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Ten Tips For A Great Marriage

Good advice comes thick and fast when people hear that you are getting married – some of it is asked for but most of it is not! Real Brides asked around for a few tips and this is what we came up with:

- Take responsibility for your part in the marriage, only then will you be able to connect with your partner in a mature, intimate way.
- Touching strengthens your bond. Hold hands, rub shoulders, hug, kiss, give high-fives or even fist-bumps.
- Learn how to agree to disagree! No two people can possibly agree on everything and it's important to be okay with each other's differences.
- It's not about the money; it's the thought that counts. Sometimes a loving note popped into his briefcase or her handbag is worth more than 100 red roses and chocolates on Valentine's Day!
- The biggest waste of effort in a marriage is trying to change your spouse. People don't change; you learn to live with them!
- It's all about communication. Next time you have an argument, drop the blaming and needing to be right and try to really listen without interrupting. Both of you have valid points and reasons for your feelings.
- Treat your partner with kindness, gentleness, patience and self-control and watch the response. If you treat your partner with anger and impatience, don't expect them to be nice in return.
- Never lose the fine art of dating. Setting aside a romantic evening on a regular basis can rekindle the magic of a long-term relationship.
- Make time to have a bit of fun with each other. With today's hectic schedules, it's easy to find your marriage at the bottom of the priority list. Take a walk together, exercise together or cook a meal together.
- You can change or strengthen your relationship with just a few words. The most popular are "well done" and "I love you".

MELISSA & RYAN MOFFAT



This couple met as kids and then again years later in Bloemfontein while both were studying at the University.

Campus proposal?

A big surprise! Ryan proposed in front of the building on campus where we met. He invited me to a “function” on campus. We were the only people there and I assumed that we were early? The next moment he took both my hands and went down on one knee!

The most difficult part of planning your wedding?

Planning our wedding during the pandemic with the ever-changing COVID regulations was difficult. We had to change our plans at least five times, the last being 10 days before our big day! We were quite anxious and started running out of ideas, but decided that postponing wasn't an option. Our vendors were incredibly flexible in accommodating our requests at short notice, while still adhering to the regulations.

Outdoor garden ceremony?

Although not initially planned, we held the ceremony on a farm. The garden and patio was transformed into an intimate fairy-tale Bohemian-chic setting. After the beautiful ceremony, we had the speeches and delicious canapés on the patio.

Photoshoot at your original chosen venue?

Even though Tala weren't allowed to host weddings, they still accommodated all of our guests over the weekend and we were able to enjoy an out of this world photoshoot amongst some of Tala's wildlife, like rhino, giraffe and zebra.

How did you choose your photographer?

We searched for photographers in the Pietermaritzburg area and stumbled upon D'Rene Plunkett through social media. We looked at some of her previous photography and loved her attention to detail. The positive reviews left on Facebook sealed the deal. She was also the only photographer who actually phoned us back after making contact with her, which set her apart from the others.





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photographer.”*

*Ceremony venue: Spotted Owl Farm, KZN
Creative Photoshoot: Tala Game Reserve
Wedding Dress: Bridal Emporium, Bloemfontein
Hair & make-up: Lindsay Nixon, Nixon Makeup
Flowers: Gail, Spotted Owl
Photography: D’Rene Plunkett Photography*

You hired your dress?

I had my Pinterest wedding board ready shortly after our engagement, but never found a dress exactly to my liking. I was looking for a comfortable fit-and-flair dress, with lots of lace to look sassy but still classy. I fell in love with my dress from the first fitting and, thanks to my Mom, I could hire it.

Your bridesmaids wore a gorgeous colour?

We went with a natural earthy colour scheme, which was olive green, white and a splash of blush pink. The bridesmaids' dresses were quite simple but elegant - perfect for a bush wedding. Their opinion and comfort was important to me.

Kids at your wedding?

Due to the strict regulations and our limited guest list, we only invited our nearest family's small children. My niece was our flower girl and my nephew the ring bearer.

How many guests?

We had to cut back numbers so decided to only invite 30 of our closest family. However, some people like my brother, could not attend because the South Africa – Namibia border was closed.

