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TAMIA & JEAN PIERRE CONRADIE



The Covid-enforced lockdown tested plenty of relationships around the world but in this instance it led to a marriage proposal and then a lovely, intimate wedding on a wine farm in the Western Cape.

How did you and JP meet?

We always knew about each other but had never officially met. JP lived on a farm just outside the town where I lived and we drove past each other every day. In April 2017, we eventually met at an Enduro motorbike event where I was working. He asked me for my number; we went on a date and the rest is history!

Was your proposal a surprise?

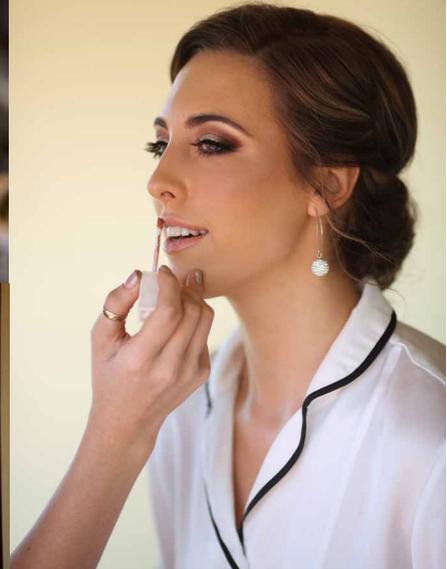
I knew it would happen sometime but didn't know when. We got engaged on 4 July 2020 on top of a mountain when we went for our first hike after being cooped up indoors for 4 weeks in level 5 lockdown. I normally suspect things but JP really surprised me with this one! He went on his knee and all that!

Your wedding venue?

The venue is situated just outside Robertson on a wine farm called Wederom in the Western Cape. We love the outdoors and country life and wanted to have an outdoor ceremony. I contacted Wederom to get a quote, went to have a look and immediately fell in love with the place.

Wedding planner?

I didn't think a wedding planner would be necessary as I enjoy planning things myself but it was quite overwhelming not knowing where to start! Wederom has a coordinator and we became good friends during this time. Nicola made it so easy for me and helped make our dream day come true. I will forever be grateful! I am a bit OCD when it comes to planning something and always have a list. So delegating was not difficult.



“Our wedding was intimate, fun, special and uncomplicated!”



Venue: Wederom Boutique Winery, Robertson - www.wederom.co.za

Dress: Bride & Co

Hair: Tease, Madre Hudson

Make-up: Hanja Kriel

Flowers & décor: Flourish Concept, Styling, Decor & Floral Design

Catering: Wolfkombuis

Photography: Henry O Photography

Special photographer?

I had a local photographer in mind, but then my uncle Henry O, who is a renowned wedding photographer based in Dullstroom, said he would like to do our photos for us. I'd always wanted him to take my wedding photos but never thought it would be possible as he lived so far away from us. But we made it work and were so happy he took our photos, Henry is absolutely amazing! It was also so special as the last time we saw each other was when I was just 5 years old!

Your dress?

I had an idea of what I wanted but was open to other styles. I ended up choosing something completely different to what I had pictured! When I tried that dress on, I just knew.

How many guests?

We had just under 40 guests. We never wanted to have a big wedding so we kept our wedding intimate, fun, special and uncomplicated!

Did restrictions affect you?

Covid did not really bother us as we knew we were going to have a small wedding. The curfew was lifted a few days before our wedding but then we had load shedding from midnight to contend with. If it's not Covid then it's load shedding!

Theme and colour scheme?

I just wanted something simple but elegant. I decided on green and white with touches of silver with candles to create a warm and special feeling. We had a harvest table at pre-drinks and then had a 'build your own burger' station for mains, everyone could go sit where they wanted to and then we had wedding cake and coffee for pudding.

Any unusual gifts?

Yes, the most unusual was a pregnancy test!

Any budget savers?

We saved a lot on our photographer obviously and cake. Here's a tip: Don't use the word "wedding cake". Rather spend money on your honeymoon!

No first dance?

JP isn't the dancing type so we played the shoe game to break the ice and everyone joined in the dancing after that. Make sure however that you and your husband have a moment alone during the evening to take everything in. Enjoy every moment because it really goes by so fast! When you look back you can't believe that the one day that you'd been planning your whole life, is now gone!

