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# YOUR GUIDE TO YOUR ENGAGEMENT PHOTO SHOOT

*Congratulations! You're engaged!*

*Let's capture in photos the happiness, the joy, the romance of your extraordinary love at this moment in your life together as a couple. Like a work of art, an engagement photo session can be timeless and true to you. Here are 5 tips for creating the best session to capture who you are as individuals and as a couple.*





# 1. CHOOSE A LOCATION THAT MEANS SOMETHING SPECIAL TO YOU AS A COUPLE.

*Your love story is a journey, your engagement session can be an adventure. Maybe it's somewhere you've been together as a couple or maybe it's a new location that has all the things you love to do as a couple – a sugar-soft California beach, or the dry, dreamy desert of Palm Springs, or under an urban backdrop with city lights, a snowy mountain, a quaint winery. Embrace the personality of the location. Picture you and your fiancé there to determine if it's a good match for you.*

*Consider this when scouting for a location:*

- *What memories do you attach to a certain place?*
- *What weather makes you feel most energetic?*
- *Do you prefer to be surrounded by people or venture off the beaten path?*

*The photographer will help you choose the time of day for the best light. Each location is different: it could be sunrise or it could be sunset.*





*In the next step we'll set the mood with a mood board and I'll show you how it all comes together to show you how the images capture how special you are as a couple...*



