

my top 5

Sedona Ceremony Locations



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5 TOP LOCATIONS FOR YOUR CEREMONY IN

SEDONA, ARIZONA



HOW TO CHOOSE

THE RIGHT LOCATION

As an elopement and adventure wedding photographer, knowing the best locations is essential for delivering unforgettable moments to your clients. Understanding the nuances of each spot—whether it's the lighting conditions, accessibility, or crowd levels—can make all the difference in creating truly breathtaking photographs.

By familiarizing yourself with the top locations beforehand, you can save time, minimize stress, and maximize your creative potential during the shoot. Join me in this guide as we delve into five of Sedona's most picturesque spots, ensuring you're well-equipped to create magical memories for your clients.



For an even more comprehensive guide to Sedona's hidden treasures, including 15+ additional locations, insider tips on restaurants, campsites, scenic river spots, and reliable Wi-Fi spots for remote work, visit my website. Elevate your photography adventures in Sedona and unlock a world of inspiration and creativity. Happy shooting!

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LOCATION OVERVIEW



Bell Rock

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- Busy
- Easy - Moderate Hike
- No Shuttle
- Parking fills up quickly
- 360° Views



Cathedral Rock

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- Busy
- Difficult Hike
- Shuttle Required Thurs - Sun
- Parking fills up fast
- Incredible view

TOP
PICK



Merry Go Round Rock

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- Can be busy
- High Clearance 4x4 required
- Bumpy Road
- Incredible views
- Rock features

LOCATION OVERVIEW

Lover's Knoll

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- Greenery
- Beautiful bridge
- Pecan trees
- Seasonal wild flowers
- Old castle



TOP
PICK

Secret Slick Rock

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- Greenery
- Beautiful bridge
- Pecan trees
- Seasonal wild flowers
- Old castle





CATHEDRAL ROCK



- Crowds: BUSY. You can plan on seeing other hikers in the area. In March and October, the crowds can be unmanageable.
- Hike Length: 1.5 Miles
- Difficulty: Rated difficult. It's a steep uphill scramble to get to the top, and you'll need use of both your hands.
- Bring: WATER, hiking shoes, backpacks.

- Lighting: Best at Sunset
- Shuttle Info: Shuttle is required Thursday - Sunday, and during Spring Break. Look at the shuttle schedule below to know where and when the shuttle leaves.

<https://sedonashuttle.com>

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- Lots of other hikers
- Incredible view at the top

LOCATION INFORMATION

BELL ROCK



- Crowds: BUSY. There's plenty of space to spread out, but you can guarantee to see other hikers
- Hike Difficulty: With a relatively easy trail, Bell Rock offers a pleasant journey suitable for all skill levels, including families and beginners.
- Parking: Red Rock Pass Required. Plan extra time, there is limited parking and you'll most likely have to wait to park
- Lighting: Great at sunrise and sunset, although my favorite is sunrise.

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● Busy

● Limited Parking

● Easy Hike

● 360° Views

LOCATION INFORMATION

MERRY GO ROUND ROCK



- Crowds: Merry Go Round Rock is more difficult to get to, and so sees less hikers than other locations. BEWARE that during peak wedding season, you will most likely come across other couples getting married
- Off-road Info: Accessing Merry Go Round Rock REQUIRES a high-clearance vehicle due to the rugged terrain; adventurers should come prepared for a bumpy but rewarding journey.

<https://www.redrockrubicon.com>

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● Greenery

● Greenery

● Beautiful bridge

● Beautiful bridge

LOVER'S KNOLL



- Crowds: Lover's Knoll experiences a moderate level of traffic, particularly during sunset hours when couples often gather to enjoy the romantic ambiance.
- Hike Difficulty: The trail to Lover's Knoll is relatively easy, making it accessible for couples and photographers looking for a serene spot with panoramic views.

- Parking: No parking permit. Parking is a dirt lot next to Lover's Knoll. If you expect multiple guests, I highly recommend carpooling. Watch out for potholes!

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- Easy, Short Walk
- Can Be Busy
- View of Cathedral Rock

SECRET SLICK ROCK



- Crowds: Secret Slick Rock offers a blend of tranquility and moderate activity, attracting visitors seeking a quieter alternative to more popular sites.
- Hike: 1/2 total
- Difficulty: Easy. There is a steep part at the end so heels are not recommended.
- Lighting: Sunrise and sunset are equally gorgeous.

- Parking: No pass required. Although parking spaces may be limited, visitors to Secret Slick Rock generally find sufficient parking options available, allowing for a hassle-free experience amidst Sedona's natural beauty.

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- Easy Hike
- View of Cathedral Rock

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