Honeymoon?

We travelled around the Garden Route for a week eating a lot, exploring, doing various activities and we had so much fun!





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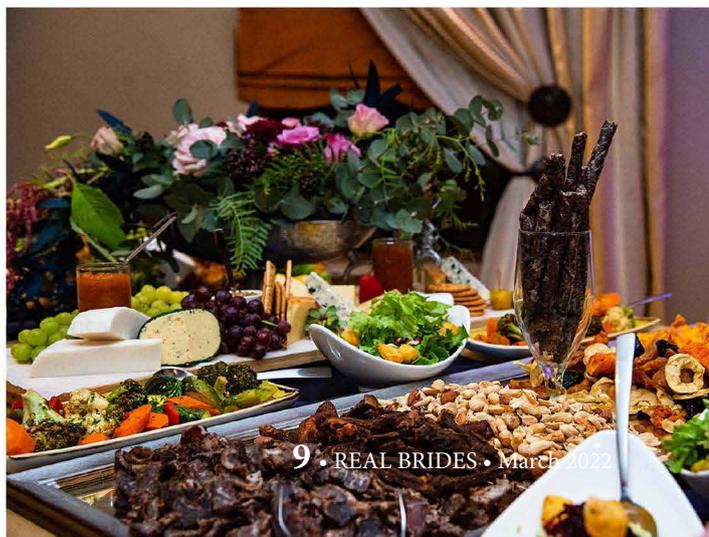


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CLARISKA & JACO LOUW



This bride describes meeting her husband-to-be as an act of God – they first saw each other in church, but no words were exchanged.

Quite a story behind your engagement ring?

There were actually two engagement rings involved and in both cases I had the opportunity to select the ring of my choice. The first one I spotted was a beautiful tear-shaped ring at a well-known jewellery outlet, which had been in business for decades. I provided Jaco with the ring code and size and off he went to purchase it. However, the size had to be adjusted, and the jeweller advised that they could not guarantee that the embedded diamonds would stand the test of time. It was decided there and then that it would be safer to manufacture a ring from scratch and Jaco paid the full amount in advance. A few weeks later he still had not had any news from the jeweller and on visiting the shopping centre, discovered that the jewellery store was gone for good - the entire jewellery group had been put under liquidation! We have never received any reimbursement! This rather bad experience left us with no option but to look for a second engagement ring. The proposal was a complete surprise. Jaco comes from a fishing family and one day he nonchalantly ask me to accompany him to the harbour to check something on the family-owned fishing trawler. Shortly after boarding he called me onto the bridge and there was my ring on display on a fishing net. Jaco said "today this trawler has made the most important catch of her life"!

Your invitations?

The ongoing Covid restrictions made this process rather difficult regarding the number of people allowed so sending out invitations had to be left until the very last minute. Some were done in the form of a hand-delivered gift box and prior to those, electronic invitations were sent out. Invitations for inland guests were sent via registered post but this is not recommended since one invitation only reached its destination three months after our wedding took place!



“Goedgeleven has many options for a creative photographer.”

*Venue: Goedgeleven, Durbanville, W Cape – www.goedgeleven.co.za
Wedding gown: Bride & Co
Hair & make-up: Lee-Anne Makeup Artistry
Photography: Elri Photography*

Tell us a little about your chosen venue.

Our venue of choice was Goedgeleven, situated just outside Durbanville. It was the fourth venue that Jaco and I visited. We immediately made the decision that this was where our wedding would take place. It is literally a little oasis situated within the grain fields. With curfew measures still in place, the venue was well situated for most of our guests – even to those who had to travel from the Boland and West Coast regions. The venue was well maintained, unlike some others we visited at the time, which had been moth-balled because of Covid restrictions. Another reason we choose Goedgeleven was because the venue also has a beautiful chapel on the premises. The surroundings are just perfect with a dam, gardens, green grass and trees and many options for a creative photographer.

Happy with your choice?

We were exceptionally pleased with the package Goedgeleven offered, which included the reception venue, chapel, pre-drinks, food, cutlery, décor, waiters and DJ as well as one night's accommodation for the wedding couple.

Did you do any hair trials?

