

HOW TO ELOPE

An Honest Guide to a Wedding that Feels Like You



Exclusively for In Bianco e Nero Couples



A Note From Us

Hey you two! We can't tell you how excited we are that you and your partner have chosen to throw tradition to the wind, grab hold of what's important to both of you, and create an incredibly unique wedding experience that's a true reflection of who you are.

There aren't many couples brave enough to follow their hearts instead of following the "rules," so, we'll just say it outright—**congrats on being pretty badass.**

The most amazing thing about choosing to elope is that you can forget all expectations, opinions, and obligations about what you're "supposed" to do, and instead focus entirely on what matters most to you two, with nothing holding you back.

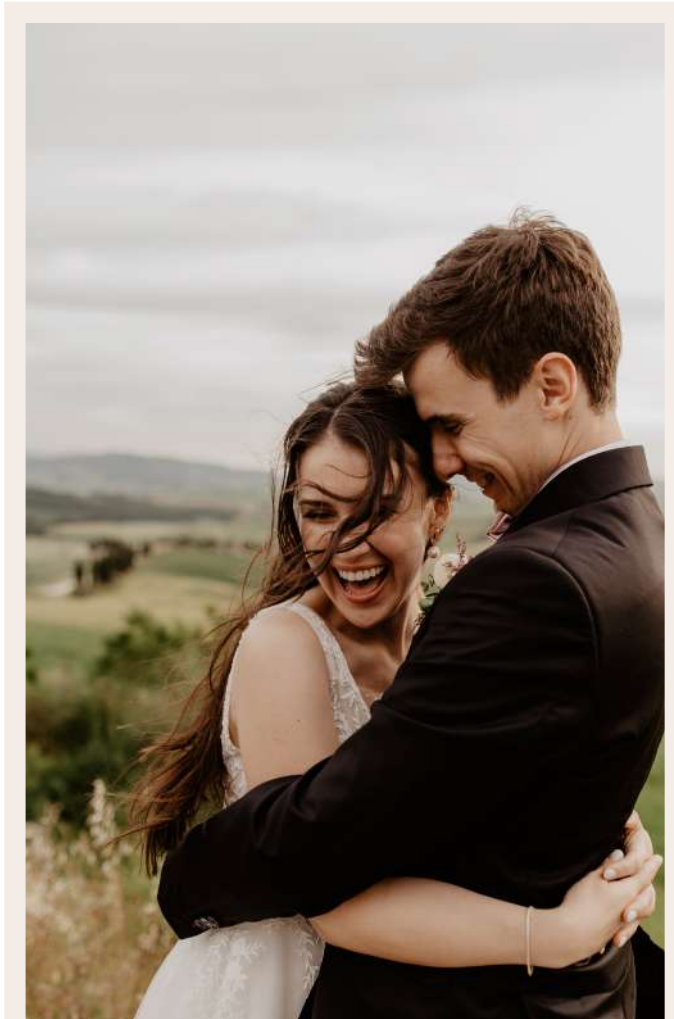
All of this freedom can be a bit overwhelming though—when there's no longer any "rules" or "formula" on what your wedding day is "supposed" to be, then how do you plan it?

That's where us & this guide come in—to help make the process of dreaming and planning your unique wedding day as simple and stress-free as possible.

We're here for you every step of the way. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the process of creating a wedding experience that you'll love every minute of.

We can't wait to get to know you two better and help you create an incredible elopement day!

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How This Works

6 steps to planning your elopement

Just like there's not just one way to elope, there's also not just one way to plan an elopement. So while these are generally the steps to follow, it's not always a linear process. And if you need help along the way, we're here for you!

01 Dream up your best day (pages 7-8)

The first step in any great creative process is to dream & brainstorm. This is where you and your partner explore all of the possibilities of what your day could look like—without being hindered by details or logistics yet.

02 Make the big decisions first (pages 11-27)

Once you have an overall vision for what you two want out of your day, it's time to make the biggest decisions that will affect your elopement experience the most: who are you inviting, where are you going, and how long you're going for.

03 Plan out the details (pages 29-59)

The next step is plan out all of your details for your day including booking your travel and a place to stay, choosing your vendors, deciding on activities, picking out your wedding day attire, and gathering any other items or gear you may need.

04 Craft your timeline (pages 60-89)

Once you have all of the details decided on, it's time to put your vision all together and create a timeline for your elopement or intimate wedding day (or multiple days) that fits everything you want to experience.

