



Celebrating New Beginnings

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long have you been officiating weddings?

Koru Ceremony has been performing weddings since 2005 and has officiated hundreds of weddings. We are proud to be commemorating our 15th anniversary of celebrating new beginnings.

How would you best describe Koru Ceremony Officiants?

Our Koru officiates value the importance of creating memories and special moments you will carry in your heart with you the rest of your life together.

That's why we are committed to making sure your perfect day becomes a reality and an experience you will never forget. Whether you are planning an intimate backyard ceremony or an elaborate ballroom bash, we are your experts you can count on to help you create an exceptional ceremony that will keep your guests talking about the ceremony well into the night during the reception.

We take into account every detail and idea that you think of to create a personalized experience that says, "This is everything we dreamed of!" We promise to work with you to ensure that your ceremony is a true reflection of your relationship and the life you are building together.

We will guide you in planning the picture-perfect wedding to start your marriage. We love to personalize every ceremony as we get to know you better and walk you through each step so that you are comfortable, relaxed, and stress-free knowing all the details have been addressed.

You can trust us to be your advocate: calm, collected, professional, and ready to make sure you get exactly what you want.

How would you best describe the typical couples you work with?

Our couples are fun-loving and laid-back, but care a great deal about the importance of the wedding. They believe that the ceremony is more than the legal parts you have to get through to get to the party. They believe that the ceremony *is* the wedding and the heart of the day and they want it to be meaningful. Therefore, they want to hire a professional

officiant, such as Koru Ceremony, to make sure the ceremony runs smoothly so they can enjoy the day and be present in the moment.

“Working with Koru Ceremony for our wedding day was incredible. Our officiant was a constant source of guidance, quickly responded to emails, and went above and beyond what I expected from an officiant. She gave us a large packet of options that was tremendously helpful. This allowed us to craft a custom ceremony that was perfect for our wedding day. She also gave us assistance on how to get a marriage license and how to navigate changing my last name after the wedding. She knew how to wrangle our wedding party during the rehearsal, which made the ceremony run smoothly on the wedding day. Working with Koru Ceremony was the best decision we made during our wedding planning. I didn't realize initially how valuable it would be to work with an experienced officiant, and she blew away all of my expectations.”

Mary and Chris were married at the Madison Club, Madison, WI

What are your fees?

All of our packages offer the same level of customization but the price is based on the time of year, day of the week, and when you hire us.

We have also added a new package for couples getting married during the Coronavirus Global Pandemic that are required to have a much smaller and intimate wedding than they had originally planned.

Customized Wedding Ceremony - \$725

Our most popular package, this price covers the 10+ hours it takes to craft a personal ceremony that celebrates you. It includes:

- Multiple in-person or virtual meetings
- Unlimited communication in the weeks and months leading up to the wedding
- Writing the ceremony and making edits requested by the couple
- Preparing for the ceremony and orchestrating the flow of the rehearsal so everyone feels prepared
- Arriving at least 30-minutes early to confirm couple, music, and microphone is ready
- Officiating your wedding with the professionalism it deserves
- Obtaining the proper signatures and filing the wedding license
- Providing information about obtaining the marriage certificate and name change after the wedding.

This fee covers anything from a sweet and simple ceremony to an extravagant celebration with many components.

SPECIAL! 2020 COVID-19 Ceremony (20 or less people) - \$450

Planning a wedding is stressful enough, but planning it in the middle of a global pandemic is admirable! So we want to help you remove some of that tension and anxiety and acknowledge your perseverance and grit. If you are getting married in 2020 with 20 or fewer people at the ceremony, we are offering this special package.

**This special is only valid for weddings occurring in 2020.*

Off-Season (January - March) Wedding Ceremony - \$598

Featuring the same level of personalization and care as our Customized Weddings, off-season weddings are discounted at approximately 20%.

Weekday (Monday - Thursday) Ceremony - \$450

Featuring the same level of customization we consider the standard at Koru Ceremony, our weekday wedding ceremonies are discounted by approximately 40%.

Elopement & Short Notice Ceremony (6 Weeks or Less) - \$375

Whether you are having a large wedding or a micro-wedding in under 6 weeks, the process is still the same. We personalize your ceremony but give you fewer options. A rehearsal is not included in the fee but can be added for an additional \$50.

What do you mean by a Custom Ceremony?

We create a meaningful, one-of-a-kind ceremony that fits your style, honors your love story, and represents the life you are creating together. We elevate your ceremony from a fill your names in the blank, canned experience to a wedding that is an unforgettable, heartfelt, highly personal experience. We hope that at the end of the day you say to yourself, "that is exactly what we wanted!" This can look different for each couple, and that's the joy of this process of getting to know you and writing a ceremony that reflects you and your vision of how you want your wedding to feel.

Is there a charge for travel?

We give you 50-miles round trip included in the fee. Anything beyond that is charged \$1/mile from the point of origin. We can figure out the additional mileage for you ahead of time so you are fully aware of the total cost.

Is there a deposit?

Yes, a non-refundable deposit for half of the fee is required when you book us. Once you have mailed Rev. Pat your Wedding Application & Contract and initial deposit, your date is officially saved on our calendar. The balance of your wedding fee (the second half of your payment and mileage, if applicable) is due at least four weeks before the wedding day.

What are your cancellation and postponement policy?

In the unfortunate event that your wedding needs to be canceled altogether, the initial deposit is non-refundable, although the second half of your fee will be returned.

If you need to postpone your wedding, the initial deposit may be transferred to the new date if your officiant can swap dates. If the officiant is not available, then we will try to work within our Koru officiants to find a replacement. If all Koru officiants are book, the initial deposit is non-refundable, although the second half of the payment will be returned.

What happens if you can't perform the ceremony?

In the unlikely event that your contracted Koru officiant is no longer able to perform your ceremony due to unforeseen circumstances, such as an illness or an emergency, we will work within our Koru officiants to find a replacement. If all Koru officiants are booked we will provide a list of other potential officiants who would be welcome to use the Koru ceremony specifically written for you. The initial deposit is non-refundable, although the second half of the payment will be returned if an officiant outside of Koru officiates your ceremony.

Do you perform ceremonies for same-sex couples?

Yes, we have been officiating commitment ceremonies for same-sex couples for several years before it became legal to marry in 2015. We support and are open to all kinds of couples because we believe in and celebrate love for all couples.

How far in advance do we need to book with you?

You can book anywhere from the week or two before the wedding to up to a year or more. Keep in mind that our schedules fill up quickly during the wedding season (May-October), so contacting us sooner versus later is always the best option.

Do you have other wedding professionals you work with?

We have a list of recommendations that we are happy to share with you. This list of vendors is provided as a resource in case you need help in finding photographers, florists, musicians, etc. These are fellow professionals whose work we are fans of and whom we find to be excellent to work with.

More Questions?

If you have further questions, please contact Rev. Pat Werk at 608.213.7558 or koruceremony@gmail.com.

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