

CEREMONIES

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WEDDING

GUIDE

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CONGRATULATIONS

You're engaged!

Being engaged is such a beautiful time for you to be in your love bubble and begin dreaming of your wedding day.

Your wedding ceremony is a sacred and important moment in the first step of your marriage, so ensuring its how you dream it is what I set out to do for you.

One of the first things you will need to organise is who your celebrant will be for your ceremony. Choosing the right person to tell your story and create the atmosphere you want is key. To see if I'm the right fit for you, here's what you need to know about me...

I am the sum of all of my parts.

A writer. A poet. A storyteller.
A romantic. A space holder.
Warm. Welcoming. Intuitive.
Wise. Magic. Wild. Spiritual.
Powerful. Divine. Confident.
Thoughtful. Understanding.
Creative. Funny. A mother.
An artist. A dreamer.

I am me.



OFFERINGS



Weddings

for when you want the big day

✧ \$999

A personalised ceremony with your story and any readings or rituals, where you will become legally married.

Elopements

for when you want something small

✧ \$777

A simple and intimate ceremony where you will become legally married with just us and a handful of guests.



Legals Only

for when you want the paperwork

✧ \$555

A bare-bones ceremony with the essentials and a couple friends to witness your moment.

Bridal Blessings

for when you want a little extra

✧ Starting from \$333

A sacred Women's Circle to honour the bride before she walks through the Rite of Passage of marriage.



Couple Connection Ceremony

for when you want to connect with your lover

✧

An intimate space for you and your lover to deeply explore your feelings for each other

INCLUSIONS



Weddings

✧ ✧ \$999

- no obligation chat about your wishes for your special day (via phone, video-call or email)
- an initial face-to-face meeting to complete the legal paperwork and begin discussing your wedding
- a second meeting where we can discuss your ceremony further and I can get to know you better so you are reflected perfectly in the ceremony I write up for you (*optional- this can be a standard meeting or you can elevate your experience to a Couple Connection Ceremony which will be explained on the bottom of this page*)
- I will write up your personalised ceremony, including your love story, any rituals, songs, readings, poems and space for personalised vows
- guidance with writing your personalised vows (if you choose to have them)
- access to email me with any questions, updates or requests for your script up until two days before your wedding day
- access to my compilation of readings, poems, songs and ritual ideas
- I will perform your ceremony on your wedding day
- Your preference of style/colour for my outfit (if you have any preferences)
- Use of my PA system for audio and any music for the ceremony
- Signing of the marriage certificate and presentation of the commemorative certificate
- A printed copy of your personalised vows (if you choose to have them)
- All legal paperwork submitted to Births, Deaths and Marriages
- Optional extra: I can organise for your official marriage certificate to be sent to you from Births, Deaths and Marriages for an additional cost of \$66

A 25% deposit is required to secure your booking.

Couple Connection Ceremony

This is a private, sacred ceremony that I will guide the two of you through. It will involve a guided meditation, a cacao ceremony, exploration of the theme of marriage, prompts to dive deep into your story and feelings for each other, a ritual and oracle card pulling.



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- Maximum 10 guests. 11+ guests require Weddings package.

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Bridal Blessings

Organising the Ceremony

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voice-note back and forth) where we can discuss your ceremony further and I can get to know you better so you are reflected perfectly in the ceremony I write up for you

- I will write up your personalised ceremony, including exploring the theme of the ceremony, any rituals, songs, readings, poems and space for sharing from guests/couple
- access to email me with any questions, updates or requests for your script up until two days before your ceremony
- Your preference of style/colour for my outfit (if you have any preferences)

Ceremony Day

- I arrive at the ceremony location an hour before your ceremony start time so that I can set up the space and prepare the ceremonial cacao
- Each guest receives a cup of ceremonial cacao
- I will perform the 1.5-2 hour ceremony
- I will pack up the space and leave you to soak up the energy with your loved ones that you shared the space with
- I will take photos and videos (when appropriate) during the ceremony so you have memories of this special time

Investment

✧ \$333 for up to 10 guests | \$444 for 11-20 guests

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✧ \$222 | \$99 when added to selected packages | free when added to the Wedding package

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OUR TIMELINE

01

Let's Chat

Let's have a free, no-obligation chat to discuss your needs, get to know each other and you can see if I'm the right fit for your ceremony.

02

Secure your date

If you decide I align with you and your needs, secure your date by paying a deposit. At this time I'll gather some of your important details, too.

03

First Meeting

This is where we will discuss what your needs are for your ceremony, any readings, rituals or other requests, and the vibe your ceremony will have, so that we can start planning.

04

Second Meeting

We will meet to discuss your ceremony further and start writing your love story; either in a meeting-style or a Couple Connection Ceremony.

