

# ELOPEMENT IN AUSTRALIA CHECKLIST.

## DREAM, RESEARCH & SECURE YOUR TEAM (3–6 MONTHS OUT)

### Legal:

- ☐ Decide between a legal or symbolic ceremony
- ☐ Review the legal requirements to elope in Australia (e.g. NOIM timing, celebrant, witnesses)
- ☐ Choose a celebrant and confirm they are authorised (if applicable)

### Budget:

- ☐ Set a realistic budget that reflects your priorities

### Elopement Photographer:

- ☐ Book your elopement photographer — they'll help with planning, locations, and timelines (nearly everything listed here!)

### Location and Date:

- ☐ Choose your ideal elopement location in Australia
- ☐ Research access and permit requirements for your chosen setting
- ☐ Decide on your elopement date (and a backup date if needed)

### Vendors and Accommodation:

- ☐ Explore vendor options (florals, hair & makeup, private chef etc.)
- ☐ Look into travel options and draft your accommodation shortlist
- ☐ Start thinking about whether any guests will join you

## PLAN, BOOK, REFINE (1-2 MONTHS OUT)

### Legal confirmation:

- ☐ Lodge your Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM) with your celebrant

### Vendor confirmation and travel:

- ☐ Finalise and book your accommodation — ideally somewhere beautiful and versatile
- ☐ Book flights and car hire (especially for remote elopement locations)
- ☐ Confirm all vendors — ask your photographer for trusted recommendations

### Attire and rings:

- ☐ Choose and purchase your attire (including comfortable footwear if hiking)
- ☐ Buy or prepare your rings

### Timeline creation and planning:

- ☐ Start writing your vows
- ☐ Consider ceremony elements like music, readings or rituals
- ☐ Check if your location requires a permit or park approval
- ☐ Begin planning how you want to celebrate afterwards
- ☐ Finalise how/when you'll share your elopement with friends and family

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## FINAL PREP AND PACKING (1-2 WEEKS OUT)

### Essentials for your day

- ☐ Confirm timing and details with all vendors
- ☐ Share your timeline with your celebrant, photographer, and any guests or witnesses
- ☐ Print your vows
- ☐ Double-check you have all legal documents
- ☐ Pack rings, attire & accessories
- ☐ Prepare a small day-of essentials kit (e.g. tissues, safety pins)
- ☐ Check the forecast and confirm your backup plan if weather changes
- ☐ Schedule quiet time the day before to reconnect and ground yourselves

## ON YOUR ELOPEMENT DAY

### It's the big day:

- ☐ Eat something nourishing before you get ready
- ☐ Keep your timeline flexible — trust your team to guide the flow
- ☐ Have your celebrant, ID, witnesses, and legal forms ready
- ☐ Breathe deeply, take it slow, and be present with each other
- ☐ Let your photographer capture the emotion and the in-between moments
- ☐ Celebrate your way — a toast, a swim, a firepit, a dance
- ☐ Take a quiet moment after it all to reflect and anchor the memory

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