I think a bride's hair is very important and yes, I had one trial prior to the wedding.

Chapel ceremony?

A very special and intimate. All guests present were close family and friends and each and every one of them had played a vital in our upbringing at some stage of our lives. The bride's room is connected to the chapel via a path crossing through the Goedgeleven gardens. At first, I was accompanied by my brother who took me halfway down the path and then my father took over and accompanied me into the chapel.

No entourage?

We chose not to have any bridesmaids or groomsmen.

Number of guests?

Our package deal allowed for a maximum of 80 guests which was sufficient for our needs, and it was also well below the maximum number of guests allowed according the Covid regulations at the time.

Any "oh no" moments?

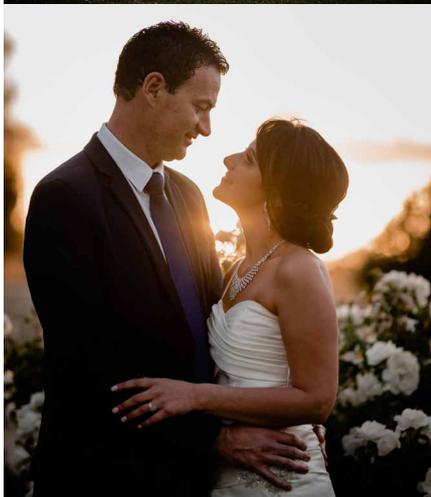
We worked closely with the wedding organiser at Goedgeleven and everything went smoothly.

Did you stick to your budget?

No matter how well we planned, our budget was constrained time and again by hidden costs not conveyed to us beforehand!

Honeymoon?

We only had four days due to work commitments so we spent our honeymoon at a luxury sea front apartment near Gansbaai and the Arniston Hotel & Spa.



