

CEREMONIES

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VOW RENEWAL & COMMITMENT CEREMONY GUIDE

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CONGRATULATIONS

Your love deserves celebration!

Choosing to celebrate your love with a ceremony is such a beautiful way to honour your journey and each other.

Your ceremony is a sacred and important moment in your relationship, 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



Vow Renewals

for when you want to redeclare your love

✧ \$555

A ceremony to tell your story and renew your wedding vows either in private or with your loved ones present

Commitment Ceremonies

for when you want to commit

✧ \$555

A ceremony for when you want to commit yourselves to each other either in private or with your loved ones present



Women Blessings

for when you want a little extra

✧ Starting from \$333

A sacred Women's Circle to honour the woman before she commits (or recommits) herself to her partner

Couple Connection Ceremonies

for when you want something small

✧ \$222*

An private ceremony for you to explore your story and your feelings for each other to foster a deeper connection



INCLUSIONS



Vow Renewals and Commitment Ceremonies

✧ ✧ \$555

- no obligation chat about your wishes for your special day (via phone, video-call or email)

- a face-to-face meeting so that we can discuss your plans for 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- you can add a second meeting for an additional \$99 either as a standard meeting or a Couple Connection Ceremony which will be explained on the next 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 ceremony day
- access to my compilation of readings, poems, songs and ritual ideas
- I will perform your ceremony on your ceremony 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 and presentation of the commemorative certificate (if applicable)
- A printed copy of your personalised vows (if you choose to have them)

INCLUSIONS



Women's Blessing

(same as a Bridal Blessing)

Organising the Ceremony

- no obligation chat about your wishes for your ceremony (via phone, video-call or email)
- once booked, we have a meeting via phone or video call (or can 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

A 25% deposit is required to secure your booking.

INCLUSIONS



Couple Connection Ceremony

For the couples who...

- ~ want to have authentic, meaningful vows
- ~ have become lost in the planning side of their wedding and want to refocus on their connection
- ~ want to celebrate their love in a sacred way
- ~ want to rekindle their love

Organising the Ceremony

- no obligation chat about your wishes for your ceremony (via phone, video-call or email)
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- I will take photos and videos (when appropriate) during the ceremony so you have memories of this special time

Investment

✧ \$222 | or only \$99 when added to Vow Renewal and Commitment Ceremony packages

A 25% deposit is required to secure your booking.



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

Optional second meeting to dive deeper into your love and story which can be elevated to a Couple Connection Ceremony.

05

Planning

We may have some email conversations, phone calls or in-person meetings to finalise any details.

06

Ceremony Day

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



A STANDARD CEREMONY

Below is the structure of a standard commitment/renewal ceremony; however, you can feel free to add, remove or rearrange as you see fit. 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

The Asking

Vows

Ring Exchange

The Pronouncing

Signing the Commemorative Certificate

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 ceremonies.

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."

COUPLE CONNECTION CEREMONY AND WOMEN'S BLESSING OUTLINE

While all ceremonies can be personalised to suit your needs and reflect you best, here is an outline of how a typical ceremony would flow.

Opening Meditation

- I will guide you through a grounding meditation so you can be fully present. You will sip ceremonial cacao, set an intention, and land in the space.

Sharing

- I will invite you to share anything that came up for you in the meditation or anything else that you are thinking or feeling.

Exploration of Theme

- I will share my wisdom about the theme of the circle/ceremony, while offering insights, encouragement, reassurance and support.

Journal Prompts

- I will present journal prompts for you to write on or think about so that you can explore how the theme relates to you. There is then space for you to share with your partner.

Ritual

- We will perform a ritual based on the theme of the circle/ceremony. Examples include: release ritual (burning paper with anything we want released written on it), intention setting, red thread (for Mother's Blessing), painting/drawing/bracelet making.

Oracle Cards

- You will have the opportunity to pull an oracle card to help guide you on your journey. Oracle cards are a tool that help us tap into our own intuition.

Closing Meditation

- I will guide you through a meditation to return you back to your body and close the space.

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NEXT STEPS



*Thank
you!*

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you have any questions, send me an
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