Fun extras?

Ryan's grandpa is a well-known artist, Anton Gericke, who has painted many wedding ceremonies and this made for the most special wedding gift. Ryan is proud of his Scottish heritage and having a bagpiper play the Bridal March at our wedding was one of his special requests and made for an exciting addition.

The highlights of your big day?

During the ceremony we took time to wash each other's feet, symbolic of when Jesus washed his disciples' feet, as a promise to serve each other in marriage. We were also thrilled to get photos with giraffe and rhino in the background during our shoot at Tala. Spending intimate time with our close family over the wedding weekend made for some of the most memorable moments of our wedding.

Any handy tips for brides-to-be?

During the planning phase, make time to talk about and plan your special day, in order to not waste quality time with your fiancé. We would recommend brides and grooms delegate some of the responsibilities to family members and friends - to lighten the load on yourselves and to make everyone feel included too.

Honeymoon?

Ryan planned the entire honeymoon himself so it was a huge surprise when we got to the Kruger National Park, where we spent a week. ♥





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STACEY & JAMES BRITTAIN



This couple met as varsity students and chose a very special place to get married.

Stunning proposal?

We took a trip to Singapore to visit James' brother and sister-in-law. When we got there I found out we would be going away for the weekend to a stunning place called Cempedak Island. James said we were going for a nice dinner, but we decided to go for a walk first. While we were away James' brother and sister-in-law set up the most incredible spot on the beach outside our chalet at sunset. We popped champagne, watched the sunset and later that night the resort set up fireworks for us. It was the most incredible evening of my life!

Did the pandemic affect your planning?

James and I have a huge family and lots of special friends and we wanted everyone to be a part of our special day! Our guest list ran to 220 people. When Covid hit there was a lot of confusion as to whether we would be able to get married on our original date with the number of people we wanted. It was extremely stressful. I felt robbed of a bit of the excitement leading up to the wedding. I didn't want to get my hopes up and then be disappointed. We were however fortunate as we managed to get married on our original date, our overseas guests were also allowed to come but we were only allowed 50% capacity of the venue, so had to cut the list to 120 people.

The Silver Sixpence is special to you?

Even before James and I got engaged, I knew I wanted to get married at The Silver Sixpence. It was once a small farmhouse that I used to visit as a child so for me to get married at a place that my late parents knew and loved meant the world to me. Memories run deep and it will always be a special place to me. I had always wanted to get married in a forest and they have two – we chose the beautiful, peaceful Pine forest.

Accommodation at The Silver Sixpence?

It's incredible! We were able to have our full bridal



“The Silver Sixpence has a special place in my heart.”

Venue: The Silver Sixpence, Dullstroom – www.thesilversixpence.co.za

Dress: Bridal Wardrobe

Hair & make-up: Blend Makeup & Hair

Flowers: Pettey-Tredoux Concierge

Photography: Mighty Fine Productions



party and their partners stay with us at the venue, as well as our immediate family. This made the build-up so exciting. The rooms are beautifully done, and each have their own individual feel. The bridal suite is secluded and just magical too.

Big entourage?

James always wanted his 3 brothers and his cousin to be his groomsmen and his best friend to be his best man. It was trickier for me as I have many special friends and family members who I would have been honoured to have stand by me on my special day. I had my two best friends from school as my maids-of-honour and then 2 very special friends and my new sister-in-law who has become a very dear friend. We all had so much fun. As my parents have passed away, I was lucky enough to have my big brother walk me down the aisle. It was extremely special.

Proteas were your main flowers?

I love how much one simple protea can make such a statement. I also love how it is proudly South African. I loved my flowers.

Your made a speech at your reception?

I wanted to give a speech – an opportunity to thank my nearest and dearest for all that they had done and for all that they stand for.

Sanitiser favours?

Each person received a hand sanitiser - more to follow Covid protocols than a gift. But, everyone loved them and are still using them today!

Cheese tower “cake”?

My Mom’s very special friend wanted to do our cheese tower cake with all the dips etc. as a wedding gift, which was so special and delicious!

Any advice for sticking to a wedding budget?