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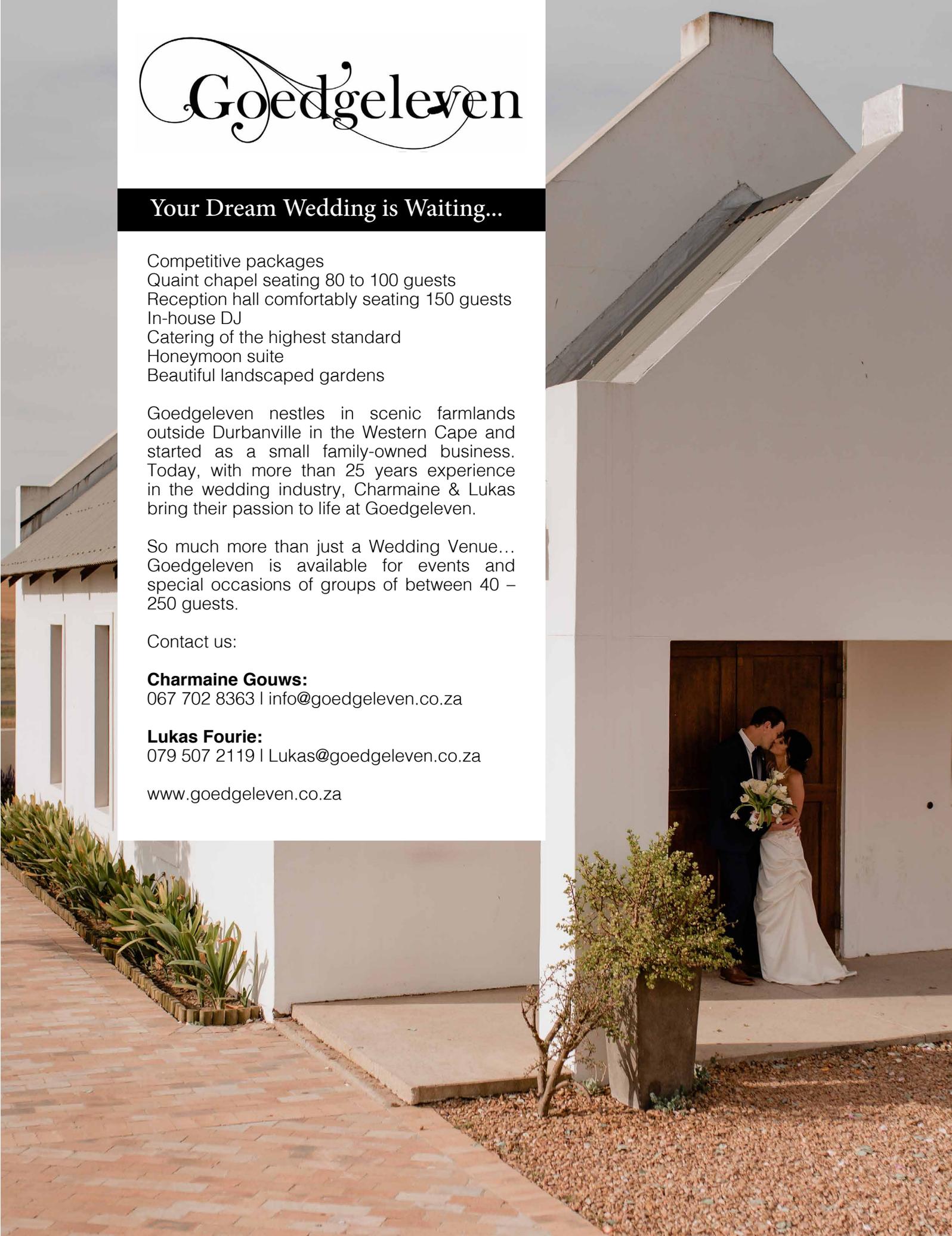
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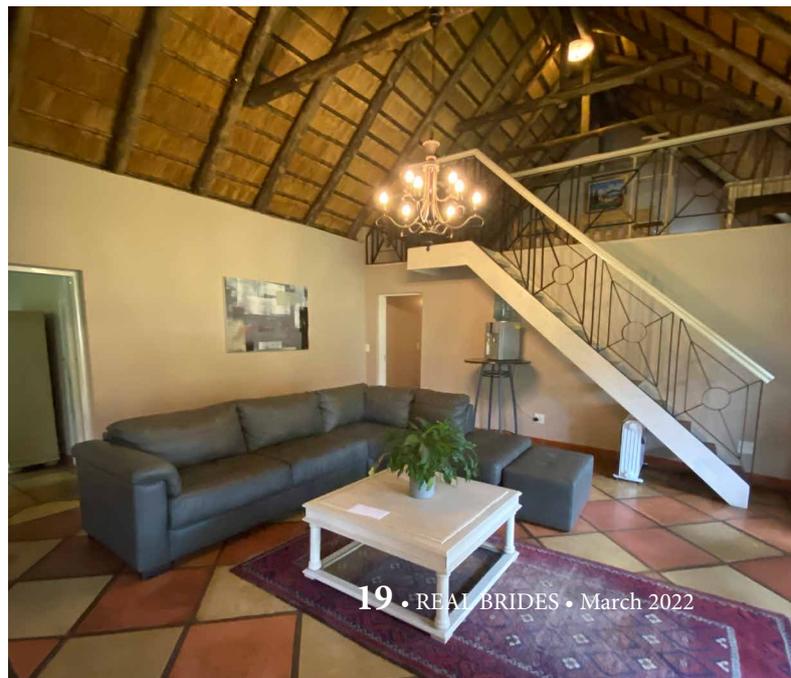
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MEGAN & JOSH WADGE



This couple met on the dating app Bumble and hit it off instantly.

Your first date?

I was divorced; had just returned from Singapore and was ready to start dating again. I set up a string of coffee dates using the Bumble dating App and Josh was the last one. We met at a farmer's market one morning and hit it off instantly. We ended up going to church together later that day and then went out for dinner. So, it ended up being an awesome day-long date.

Your proposal?

Josh proposed to me at Kruger on my birthday on 9 April. He arranged a private early morning game drive and they took us to a beautiful spot where the view overlooking the Kruger Park was truly magnificent. Special day.

Tell us why you chose Dullstroom Country Weddings as your wedding venue?

I'm quite a simple, down-to-earth kind of woman and didn't want to spend a lot of money and we hadn't actually viewed any formal wedding venues at all. Plans for a simple garden wedding at a house fell through and then somebody told us about Nixi's new venture called Dullstroom Country Weddings. We contacted Nixi, saw pictures and liked what we saw. We called her and she said she could do what we wanted to do, so we went ahead and booked without even going there. It was the most beautiful rustic experience.

