

# Elopement Checklist

Checklist · 28 items · 4 sections

Plan the perfect elopement, license, location, photos, and how to celebrate with loved ones later.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/elopement-checklist>

## PLANNING

- Choose your elopement location (national park, mountain, beach, city hall, abroad)  
**HIGH**
- Research marriage license requirements for your chosen location  
**HIGH**
- Apply for marriage license (check waiting period requirements)  
**HIGH**
- Confirm how many witnesses are required (0, 1, or 2 depending on state/country)  
**HIGH**
- Book an officiant licensed in your elopement location  
**HIGH**
- Book an elopement photographer (many specialize in adventure elopements)  
**HIGH**
- Obtain any required permits for ceremony location (national park, beach)  
**HIGH**
- Book accommodation for elopement night (honeymoon suite, cabin, resort)  
**HIGH**
- Decide who (if anyone) you want present at the elopement
- Plan your elopement outfits (can be formal, casual, or themed to location)  
**HIGH**
- Write personal vows (this is the perfect chance for heartfelt words)  
**HIGH**
- Choose or order wedding rings  
**HIGH**
- Plan a meaningful ceremony script with officiant
- Create a ceremony music playlist (Bluetooth speaker or ask officiant)
- Book a special celebratory activity (hot air balloon, boat ride, winery)

- Book a romantic dinner reservation for after the ceremony

## PREPARATION

- Pack an emergency kit (touch-up kit, extra shoes, umbrella, snacks)
- Research and hire a hair and makeup artist for the location
- Arrange transportation to elopement site
- HIGH**
- Scout ceremony location beforehand (in person or via photos)
- Check weather forecast and plan backup if outdoors

## COMMUNICATION

- Decide when and how to inform close family members
- HIGH**
- Consider sending handwritten letters to parents before or after

## AFTER ELOPEMENT

- Plan a celebration party with family and friends for a later date
- Share photos and announcement with family and friends
- Obtain certified copies of marriage certificate
- HIGH**
- Update legal documents (driver's license, passport, name change if applicable)
- Plan a mini-moon or honeymoon trip