

# THE PROPOSAL Guide

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If you are here, you are so ready to pop the question... First off, huge congratulations! This isn't just a moment; it's the moment— a truly special, once-in-a-lifetime memory you'll both cherish forever. And planning it should feel just as exciting as the proposal itself (especially with a little guidance, of course!)

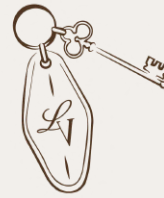
You've landed in the right place! As your photographer, I'm here to cover where to drop to one knee, clever ways to keep it top-secret, and capture every single breathtaking reaction — making sure this incredible memory lasts forever.







# TIPS FOR POPPING THE QUESTION



- **Keep it simple and focus on the moment.** In a city as grand as NY, it's easy to get caught up in elaborate plans. But honestly, the most unforgettable proposals are often the ones where you simply focus on your partner and the heartfelt emotion.
- **Practice what you want to say** (but don't over-memorize!) You don't need a perfectly scripted speech, but having a few key sentences will make the difference.
- **Don't overthink getting down on one knee.** Trust your instincts. In the moment, whether it's on a busy street corner, a quiet park bench, or a romantic rooftop, you'll feel when it's the right time to drop. The sincerity of the gesture matters far more than perfectly executing a pre-planned move.
- **Always have a Plan B** (especially for NYC weather!) If you're planning an outdoor proposal (think Central Park, Brooklyn Bridge, or a scenic rooftop), make sure you have a backup indoor location or alternative plan in mind. I can definitely help you brainstorm perfect Plan B spots that are just as magical!

# BEST PLACES TO PROPOSE IN NYC

New York has endless stunning locations to ask the big question.

Whether you want something iconic or a bit more private, here are a few favorites:

Iconic Spots:

- Brooklyn Bridge Park
- Central Park
- The MET
- New York Public Library
- Top of the Rock

More private:

- Gantry Plaza State Park - LIC
- Wagner Cove – Central Park's Hidden Gem
- Ramble Stone Arch
- The San Remo Towers in the Background



## BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK



If you're looking for a timeless and iconic proposal location, this is a perfect choice!

The bridge's stunning architecture and views of the Manhattan skyline create a magical backdrop





## CENTRAL PARK



- 📍 Bow Bridge & The Deck Near Bow Bridge
- 📍 Bethesda Terrace & Fountain
- 📍 Wagner Cove – Central Park’s Hidden Gem
- 📍 Ramble Stone Arch
- 📍 Botanical Garden in Central Park
- 📍 The San Remo Towers in the Background





## PEEBLE BEACH



If you envision getting down on one knee with the majestic Manhattan skyline and the iconic Brooklyn Bridge as your backdrop, this is your spot!



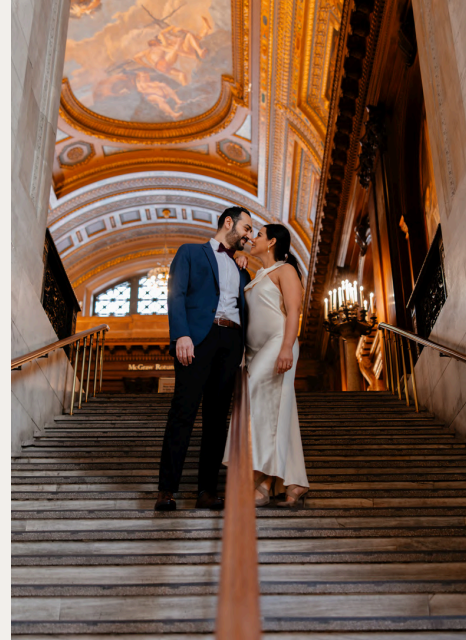


## THE MET



If your partner loves art, culture, and stunning city views, proposing at The Met's rooftop is an amazing idea or "the temple of Dendur" (indoor option)





## NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY



For couples who love history and architecture, this is a grand and elegant setting. The grand stairs, marble columns, and breathtaking details makes it unique and classic





## PRIVATE BACKYARD



It's perfect if you envision the moment just between the two of you, or perhaps with a tiny group of family and friends tucked away nearby for a surprise celebration right after

# HOW TO KEEP YOUR PROPOSAL A TOTAL SURPRISE

Alright, you've got the ring and the perfect spot in mind... now for the trickiest part: keeping it all under wraps! Don't sweat it, making sure she doesn't suspect a thing is totally doable. Here are my favorite pro tips:

- **Invent a "Distraction Date":** tell her you've booked a special couples photoshoot, a fancy brunch reservation, a celebratory dinner, or tickets to a cool exhibit. NYC offers a million awesome excuses to dress up and head to a specific location, making it super believable.
- **Get a friend in on the plan:** ask one of her close friends to "suggest" the outing or activity that leads to the proposal spot. When the idea comes from someone else, it feels less orchestrated and much more spontaneous.
- **Lean on me for stealth logistics:** This is where I truly come in handy! On the day of your proposal, I'll be in full stealth mode, blending in with the NYC crowd, looking like just another tourist or passerby. We'll coordinate everything beforehand, so all you have to do is focus on that magical moment (and getting a "yes!")



# SHOULD YOU HIRE A PHOTOGRAPHER OR VIDEOGRAPHER?

Okay, let's talk about capturing this moment! As a photographer (and speaking from the heart as a wife myself!) my answer is a huge, resounding YES.

Seriously, your future fiancée is going to treasure these photos and videos forever... Imagine being able to relive the exact moment she said "YES!"— the joy, the surprise, the raw emotion. That's not just a photo; it's pure magic you can step back into anytime.

And adding video? Oh, that takes it to another emotional level entirely! Hearing your voices, catching those priceless reactions, and the laughter that follows... it's all part of the story you'll want to revisit again and again!



# Now I HELP YOU PLAN & CAPTURE YOUR PROPOSAL

When you book me for your surprise proposal, I'm with you from start to finish, acting as your stealthy guide and photographer.

Here's how we'll make it happen:

- We'll pick the perfect spot and time together.
- You'll send me a recent photo of you both. It helps me easily spot you in the crowd, so you don't have to worry about subtle signals or awkward moments when you arrive.
- On the big day, just share your live location. No need of nervous texts! Just pop on your live location a bit before, so I know you're on your way and can get into position perfectly.
- I'll arrive a few minutes early, blending right in. You'll probably see me casually taking photos of the view or surroundings – just another NYC photographer doing their thing!



# AFTER THE PROPOSAL

So, you've popped the question and had your unforgettable moment – congratulations! Once the initial excitement settles (just a little!) we love to take some extra time right then and there to capture a beautiful, mini-engagement session nearby.

This isn't just a few quick snaps; it's a chance to truly celebrate your new chapter together. We'll wander through your proposal spot's beautiful surroundings, capturing those joyful, romantic, and slightly more posed shots that perfectly tell the story of your fresh engagement. Think happy tears, celebratory hugs, and all those "just engaged" smiles – perfect for announcing your exciting news to the world!

let the celebration continue!

Soak it all in  
THE NERVES,  
THE SURPRISE,  
THE “YES!”

and just  
be present