

*A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE
& MINI ELOPEMENT PLANNER*

Planning Your Elopement in Hawaiï



Hello & Welcome

Congratulations on your engagement! This is such an exciting time in your life - an intimate elopement is a wonderful way to start your journey together.

This guide is designed to help you prepare for your special day, ensuring that your experience is enjoyable, stress-free, and perfectly beautiful! You will cherish these sweet moments for years to come.



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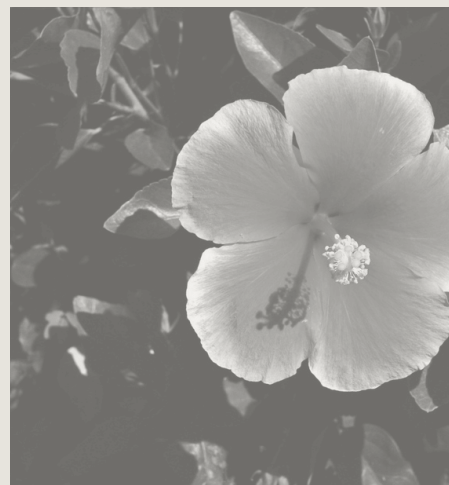
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The Wedding Ceremony: Your Love Story & Vows

One of the most important first steps in preparing for your elopement in Hawaii is finding your wedding performer (wedding officiant). Hawaii is not a self-solemnizing state and does require a registered wedding performer, such as **Petite Wedding Hawaii**, to validate your wedding license.

Highlighting your unique love story within the wedding ceremony of your choice, and weaving your personal vows together, we will endeavor to create a meaningful and intimate elopement. The loving words you choose to commit to each other, special traditions you may want to incorporate, while being enveloped by gentle tradewinds, the sounds of Hawaii's birds, symphony of leaves dancing on wind, the applause of waves, and the warm sunlight gracing the face of your loved one... this will be the most epic moment of your lives, marking the start of your beautiful journey together!



Choosing Your Elopement Location

There are endless beautiful locations to choose from in Hawaii: white sand beaches at sunset (or sunrise), majestic mountains and tropical forests, and numerous botanical gardens. While there are a plethora of pricey private wedding venues available, a beautiful and intimate elopement does not have to break the bank!

On Oahu, you need only to obtain the necessary special use permits for the beaches, parks and gardens, which charge a minimal fee. The State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources and the City and County of Honolulu are the two agencies that regulate and require permits for Oahu's beaches, parks, and botanical gardens:

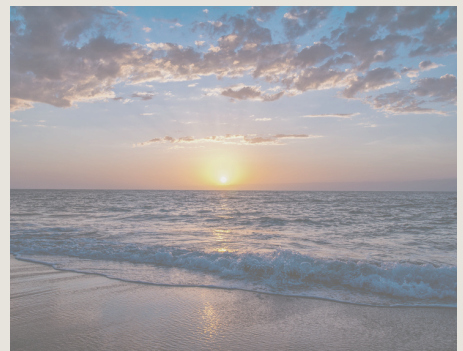
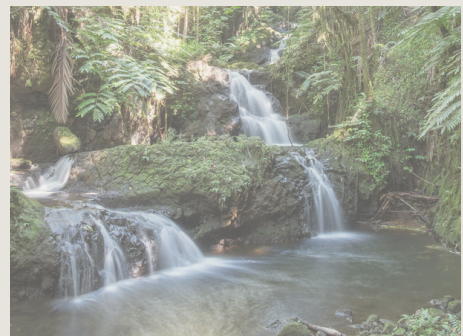
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Visit **petiteweddinghawaii.com** for more location ideas and information for your dream Hawaiian Elopement!

***An important note: Permits take time to apply for and to be approved - this process can take up to 45 days, or more! While some garden locations can be approved in less time, you should still plan ahead as much as possible.

In addition, your officiant needs to possess the proper insurance required for wedding at these State or City & County regulated locations!

Contact us at **PetiteWeddingHawaii.com** - we are happy to help make this process seamless!



Special Ceremony Ideas

An elopement ceremony offers a deeply personal and intimate way to celebrate your union, allowing you to tailor every aspect to reflect your unique love story.

