3 Romantic Spots for a Low-Key Elopement

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Nailing the perfect nuptials is deeply personal—especially when you’re ditching the twelve-piece band and double- (or triple-) digit guest list. Spontaneity certainly breeds romance, but a trip to the twenty-four-hour chapel isn’t the only way to elope. Choosing to do a wedding à deux is often less about urgency than agency: An intimate ceremony that honors your bond might just call for a closed session. It’s also an opportunity to skip town and splurge on the good stuff—your dream rings, the dress you really want, and perhaps one of the sublime settings below.

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Simply put, the Post Ranch Inn will sweep you off your feet. There’s the balmy basking pool set against the sweeping coast. The sustainably designed architectural guesthouses tucked into the landscape. The prime placement between forest and sea, so the whole place smells like redwoods and world peace. And then there’s Soaring Starkey and Hana Nishiguchi. The former is Post Ranch’s beloved long-time officiant, a medicine-woman-cum-interfaith-minister who will create a ceremony so strikingly personal that it doubles as a tender timeline of your love affair. The latter is the resort’s warm-hearted, cool-headed events director, who has winnowed the elopement process down to a handful of questions that are actually fun to answer (cliffside ceremony or vows in the redwoods?).
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