Spoilt for choice when it came to ceremony spots?

There are many options at Dullstroom Country Weddings and we chose to have our outdoor ceremony under this huge oak tree, where we were totally at one with Nature. No buildings or anything to separate us from the sheer beauty that God created.

How did you choose your wedding photographer?

I wanted to find somebody local in the Dullstroom area and we found Henry O online. He thankfully had a spot open and was so amazing. I actually only got to meet him for the first time as I got out of the car! Henry instantly made us feel comfortable and at ease and was just great.



“Our wedding was a very beautiful, rustic experience.”



Venue: Dullstroom Country Weddings – www.dullstroomcountryweddings.com

Wedding gown: Private off Facebook Market Place

Hair: Kim - friend

Make up: Carly - friend

Flowers: Maliflora, Trudie Everson

Photography: Henry O Photography

Takkies for your photoshoot?

It was really unplanned. I took my heels off and then stubbed and bloodied my toe so decided to put my takkies on because there were lots of rocks. All Stars are my everyday 'go to' shoes anyway!

Your favourite wedding photo?

Difficult to choose a favourite. I really enjoyed the experience – the ones of us in a grove of trees and the one of me with my flowergirl step-daughter Emily are special.

Your dress?

I searched for a pre-loved dress online and found one on Facebook Market Place. I went and tried it on in Rivonia and it was perfect and didn't even need any alterations. I was going for a big Princessy vibe and that's what I got. My dress had a unique flare to it.

Sentimental flower crown?

I'm not that traditional and didn't really need a veil. The flower crown was sentimental as it was the one that my Mom wore at her wedding. I wanted to wear her dress too but it was too small for me! My talented friends Kim and Carly did my hair and make-up respectively.

No bridesmaids?

I opted not to have any bridesmaids but had my besties with me on the day. We had a small wedding with about 30 people and everybody who came kind of formed our entourage. All very informal and chilled, having a picnic and all enjoying each other's company.

Flowergirl?

My step-daughter Emily. Love her so much, she did such a great, confident job. There were a few other children at the wedding too and they had lots of fun.

Your cake?

I wanted a nude look cake but asked the caterer to maybe add a few flowers to it. She added some very bright flowers, which I wasn't really expecting, but it actually looked quite spectacular against the backdrop of the trees.

First dance song?

No first dance but I walked down the aisle to the beautiful song Love Like This by Lauren Daigle.

What did you do about gifts?

We asked for cash, which we put towards an epic honeymoon in Cape Town.

The best advice you could give a bride-to-be?

Relax and take it easy. Don't sweat the small stuff and just go with the flow. Also you must remember to eat – brides tend to forget to eat!





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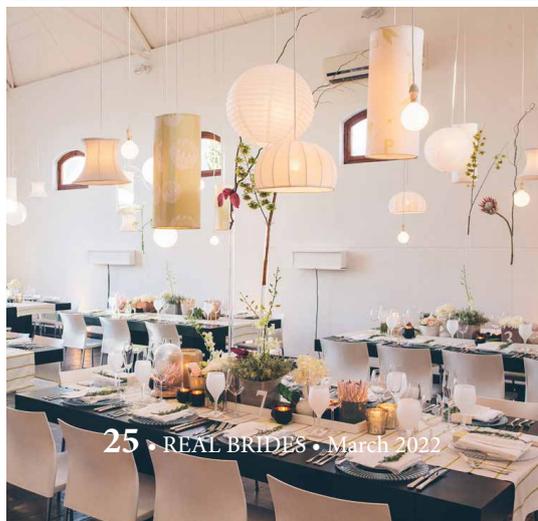
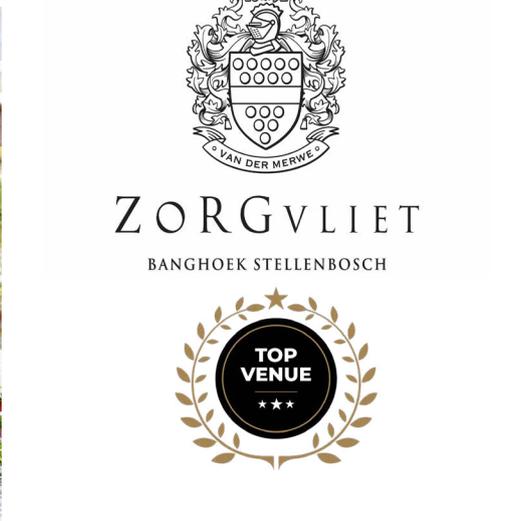
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MELANIE & JACQUES KIRSTEIN



