

elopement

CHECKLIST

- ✓ **Pick a date** :: This is when it really gets real! Select a date that allows you time to really enjoy your elopement. *Some locations and vendors will give you a discount if you get married during Monday through Thursday.*
- ✓ **Choose a budget** :: Decide on if you want an elaborate elopement package or a simple ceremony. See if you can work with someone who can personalize your elopement.
- ✓ **Choose your island** :: Both Jekyll Island and Saint Simons Island have beautiful options for saying “I Do”. Whether it’s beach, garden, park, or historic area, find something that represents you.
- ✓ **Book your hotel** :: Use travel sites like [JetSetter](#) or [Expedia](#) to look for the best location that meets your needs and style, if not already included in your package. Remember to take any local events and holidays under consideration-- the islands will be crowded with people and traffic.
- ✓ **Get your license** :: Beat the crowds, traffic and lines by paying for your wedding license [online](#) with the county. Be sure to pick this up the day you arrive so that you don’t have to run around on the day of the ceremony.
- ✓ **Get your team together** :: If you are not having an all-inclusive elopement package, call your vendors at least a month ahead of time to book services like hair, makeup, florals, photographer and officiant. This gives you a better chance of getting someone while they aren’t booked. Remember, peak seasons and times go fast so consider booking earlier if necessary.
- ✓ **Plan accordingly** :: Most hotels have an afternoon check-in. Plan to arrive a day before your elopement or plan to have a late afternoon/early evening elopement. Arriving early has its perks-- you can handle your license, dress pressing and any other details ahead of time to truly enjoy your wedding day.
- ✓ **Get married** :: Remember elopements are very special, intimate moments and are rarely full blown wedding productions unless you plan for them to be. Relax, enjoy the beautiful area and congratulations on your marriage!

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