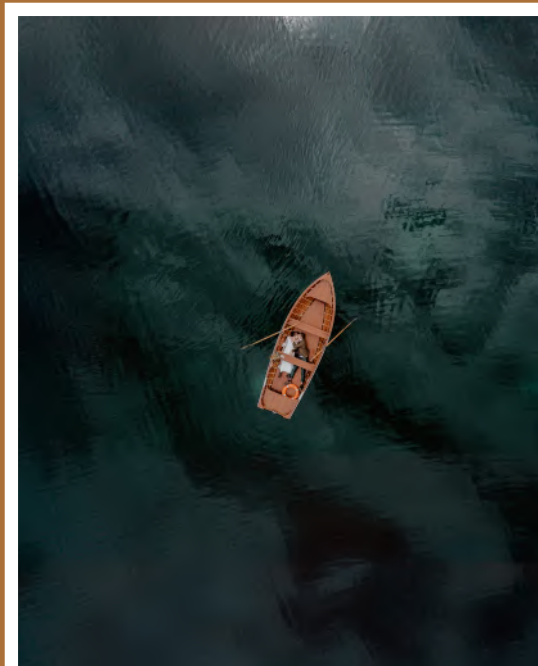
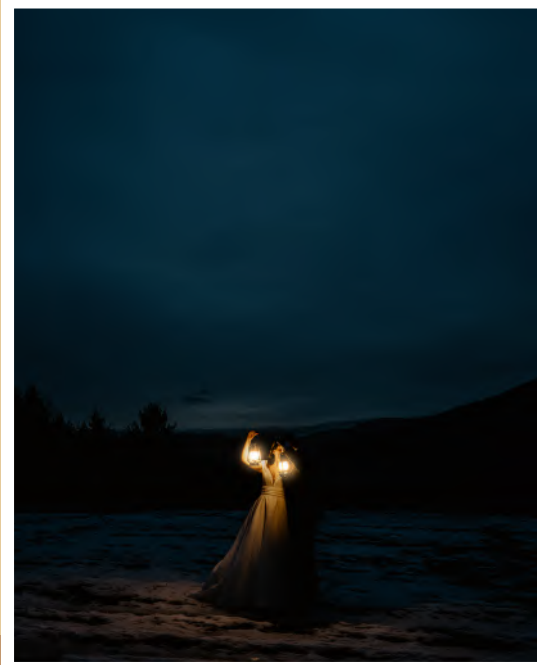
05 Get ready to go (pages 91-95)

Now the planning is done and you just need to gather everything you need, pack for your trip, make sure you communicate with your guests (if you have any), and get ready to have an amazing day!

06 Have the best day ever (pages 97-103)

You did it! Your day is here. Relax and soak in every moment and be fully present with your partner. Enjoy the incredible experience you created together as you say your vows and commit your lives to each other.





What would your wedding day look like if there were no boundaries?

When you first start planning your elopement—the best mindset you and your partner can have is one with no boundaries. This part of the process has nothing to do with limits, so forget for a moment about what’s “feasible” and just let yourself dream.

We whole-heartedly believe that no single elopement or intimate wedding is exactly like another—just like there’s no couple out there that’s exactly the same. So don’t limit yourself to what you’ve seen on blogs, social media, from friends and family, or even from us. Your wedding day is about creating a day that’s going to make you feel the most alive, happy, relaxed, and in-love.

This part of the planning process is all about letting your imagination go wild, and envisioning the most enjoyable day for the two of you that would celebrate your relationship in the most authentic way. Forget about any restrictions for a moment and just **dream big**—that’s where you’ll find what speaks most to you. You’ll have time to figure out the details later.

Pro Tip: Make brainstorming about your best wedding experience a date night!

Cuddle up on the sofa, have a delicious dinner, or go for a walk to your favorite place—whatever’s your favorite way to spend quality time with your partner, go do it!

Start thinking about what the perfect elopement day would look like for you both if there were no obstacles in your way.

Grab your partner’s hand (seriously, do it!) and shut your eyes. Think hard about the day you’re going to stand next to each other, holding each other’s hands like you’re doing right now, and saying your vows. Try to picture it all.

Now, ask yourself: Where are you? What do you see?

You don’t need to know specifics to give this experiment a go—this can be super vague to start. Are you on top of a mountain you’ve just hiked up? Are you hanging out in a rooftop bar looking out at the city lights? Are you standing between vines tasting wines? Are you sitting in a kayak on a river? Are you running hand-and-hand down a moody, sandy beach toward a picnic blanket decked out with your favorite treats?

There are no wrong answers. The most important thing is to try to let go of what anyone else thinks and to avoid shooting down ideas for not being practical (just yet).

Prompts To Inspire You As You Brainstorm:

Looking for a few creative questions to get the brainstorming going? Here's some questions to think about together:

- What have been the best days that you two have had together as a couple? Where were you and what did you do together?
- Describe how the perfect elopement day would feel—are you relaxed? Excited? Happy? Content? Free of any and all stress? Really talk about the feeling you're chasing.
- Close your eyes and picture your wedding day—what's it like? Are there other people around? Or is it just you? Do you see busy streets, family & friends, your dog(s), or an empty landscape?
- What does the scenery look like? Do you see mountains? A city skyline? A waterfall? An ocean? Cliffs? A desert? A lake? A cabin in the woods? A vineyard? A beach?
- What about the weather, temperature, and what you are wearing? What would be the most comfortable and the most “you”?
- How much time are you dedicating to your elopement? Is it part of a honeymoon trip? Is it a weekend adventure in your favorite spot or a multi-week trek somewhere new?
- Who do you see there with you on your day? Your friends? Family members? Your furry best friend? Or are you craving a “just for us” day?
- What are you doing on your day together on your wedding day—are you going out for a drive or going on a hike? What about relaxing in a hammock or soaking in a hot spring?
- What does your ceremony look like? Are you reading vows? Are there religious or traditional aspects? Is there something meaningful you'd love to include that's special for you?
- How did you fall in love—are there ways you want to implement that into your ceremony? A special place? A special moment? A special song?
- Are you eating your favorite foods on your elopement day? Drinking your favorite beverages?

Pro Tip: Write down all of the ideas that are sparked during this process so that you can refer back to them later when you're making concrete decisions.