It helps talking to friends or family who have been married before for advice on the things you need and things you don’t.

Honeymoon?

We wanted to go overseas but Covid made it almost impossible. So, we took a trip to Cape Town and Stellenbosch then to Knysna to meet up with family for Christmas. We also stopped at the Garden Route Game Lodge. ♥





THE SILVER SIXPENCE

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TOP WEDDING VENUES





One of the most important decisions to make when planning your wedding is to choose your venue. It's a difficult task as there are literally hundreds to choose from. To help you with your planning, Real Brides is launching a new feature - TOP WEDDING VENUES.

In the first our Real Brides Special Top Wedding Venues series we feature TSEKAMA WEDDING VENUE situated near Modimolle (Nylstroom) in Limpopo.

Imagine...your ceremony in the natural splendour of the African bush with rhino, giraffe, zebra and a wide variety of antelope on hand to witness your wedding celebration!

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Tsekama offers the complete wedding package, personalised service and attention. They understand the dreams and wishes of every bride and groom, and will go the extra mile to make sure that all requirements are met.

It is the perfect venue for adding a touch of magic and style to your wedding day. Tranquil, serene and picturesque, providing a natural but romantic atmosphere.

The highly trained staff at Tsekama will take care of your big day – they will do all the planning and execution so that you have a relaxed, stress-free wedding ceremony and reception.

Tsekama will deliver an elegant, fun-filled wedding celebration to make your dreams come true.

Their wedding packages are flexible to suit your personal style as well as your budget. They provide tables, linen, chair covers, crockery, cutlery, and glasses. Flowers and a wide variety of modern equipment are also available.

The spacious thatched roof and wooden wedding reception area is built partly over the water, and the sprawling gardens and Bushveld scenery will turn every wedding photograph into a masterpiece.

Tsekama have an 80 guest minimum and a 300 guest maximum.

To take a Virtual Tour of Tsekama – click <https://realbrides.co.za/tsekama/>

To visit the Tsekama website – click <https://www.tsekama.co.za/>



NATALIE & MARC HART-DOUGLAS



Seeking to do something different, this couple opted for a small picnic-style, Bohemian-themed daytime wedding held in the magnificent gardens of the beautiful Vredenburg Manor House situated near Somerset West in the Cape.

How romantic was your proposal?

It was very romantic as Marc re-enacted our first date. So, it was a drive around the coast through to Hout Bay for Fish and Chips and Snoekies and we then ended the day off watching the sunset on Chapmans Peak. That is when Marc proposed.

How many venues did you consider before settling on Vredenburg Manor House?

Thank goodness the Covid-19 restrictions didn't get to interfere with the plans for our wedding day! Vredenburg Manor House was the third venue we visited and we just knew walking in that it was going to be just perfect as our wedding venue. It really is a true hidden gem. The owners at that stage had never really focused on hosting weddings and we were amongst the first to enquire about having our wedding at the establishment. Like they say, the rest is history.

Service providers?

We sourced all our own service providers.

You opted for a morning wedding with lunch?

We wanted to enjoy a picnic-like vibe on our big day so decided to make the occasion quite a casual and laid back wedding held during the day with an outdoor ceremony and a reception lunch surrounded by the gorgeous Vredenburg Manor House gardens.

Your theme?

Our overall theme was Vintage Bohemian.

Colored glasses were eye-catching?

All the different colored glasses set up along the long tables made quite a statement and it all tied in very well with our Bohemian-themed wedding.



A smiling bride with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a white lace wedding dress and a gold headband. She is holding a large bouquet of white flowers. The background is a blurred green lawn and trees.

“Vredenburg Manor House really is a true hidden gem.”

Venue: Vredenburg Manor House, Somerset West – www.vredenburgmanor.co.za

Dress: Bride and Co

Hair: Mobile Hairdresser

Make up: My Mom

Food: Annalize Catering

Flowers: Family friend

Cake: Tessa's Bakery

Photography: Expressions Photography, Andre & Selma

Catering and flowers?

The catering was done by Annalize Catering and the flowers were done by a friend of my Mom's.

