- [You'll get all the information you need on the city clerk website on how to get your marriage licence. Click here!](#)

Can you be my witness?

- Absolutely when your ceremony is done or right before your ceremony I can sign the papers for you as your witness

Can I choose more than one location?

- Yes totally! For example if you decide to have your elopement at City Hall you can plan on going to Brooklyn or Central Park afterwards. I know it's so hard to pick only one place because let's be honest NYC is gorgeous! We can totally plan Central Park and Brooklyn if you really want to!

FAQ

frequently asked questions

Do I need an officiant?

- If you decide to have your ceremony in NYC and not at the City Hall yes you do if you want to make it legal. Here is what I also recommend. You can decide to only exchange your vows and then get married legally in your country or state before or after your vows exchange. It's really up to you. But I do recommend having an officiant it makes it so unique.

How long do I need to plan?

- Every elopements is different. If you want to do the city Hall only you'll need to plan at least 2 hrs. Fridays are the busiest day. The earlier you go there the easier it is. Otherwise anywhere from 3 hrs to a full day with 8 hrs of coverage.

Can I invite my family and friends?

- Absolutely you can! If you don't want to exclude your family from your elopements you can totally have them with you. An elopement can include up to 15-20 guests max.

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meet the photographer

HEY I'M ANAIS

After eloping twice (why not right?) with my husband, I thought it would be fun to give you all the tips for you to nail your elopement! NYC is where my photography career started and I'm so excited to give you all my favorite recommendations for your NYC elopement.

I'M A WEDDING AND ELOPEMENT PHOTOGRAPHER

But I'm also a traveler before anything else. This is how this journey started and this is why I want to share with you how to plan a destination elopement in NYC!

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LET'S WORK

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