

So you paid your deposit, what's next?

That's a great question, I'm so glad you asked!

You are now officially booked in my diary and your chosen wedding date is exclusively yours. That means if you randomly decide to swap from a mid afternoon ceremony in the sun to a twilight ceremony at dusk, I will be there!

We don't need to actually get planning your amazing wedding ceremony until about six months before you say I do but I know you're super keen to get started.

The secret area of my website that you downloaded this booklet from contains all the resources you'll need to plan the best ceremony ever, and I'll be with you every step of the way.

If you want to have a nosy through them all right away then of course, go ahead, but don't panic nothing needs to be sent to me just yet.

You find everything here in case you've already forgot the link

https://www.sunkissedceremonies.com/vip-lounge



First things first....



Before you do anything else, head to your email account and add me to your address book.

I will only send you emails when it's relevant to your wedding and the last thing you want is to miss something super important because Google thinks I'm spam! I promise I don't do newsletters or send random junk that no one ever reads.

All done? Are you sure? I might be sending you an email right now just to check!

Ok.. Onwards we go.

Now whilst we don't actually need to plan anything right away I expect there will soon come a time when you want to ask my opinion on an idea or randomly think of a question you meant to ask the last time we spoke.

Just because I haven't been in touch for a while doesn't mean I've forgotten you. It likely just means I'm busy working away on someone else's wedding that's happening VERY SOON... either that or I'm binge watching Netflix. I spend lots of time doing both.

I digress... but please feel free to get in touch with me whenever you need anything... I mean don't send me an email if you've ran out of loo roll, but you get my drift.

I'm a millenial, so I never answer actual phone calls, but I'm always available for chatting via text and email and I'm on Instagram pretty much 24/7 so if you need a quick response, that's usually where I'll be.

And then what?...

When I get in touch to start the planning process it's wise to have given some thought to the kind of things you want to include in your ceremony.

How do you want to feel? Calm and relaxed? Full of joy and excitement? Do you want it to be romantic and make you shed a tear or do you prefer your guests to be rolling around the floor with laughter? I try to aim for a good mix of all the above.

In the VIP lounge you will find a few documents we will use to plan your wedding ceremony.....first up you need the one titled

"Planning the best wedding ceremony ever"

The clue is in the title, but this form contains all the juicy deets of the wedding day which I will need to make sure the day runs smoothly. You can start to fill in this form whenever you like, but chances are things will start to fall into place as the big day gets nearer.

Next up is the **Couples Quiz**... this is the main thing I'll use to learn all the fun facts about you as a couple and to really understand what makes your love story unique.

When filling this in it's important to give me as much detail as you can...seriously...there is no maximum word limit, and no topic is off limits.

I want all the goss!

If you're thinking of ways to spice the ceremony up a bit, and want to do something that's fun yet also meaningful then take a look at my **Guide to Symbolic Rituals**.

It's full of ideas from a simple handfasting, (think Game of Thrones or Kate and Wills) to colourful sand blending ceremonies, which are great if you've got young kids you want to involve.

If you want to get really creative you can think about including a cocktail blending, creating a first fight box, or even roping in the guests for a full on Shrek style sing along.

"I thought love was only true in fairytales....."

What about writing our Vows?

Ah yes... the Vows. Writing your own personal vows is one of the best ways to make your wedding ceremony really your own. Who wants to say the same vows as everyone else anyway?

If you're a whizz with words then feel free to write til your hearts content, but if you need a little more help then give me a shout. You'll find the "**So you want to write your own vows**" booklet great for inspiration but also draw on things that you love as a couple.

What are your favourite movies? What are your favourite wedding scenes from TV shows you love to binge watch together. Do you want them to be super sweet and soppy or more light hearted and likely to make the guests laugh?

If you've read all the helpful booklets, got sick of searching Google for "personal wedding vow inspiration" or you're just stuck with how to put pen to paper then we can sit down together and come up with some fabulous ideas.

I promise I can help you to write vows that you're other half will absolutely love. Failing that, I'll write them for you and it will be our little secret!

Unless of course they're reading this with you.

Ok, that's it! If you're not convinced by now that we're about to create an absolutely epic wedding ceremony just for you then send me your bank details and I'll happily arrange a refund....... just kidding!

Try not to let wedding planning stress you out too much, after all, the wedding is just one day. It's how you spend the rest of your lives together that really counts.