Difficult to find your dream dress?

It was not difficult at all as I know exactly what style I wanted and so I found my dress quite quickly.

You wore your hair up in a pony?

I did do a couple of hair trials but I changed my mind so many times with different styles. My hairstylist was so sweet, she didn't mind at all and just wanted to please me. I think I changed it up right until a few days before my wedding day! My Mom is a make-up artist and I was so lucky to have her and someone I could trust as I knew she would make me look beautiful. I didn't wear a veil and just wore a beaded headband.

How many guests?

We had +- 50 guests as we wanted a small and intimate wedding with just our close friends and family in attendance.

Any fun extras?

We had the best Caricaturist cleverly drawing us and our guests; various fun lawn games set up outside in the lovely garden and a mobile ice-cream bar, which was a big hit.

Your song/music for walking down the aisle and for the reception?

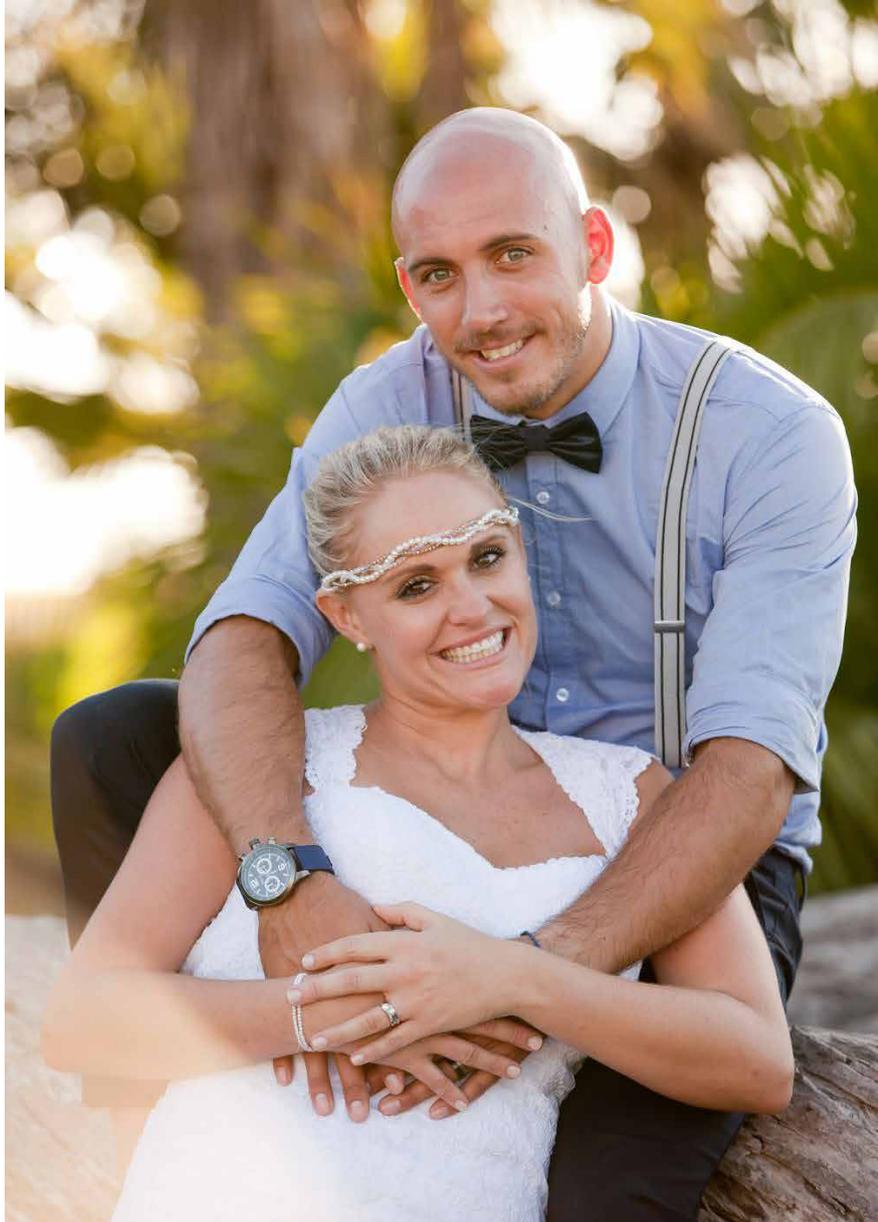
My song for walking down the aisle was a Celine Dion cover 'Can't Help Falling in Love With You' and for our Lunch reception we just had relaxed background music playing.