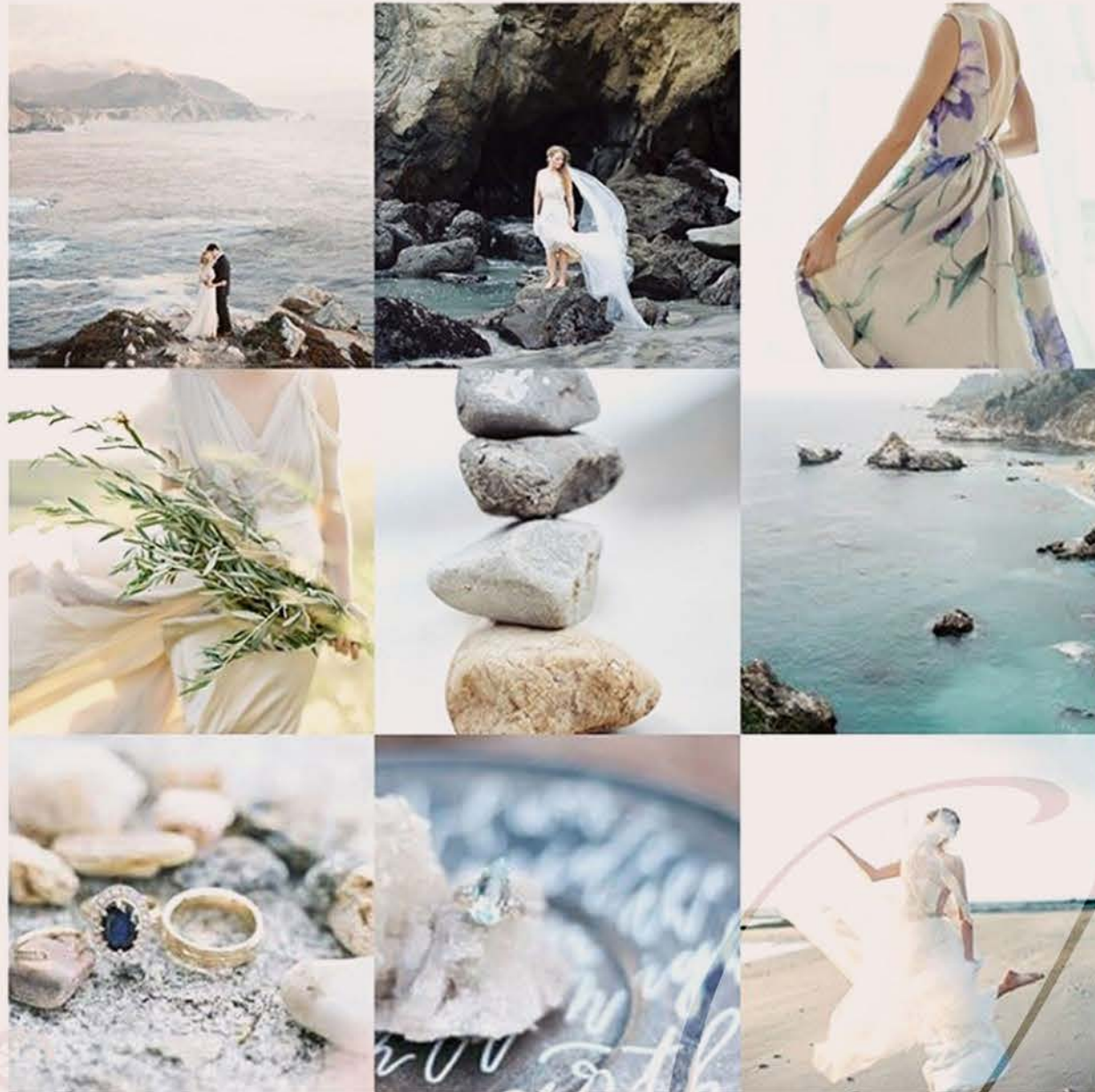
*Oh, The Places  
You'll Go!*





# Kristin & Adam Anniversary

## BIG SUR, CALIFORNIA MOOD BOARD



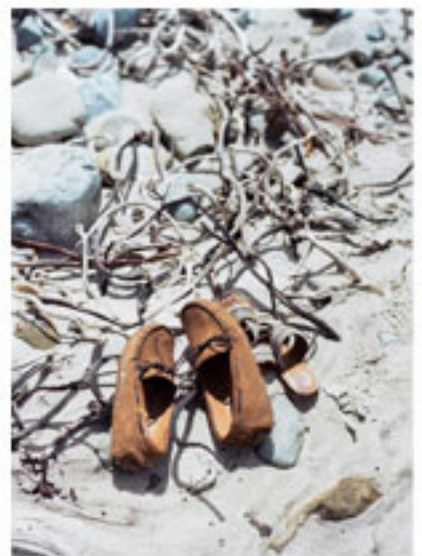
*This is the mood board for a photo shoot in Big Sur, CA.*

## 2. NOW LET'S SET THE MOOD

*What are your favorite colors? Do you want the mood to be elegant or casual? What do you like to do as a couple in your free time? What type of music do you listen to?*



*Here are some of the images from the photo shoot. The mood board showed the colors and the images that meant something to them. So we captured similar images during the session, plus some extras.*



*[Click here to see the full gallery.](#)*



### 3. FASHION – WHAT TO WEAR?

*What do you look and feel good in? Does it match the location? It wouldn't make sense to wear a suit to the beach or board shorts in the heart of Rome. Allow your chosen location to help you decide what to wear. Remember, your photographs are timeless works of art, so skip the trends and choose something elegant and enduring.*

- *Send your photographer pictures of outfits you're thinking about so she can give you advice on what works best with the camera*
- *Be inspired by the environment of your chosen location*
- *Create a Pinterest board of your favorite outfits*
- *Consider the colors, textures and movement of your clothes*
- *Choose 2 to 3 coordinating outfits*



*In the mood board example we found the same dress because Kristina wanted a flowy dress which matched breezy Pfeiffer Beach with waves crashing along a rugged coastline. Surrounded by a keyhole arch and jagged rock formations, you will also find beautiful patches of purple sand.*



#### 4. YOUR HAIR, YOUR MAKE-UP – PROFESSIONAL OR DO IT YOURSELF.

*Hair and makeup is just as important as your clothes. How do you want your hair? If it's long – do you want it up or down? Do you want to do your hair and makeup yourself and have it professionally done? This is a great opportunity to schedule a trial session with a professional stylist in advance of your wedding day. Since film softens your look, this is a chance to amp it up!*



*Consider these tips when choosing makeup:*

- You want to look like a more polished version of you, so embrace your classic look.*
- Do you have warm or cool-tones skin? Choose colors that compliment.*
- Consider the weather at the location of your engagement photo shoot. Is it a misty beach, a dry desert, a breezy mountain? Choose long-wearing products that can help you stay fresh no matter what the weather.*

*Wendy and Owen went to Rome, Italy for their engagement shoot and their clothes, hair and makeup were chosen to match the more elegant Rome backdrop. [Click here](#) to see more images from their session.*



## 5. DON'T FORGET TO BRING ALONG PROPS (BESIDES THE DIAMOND RING).

*Was there a special gift you gave to one another, something sentimental, a book, a shell or something else? That can be integrated into the photo shoot. If a dog is one of your props, bring him or her.*

*Lisette and Daniel's two corgis made the engagement photo shoot fun, natural and enjoyable for them. The love they each have for their dogs was captured as they walked and played with them. Being dog lovers is something they share as a couple and brought out the romance between the two of them in the photo shoot.*





*A photographer gets to know each of you individually and as a couple to guide you during the photo shoot. A photographer can help you design a shoot that tells the story of the romance between you and your fiancé in a natural way that's not posed.*

*In the emails to follow, we'll use surfing and golf to show you the magic of the romance of newly engaged couples.*



*Ready to be whisked away? Schedule an engagement session by clicking [here](#), or emailing me at [bookings.rochellecheever@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.rochellecheever@gmail.com).*