This couple studied Mechanical Engineering together, so it was a matter of time before they bumped into each other and the flame sparked on a beach holiday.

Surprise proposal?

We went to a Lodge and Spa for the weekend. Come Saturday, Jacques took me on a surprise picnic where he had organised some of our favourite memories to be written in notes leading to where the picnic was laid out. The area had bunting, complete with photos of us, my favourite flowers, and a stuffed lion (because I love the Lion King) with a recording asking if I would join him in our own Circle of Life, before asking me the big question himself!

The most difficult part of planning?

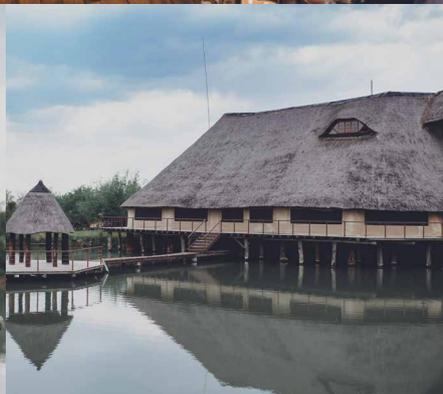
The guest list! Everything revolved around the guest list, from selecting who and who not to invite, to building the seating chart. Having your loved ones feel included and important was a big focus for us. Balancing the desire to include everyone, while also having an intimate wedding was no easy task and took some long and hard discussions. Apparently this is a standard with most weddings!

What made you choose Tsekama?

We went through quite a process to find Tsekama involving magazines, websites, and word of mouth. We narrowed our long list down and physically went to see about 6 venues, which is how we found Tsekama. There were many reasons to go with Tsekama, but high on our lists were the following: a venue where the celebrations aren't abruptly cut short, an outdoor bush feel, and an obvious passion and enjoyment for hosting weddings, which Marinda and team gave us from the start. We can't remember one moment where the venue said no to any of our requests.

Your dress?

Finding something I loved wasn't difficult, but the real trouble came when I had to decide between two favourites. Both dresses were beautiful A-Line dresses with plunging necklines and trains to die for. One dress had cherry blossom lace and the other was a simple and elegant Mikado material.



“Flexibility is a skill we learned to master during Covid!”



*Venue: Tsekama, Modimolle, Limpopo – www.tsekama.co.za
Wedding dress: Pronovias, Malena from Veil Couture
Hair & Make Up: Mooiste Makeup and Hair
Flowers, décor & cake: Tsekama (Marinda & Team)
Photography: Bravo & Thatcher*

Your bridesmaids wore black?

I wanted my bridesmaids to have a dress they'd wear again and be comfy in and what better than a beautiful black dress? My heart was set on black dresses with white Superga sneakers. We chose a style that made them stand out from the guests and an asymmetrical neckline did the trick there.

More guys than girls in your entourage?

Covid was partly to blame for this! We were planning for a 4 girls, 5 guys split but sadly, one of my best friends from England was unable to travel because of the restrictions. Flexibility is a skill we learned to master during Covid!

Interesting wedding favours?

With our initials being "J" and "M", we thought gifting jams as our wedding favours would be a cute quirk. We came across a beer jam and fell in love with it. We did some more digging and discovered that the Dam Fine collection consisted of: plum & red wine; mango & whiskey; naartjie & gin; and strawberry & champagne. We got a great selection for our wedding and Dam Fine helped us custom label the jars.

Simple décor?

We felt like this was a good reflection of the kind of people we pride ourselves on being: humble, but classy and stylish at the same time. Marinda and her Tsekama team understood what we wanted and did an amazing job pitching in with some suggestions that can only come from experience. Added to that, our families put in a massive effort ensuring that little bespoke items/games were also possible.