Sum up the best moments of your special day.

First was seeing my husband waiting for me at the end of the aisle. Having all my family with me to enjoy and celebrate the day was so special. Then of course there was all the laughter, dancing and the glorious sunset at the end of a lovely afternoon spent with all the special people in our lives.

Honeymoon?

Marc surprised me with a trip up the Garden Route and a very romantic game reserve holiday. ♥





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ELMIEN & DEWALD HOFFMANN



This couple met at an agricultural show and there was an instant spark.

Did you see your proposal coming?

Dewald proposed on Valentine's Day – probably the most obvious day of the year but it was a total surprise to me! We went to get ice cream at a local homemade ice cream shop, and he'd arranged that they hide the ring in my bowl! He was so worried that I would swallow it! Afterwards he had a candlelit dinner set with champagne and snacks.

Did restrictions interfere with your wedding plans?

Fortunately not, though I did worry whether we were going to be able to continue, especially with weddings all around us being postponed. But, we decided to go ahead with our plans and hoped for the best. A gap then opened with the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions, which allowed us to have our special day exactly as we'd dreamed of.

How many venues did you consider?

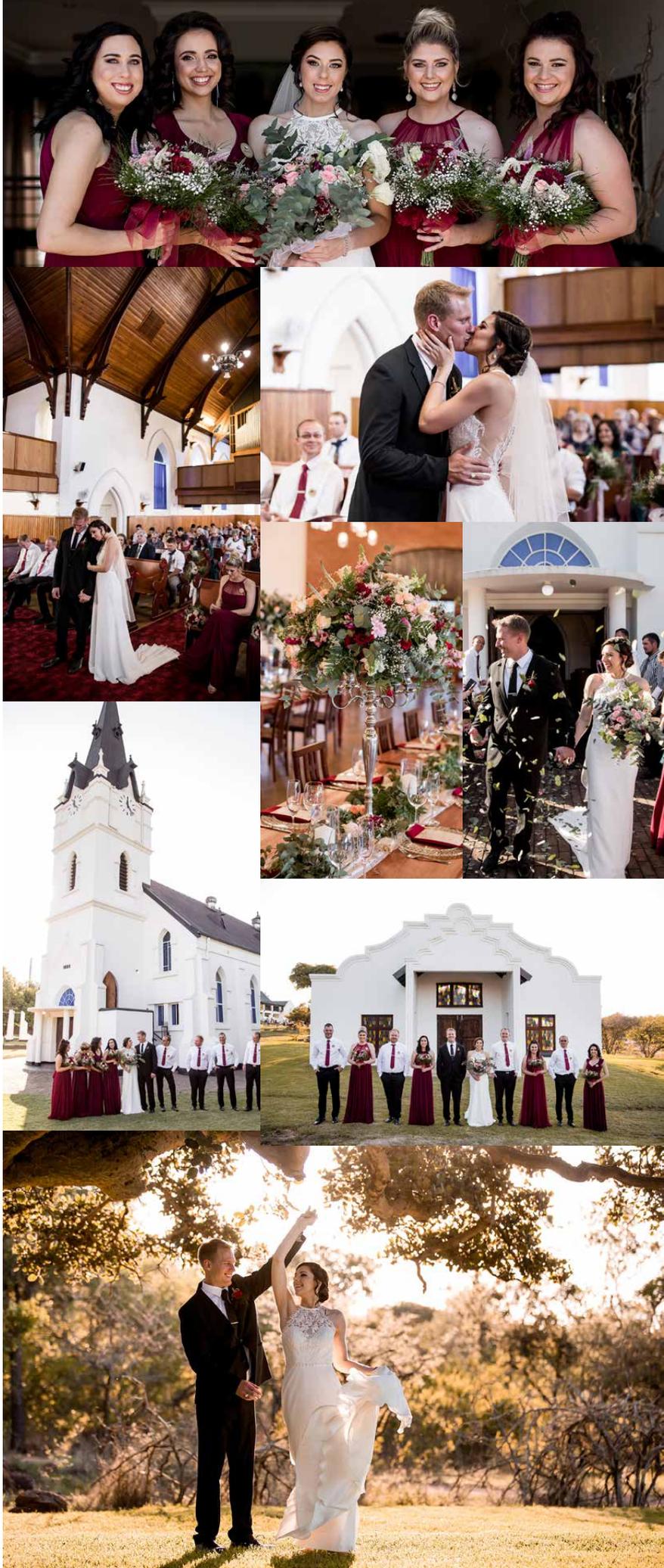
I had my heart set on Mooiplaas from the moment I discovered them on Facebook a few years ago. Soon after our engagement we went to view Mooiplaas with our parents and everyone was instantly in awe of this stunning venue.