Incorporating elements such as a Hawaiian lei exchange can symbolize the beauty and unity of your relationship, while a handfasting ceremony might represent the binding of your lives together in a timeless tradition.

A sand ceremony can be a beautiful metaphor for the blending of your lives and families, each grain representing individual moments and memories.

Including mindful meditation or a special blessing can add a serene and reflective touch, grounding your commitment in mutual respect and understanding.

If family & friends are in attendance, involving them in a group blessing or bouquet ceremony could deepen the sense of community and shared joy.

Ultimately, your elopement is a celebration of your love, and each element you choose to include should resonate with your personal journey and values.



A couple in wedding attire walking on a beach. The groom is wearing a dark suit and bow tie, and the bride is wearing a white strapless wedding dress and holding a bouquet of flowers. They are walking towards the left, with the ocean and a clear sky in the background.

Elopement Day Essentials & Checklist

Planning a Hawaiian elopement is an exciting and intimate way to celebrate your love, and having the right essentials can make the day even more special.

Here's a checklist to ensure your Hawaiian elopement goes smoothly:

1. Legal Documents: Ensure you have your marriage license and identification, as well as location permits and event insurance.
2. Attire: Your perfect wedding dress! But also consider to choose light, breathable clothing suitable for Hawaii's warm climate. Remember accessories like leis, a flower crown, or a Hawaiian shirt for a touch of local flair.
3. Footwear: Consider sandals or going barefoot if your ceremony is on the beach.
4. Rings: Don't forget the wedding bands!
5. Photography/Videography: Hire a local photographer or videographer to capture the special moments.
6. Officiant: Arrange for an officiant who is legally able to marry you in Hawaii.
7. Flowers and Décor: Organize a bouquet and any other floral arrangements or simple decorations, keeping in mind what's available locally.
8. Transportation: Plan how you'll get to the ceremony site, whether it's by car rental, shuttle, or even a scenic helicopter ride.
9. Accommodation: Book a romantic stay that suits your style, be it a resort, a cozy beach bungalow, or a luxury hotel.
10. Meals and Celebrations: Arrange for a celebratory meal post-ceremony, whether a private beach picnic, a reservation at a local restaurant, or a catered meal.
11. Sunscreen and Bug Spray: Protect yourself from the sun and insects, especially if you're outdoors for long periods.
12. Backup Plan: Prepare for weather changes with a plan B, such as an indoor venue or covered area.

Petite Wedding Hawaii can help you with these essentials so you can enjoy an stress-free and unforgettable Hawaiian elopement that perfectly captures the beauty and romance of the islands!

Mini Elopement Planner

Wedding Date: _____

Destination/Island: _____

BUDGET OVERVIEW

- Airfare
- Lodging
- Transportation
- Marriage License
- Location Permit
- Other:

Location _____

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Officiant _____

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Dress/Suit: _____

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Flowers: _____

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Photographer _____

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Vows _____

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Other: _____

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Miscellaneous: _____

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Special Tips for Your Elopement

- Select a location at least 2-3 months prior to your arrival in Hawaii
- Contact and book Petite Wedding Hawaii as your Officiant!
- Make a “vision board” or “dream List” of what you imagine for your Elopement- share this with your Officiant & Photographer!
- When selecting a wedding dress, try to select lighter fabric and design if you are planning an outdoor Hawaiian wedding
- Sunrise or Sunset hour weddings are *Magical!* Work with your Officiant & Photographer for the best ceremony flow and photography
- Garden weddings at Oahu’s Botanical Gardens are not only a gorgeous option for an elopement, but perfect for “last minute” elopements and petite “just us” weddings, as permit approval can be obtained faster than beach locations
- With the savings on ceremony costs, you can splurge on a divine, romantic dinner together! Or even better, escape to an outer island: Maui, Kauai, or the Big Island!
- Have a plan B location/plans! Hawaiian weather can be fickle! Morning showers and late afternoon showers are common, and often pass. However, coordinate with your Officiant and have a plan B!



Ready To Book Your Elopement?

LET'S WORK TOGETHER
AND CREATE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL!
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