05

Planning

We may have some email conversations, phone calls or in-person meetings to finalise any details. This is also where we can add in a rehearsal if necessary.

06

Ceremony Day

It's the day we've been waiting for. Whether it's a big celebration or intimate elopement, I will be there with you for the ceremony we've been planning together.



A STANDARD CEREMONY

Below is the structure of a standard wedding ceremony; however, you can feel free to add, remove or rearrange as you see fit (except for the few bits that legally need to be said). This is YOUR ceremony and you are free to make it your own. We can chat about your vision for the ceremony and discuss how to make it how you want it.

Housekeeping

Processional (Walking down the aisle)

Giving Away

Welcoming

Introduction

Readings

Monitum (mandatory)

The Asking

Legal Vows (mandatory)

Vows

Ring Exchange

The Pronouncing

Signing the Certificate (mandatory)

Ritual

Conclusion

Presentation

CEREMONY OPTIONS

Below is a list of examples and ideas of how you could personalise the ceremony and do things differently to traditional weddings.

Housekeeping

Can ask guests to cheer as you enter (for party/excited vibes), can ask guests to keep phones and cameras away.

Processional (Walking down the aisle)

Bride can have one or both parents accompany her, groom can walk down the aisle with parents or groomsmen, couple can enter together.

Giving Away

- Bride doesn't want to be given away but wishes for parents blessing:

"Parent 1 and Parent 2. Bride wishes for your blessing to marry Groom. Does Bride have your blessing?" Parents then say "We do".

- Couple wish for a community vow of support of all guests:

"To all of the guests gathered here today, do you promise to support Bride and Groom and their marriage from this day onward?" Guests then say "we do".

Welcoming

- If many overseas guests: "Bride and Groom wish to extend their gratitude to their friends and family who have travelled to be here today, including guests X from country."

- If the ceremony is for less than 20 guests: "Bride and Groom want to acknowledge that you are all here today as you are the closest people to them and they love you all dearly. They cannot imagine this day without you here."

Introduction

- Words on marriage when there is a joining of two cultures: "Bride and Groom come from two different worlds, two different cultures. And today, their love is uniting this diverse group of people into one big loving family."

- Words on marriage when couple are both getting remarried and both have children from previous relationships. "Bride and Groom, today you are not only choosing each other, and choosing to enter into a new marriage, today you are choosing to create a new family with your children X, Y and Z."

The Asking

- If you're wanting serious: "Do you, Bride, take Groom to be your lawfully wedded husband, to live with in marriage, to support and honour him, in joy and sorrow, in sickness and in health, for as long as you both shall live?"

"Bride, do you willingly and joyfully enter into this lifelong partnership with Groom, loving what you know of him, and trusting what you do not yet know?"

- If you're wanting something funny: "Do you Groom, take Bride to be your wife, to live with in marriage, even though her hair is all over the house and she'll always hug the dog before she hugs you?"

"Do you promise to choose each other every day, even if the other is annoying the shit out of you that day?"

- If you're wanting something a little funny and a little serious: "Do you both promise to meet the challenges of life together with open-mindedness and resolve, to cherish and nurture your shared love and joys, and never to part ways without goodbye kisses?"

Personalised Vows

- You can write your own or can find some online that resonate with you and use those

- "I promise to share my life with you. I promise to love you for yourself, and all that you will become. I give myself as I am, and as I will be. I promise to share in your dreams, and support you, as you strive to achieve greatness. I eagerly anticipate the chance to grow together, in mind and spirit. You are my best friend, and I will love and respect you, always."

"I, Bride, take you, Groom, to be my husband, my best friend and partner. I vow to cherish and accept you for all that you are and will become, taking pride in who we are both together and individually.

I, Groom, take you, Bride, to be my wife. I promise to challenge you and to accept challenges from you. I promise to love you in good times and in bad. I promise to treasure you. These things I give to you now and throughout the seasons of our lives.

Ring Exchange

- For when you're both exchanging rings: each say "This ring is a token of my love. I offer you all that I have, all that I am, and all that I will be."

- For when only the bride is receiving a ring:

Groom: "Bride, this ring is a gift from me to you, that symbolises my devotion to you. Will you accept this ring?" Bride: "I will."

Presentation

- "I would you all now please join with me in congratulating our bride and groom, and welcome them officially as 'Mr & Mrs XYZ!'

- "I invite you now to celebrate the happy couple, X and Y LAST NAME."

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NEXT STEPS



*Thank
you!*

If I'm the right celebrant for you or if
you have any questions, send me an
email at:

madisonharriscelebrant@gmail.com

In the meantime, check out my
Instagram over at:
[ceremoniesbymadi](https://www.instagram.com/ceremoniesbymadi)