What made Mooiplaas special?

Mooiplaas had all the elements we were looking for in a venue. It is situated in the bushveld just outside Modimolle. It's a stunning Cape Dutch-style building with beautiful views over the farm and vineyards. The reception hall is large enough for a big dancefloor, has high ceilings, beautiful lighting, Rhodesian teak tables and a wine cellar. There is also a large patio with comfortable sofas where guests can relax. The venue overall is beautiful enough so you only need minimalistic décor. The service was excellent and we could enjoy our special day knowing everything was taken care of.

Accommodation at Mooiplaas?

There is space for about 22 guests at Mooiplaas Lodge – a beautiful large house (with a fully equipped kitchen, lounge and dining area) with 6 ensuite rooms, and 5 freestanding chalets plus a boma / braai area.



A bride is the central figure, wearing a long, flowing white wedding gown with a lace-up back and a long train. She is smiling and looking over her shoulder at the camera. She holds a large bouquet of flowers, including pink roses and greenery. The background is a dimly lit room with a bookshelf filled with books and a window with curtains.

*“Mooiplaas had
all the elements we
were looking for in
a venue.”*

Venue: Mooiplaas, Modimolle, Limpopo – www.mooiplaasvenue.com

Wedding gown: Bridal Manor

Hair: Maritza van den Berg @ 4 Seisoene Salon (Marble Hall)

Make up: Melissa Minne Bridal

Photography: JCclick

Ceremony held in a gorgeous old church?

It was always my dream to marry the love of my life in church. The church (NG Kerk Waterberg) is in town (Modimolle) about 10km from Mooiplaas, which incidentally does have its own beautiful outdoor chapel.

Did you source your own service providers?

Yes, I sourced from all over including 'word of mouth' from friends who'd got married before me. Everyone was wonderful and provided a quality service. The photographer and videographer were both amazing and made us feel so comfortable.

Tell us about your dress.

Bought. I loved it instantly. My Mom said that when she saw my face while I was looking in the mirror she knew! I added a belt and some embroidery for a little more detail. The dress was light and flowy, and just perfect for our bushveld wedding. Definitely keeping it!

How many guests?

100 guests. 50% capacity was allowed and Mooiplaas has capacity for 300.

The highlight of your day?

Definitely walking down the aisle, music in the background and seeing Dewald waiting for me. A rush of emotion and excitement came over me.

Special moments?

Every memory made with my new husband was special. Having my Mom share the morning of my wedding and all the preparations with me was very special, also dancing with my Dad.

Anything you would like to have changed?

The curfew – guests had to leave to get to their accommodation before the curfew.

Your menu?

Mooiplaas offered a wide selection of delicious "boerekos" catering to everyone's tastes. The food was exceptional.

Gorgeous flowers?

Our flowers were done by Francois du Toit and his team. Exceptional. We discussed my colour scheme and I explained the picture I had in my mind – they exceeded expectations.

Any advice to share with brides-to-be?

