Frequently Asked Questions

Eloping at Bear and Bison Inn

Planning your elopement at the Bear and Bison Inn should be as seamless and joyful as the ceremony itself. To help answer some of the questions you might have about created your perfect day with us, we've compiled a list of frequently asked questions. From package details to day-of logistics, we're here to ensure your elopement is everything you've dreamed of and mor

What exactly is an elopement wedding at the Bear and Bison Inn?

An elopement wedding at our inn can mean a private ceremony for just the couple or include up to 10 guests, in addition to the wedding couple. Our packages are designed to offer a range of options to suit your dream day. For more details, please refer to our specific elopement packages.

Will there be any additional costs for dinner or photography?

Yes, dinner reservations are made on your behalf, but the cost of the meal is not included in our packages. As for photography, our packages typically include a set duration for coverage, starting from the ceremony time. For example, a 90-minute package beginning at 2 p.m. would conclude at 3:30 p.m. Additional photography time can be arranged for a fee if desired.

Can we extend our photography session beyond the included time?

Absolutely. Our photography packages are designed to capture your special moments perfectly. If you have a larger guest list or wish for more extensive coverage, additional time can be added. The cost is \$500.00 per additional hour or \$150.00 for each 15-minute segment when extending a package that already includes photography. Planning this in advance ensures photographer availability.

How many people can our elopement ceremony include?

Our elopement ceremonies can accommodate up to 10 guests plus the wedding couple. Bear and Bison Inn guests can attend at no extra charge. For non-Inn guests, the first four are included free of charge; each additional guest beyond four incurs a fee of \$25.00 per person. The use of public spaces at the Inn for elopement ceremonies is allocated for 90 minutes.

Your Special Day

Are there any discounts for midweek elopements?

Yes, a midweek discount applies to packages booked from Sunday through Thursday nights. This discount will be applied at checkout.

What are the tax and service charges?

All packages are subject to 5% GST, 4% ATL, 3% DMC, and a service gratuity of 10%. Additional guest food and beverage additions will incur an 8% gratuity on top of the mentioned service gratuity.

Can we customize our elopement package or choose our own vendors?

We're flexible! Upgrades, changes, and specific vendor requests can be accommodated. This includes adjustments for ceremony location, flower selections, and more. A 15% booking fee applies to additional services we organize for you, but this fee is waived for services already included in your package. If you have preferred vendors, you're welcome to arrange their services directly.

How do you handle changes due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances?

Our team is adept at adjusting plans to seamlessly accommodate weather changes, other guests, or events. Our elopement package itineraries are designed to be flexible and we're always ready to make suggestions to ensure your day is perfect regardless of circumstances.

I have more questions. How can I get in touch?

We'd love to hear from you! For any further questions, ideas, or thoughts, please feel free to email us. If you prefer a conversation, send us your number, and we'll call you to discuss your dream elopement in detail.

As you step closer to your special day at the Bear and Bison Inn, remember, we're your partners in crafting an unforgettable elopement experience. With every detail, from the grand to the granular, our team is dedicated to bringing your vision to life amidst the stunning backdrop of Canmore. We can't wait to be part of your love story, celebrating every moment that leads to "I do."