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55 Super-Romantic Places To Elope

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To some, the term “elope” still conjures images of hasty lovers stumbling into clandestine chapels, or frugal pairs looking to save a few pennies on the guest list.

But elopements have changed.

Today, they’ve become an intimate alternative to a traditional wedding, where the details matter less than the vows being exchanged. No longer taboo, eloping is an incredibly romantic and wild way for adventurous couples to profess their love in some of the most stunning destinations around the world. Here are some of our favorite romantic places to sneak away to say “I do.”

(Note: Be sure to check out the local embassy’s marriage requirements and restrictions before eloping in a foreign country.)



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Watch Hill, RI

Step into your boat shoes and chow down on *all* the lobster rolls. Tying the knot in secluded Watch Hill, RI, will guarantee romantic, classic New England-style nuptials. Hold your ceremony in the historic, nondenominational Watch Hill Chapel, or wed right on the beach at [Ocean House](#), a historic resort that opened in 1868, right after the Civil War.

Ocean House is one of the only locations on the Atlantic shoreline where you can marry right on the water, with the sound of waves crashing behind you. Just FYI, its 650-foot private, white-sand beach accommodates up to 400 guests — but for an elopement, you can of course make your event as intimate as you like. In your downtime, stroll the quaint seaside village of Watch Hill — or enjoy chilling in a beach cabana or the world-class spa.



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Watch Hill, RI (Continued)

The iconic [Ocean House](#) in Watch Hill is the first (and only) AAA Five Diamond and Forbes Five-Star hotel in Rhode Island. Its OH! Spa and Seasons restaurant are also Forbes Five-Star rated, which makes it one of only 11 triple Five-Star rated resorts in the world. Guests can stay in 49 guest rooms or 18 Signature Suites, many of which have terraces with gorgeous views of the ocean.

If you want to stay somewhere *really* special as a couple, the new (in summer 2017) [Lilly Pulitzer suite](#) is a must. The one-bedroom suite is completely outfitted with Lilly Pulitzer-themed coastal decor, like paintings, exclusive patterned bedding, and even bar accessories. A few special touches include the gas-burning fireplace, stainless-steel kitchen, and the super-cute Lilly-colored bikes you can take to pedal to the beach. Plus, that sunset view over Little Narragansett Bay? Priceless. Raise a glass and don't worry about a thing.

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Ocean House's culinary team will work with you to design a menu for your celebratory meal; a lot of New England classics are featured (cod, lobster, scallops). You have plenty of options for dining — from the more casual Dune Cottage by the beach to the more formal Seasons. You can also enjoy a wine-tasting event at the resort's Center for Wine & Culinary Arts.