Enjoy the planning process – don't allow it to become a stressful situation. The most important thing is that you get to marry the love of your life. ♥



Mooiplaas

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The Clarendon

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The Clarendon has a rich history having once been owned by the Earl of Clarendon, the Governor of the Cape. Being a heritage building, this family-run boutique hotel boasts 16 luxurious bedrooms and was established in 1996 by the present owner.

Cradled along the slopes of Lions Head, in the idyllic suburb of Fresnaye, it caters to families, honeymooners and the exclusive traveller who wants to enjoy the best of Cape Town. A wonderful oasis of rich green lawns and sparkling swimming pools, set in a tranquil paradise against the backdrop of a mass of pink bougainvillea.

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CARMEN & CORNÉ VAN DER MERWE



This couple met as students and tied the knot at Chez Charlene.

Your proposal?

Corné proposed in the beautiful gardens of Babylonstoren in Cape Town. I had a feeling he would propose during that holiday, but I didn't know when. We went to so many beautiful places but he kept the special one for last.

Covid-19 restrictions affected your wedding plans?

Yes, unfortunately they did as we planned everything around having a June 2020 winter wedding and then needed to choose a new date - not knowing if the virus situation would be any better at the end of the year or not. It was very hard not to have our family and friends from far away, as they couldn't attend due to the border restrictions. My kitchen tea also had to be limited, but we still had such a fun time and created incredible memories through the entire Covid-19 situation.

Your invitations?

I designed our invitation electronically and printed out a few versions. It took some time to find a suitable invite, but at the end it was so much fun designing them.

You chose Chez Charlene as your venue?

Chez Charlene is remarkable. Charlene and Deone and the whole staff are always friendly and ready to assist with any questions, they were so accommodating with the date change due to the lockdown and every detail that came with having a new date. They made our wedding better than we could ever have imagined. I really felt like a Princess on the day. The venue is absolutely beautiful and all our guests will agree. The food was out of this world, presented so beautifully and so tasty. Chez Charlene was the first venue we visited. We viewed others as well, but for us none compared to Chez Charlene and their incredible service.

Easy to find the dress of your dreams?

It was a bit difficult finding a dress that was my style and within the budget. Luckily someone told us about





“We had an engagement shoot to get to know our photographers.”

Venue: Chez Charlene, Pretoria – www.chezcharlene.co.za

Wedding gown: Bridal Secrets

Hair & make-up: Lustique Cosmetology

Décor: Chez Charlene

Photography: Donovan Roets Photography

Bridal Secrets and the owner, Ruchelle, was amazing with helping me find the perfect dress. I had my Mom and bridesmaid with me to help with the decisions.

Flower girl and a pageboy?

We had Corné's niece as our flower girl and my nephew as the pageboy. They were adorable and had so much fun.

How did to choose your photographer?

We searched the internet and perused so many different photographer's pages. At the end we chose Donovan Roots Photography, they were incredible. We had an engagement shoot to get to know them and we all clicked from the beginning. It was very easy and fun working with them.

How many guests?

48 guests because of the restrictions.

Your theme/colour scheme?

Our theme was based on a winter wedding, so the colour scheme was dusty blue, white and grey with green. Charlene and her team did a fantastic job with the décor - just as I dreamed it would be.

Any hilarious moments?

Somehow I struggled to walk in my wedding dress and tripped when I stepped inside the chapel and then my veil got stuck in the door! The best man and bridesmaids also had very funny comments in their speeches.

Did you manage to stick to your budget?

Chez Charlene helped us stick to our budget, and when prices went up due to the lockdown, they jumped in and assisted with a different florist. Really amazing and helpful.

Your first dance song?

As I am German we decided on a German song "Der Himmel resist auf" from Joel Brandenstein. We didn't go to any classes, we just watched some YouTube videos and winged it on the day. Luckily with the smoke machine no one could see our feet!

The best advice for brides-to-be?

Don't stress about what could go wrong and what people will think. Enjoy the planning and the special moments with your fiancé, family and friends. For the marriage - constant communication, lots of kisses, and laughter.

Honeymoon?

Due to travel restrictions we decided to keep it local and went to Umhlanga. Lovely and relaxing and very grateful we could go away. ♥



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What are the legal consequences of the different marital regimes?

- a) Antenuptial contract with the inclusion of the accrual system
 - the two parties remain separate legal entities and may contract in their individual capacities;
 - you are not liable for the debts incurred by your spouse;
 - you both share equally in the growth of your estates from the time you get married, you share what you have built up together and
 - if you have a wealthy estate before marriage, you can exclude it specifically from the accrual.
- b) Antenuptial contract with the exclusion of the accrual system
 - The two parties remain separate legal entities and may contract in their individual capacities:
 - you are not liable for the debts incurred by your spouse; and
 - you do not share in the growth of your spouse's estate.
- c) Marriage in community of property
 - everything the couple owns, and all their debts and assets are shared equally;
 - the property of each party automatically becomes the property of both parties and forms a part of the joint estate;
 - in the event of death or divorce, both parties will be entitled to their half share of the assets and liable for the half share of all debts.

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I have been fortunate in receiving the following awards

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SALOMÉ & BRYAN FORREST



Personal tragedy brought this sweet couple together and good things helped overcome the bad.

Fabulous proposal?

In 2018 Bryan took me to Italy for a ski vacation and we spent the first few days in Venice. Little did I know he was planning our engagement! Whilst in Venice we visited an island called Burano. It was dusk when we got there and whilst exploring we ended up on a little bridge called Tri Ponti with the Chiesa Parrocchiale di San Martino Vescovo church bell tower in the background. As Bryan was taking a photo the church bells started ringing and once they were done he proposed!

Did you choose your own engagement ring?

We had discussed the prospect of marriage and Bryan had asked me what I would prefer. I told him I loved the Protea collection from Browns. He surprised me with a custom-made ring incorporating the Protea concept I love!

Wedding plans went a bit awry with COVID-19 restrictions?

We are very thankful that God blessed us with the opportunity to get married on our chosen date, venue and with all our invited guests. We had three back-up plans in case we got caught up in the restrictions. Plan A was to get married at Tsekama with all our guests on the 12 December 2020. Plan B was to get married at Tsekama with 50 of our invited guests on 12 December 2020 and Plan C was to take our parents, entourage, pastor, photographer and videographer to the venue, get married on the 12 December 2020, take wedding photos and then meet the rest of our guests at a restaurant in Pretoria for the reception.

Tsekama accommodated your every wish and more?

Marinda and her team went out of their way to accommodate our ideas - from making unique table names, setting up a gin bar and setting up portable air conditioners in the chapel to keep everyone comfortable during the ceremony.





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We have many reasons why we chose Tsekama. Ultimately the location and beauty is unmatched and the food and the effort the team puts into each wedding is unmatched.

Delays worked in favour of you getting your dream dress?

I went shopping for my dream dress and could not find what I wanted so decided to design my own dress using ideas that I liked from others I'd fitted. The end result was a dress that is my own, custom made with a few surprises like a detachable train. I had a hidden slit up the left side to accommodate the stunning Tango when we opened the dancefloor.

Words embroidered on your underskirt?

I requested my dressmaker to embroider "I have found the one whom my soul loves – Songs of Solomon 3:4 12/12/2020" as a special message to Bryan.

No veil?

I wore my veil into the chapel and removed it once I'd met Bryan at the altar - mainly because it was quite long and heavy, causing my hair to flatten! It was also very hot and I wanted to show off my gorgeous dress.

Emotional walk down the aisle?

We had a rehearsal in the chapel and emotions overcame both my Mom and I. But, I'm so glad we did it because it gave us a chance to experience what was to come without the guests looking on. When the time came to walk down the aisle both Mom and I were emotional but relaxed.

Your table names?

The names were all the places we visited in 2018, the holiday we got engaged. Italy is such a romantic country that we decided to incorporate the names into our wedding day.

Any useful advice for brides-to-be?

People will judge your dress, hair, food etc. but the important thing is to make sure you have the time of your life as your wedding day is fleeting. When you choose your bridesmaids, makes sure you are choosing the women in your life who you can go to for sound advice.

Honeymoon?

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