Named tables?

We wanted to bring our love of the bush into the reception, and thought naming the tables after wildlife would be a great way to do this. It was also an ice-breaker for people who didn't already know one another.

Funniest moment?

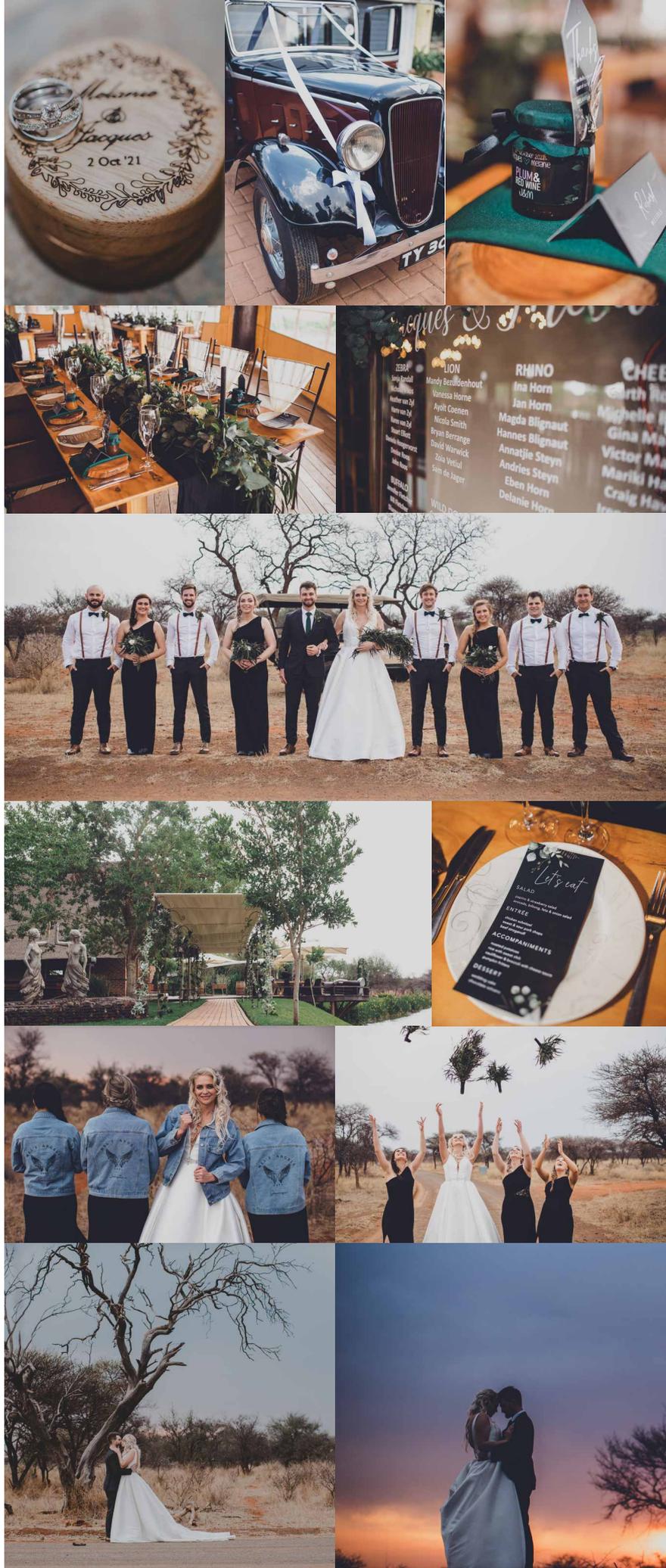
A 14 year-old boy caught the garter not knowing that catching it involved dancing with whoever caught the bouquet who, in this instance, was a young lady in her late 20s. It was most entertaining watching the normally confident young man go red in the face when the lady led him onto the dance floor!

Did you stick to your budget?

With support from our parents, and a little savings of our own, we managed to come in a little under budget. Using a venue like Tsekama meant we didn't have to outsource many additional things that add to costs.

Honeymoon?

One good thing that came out of Covid - amazing holiday specials! We spent two weeks in the Maldives.





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On your wedding day, wake up to the sound of birdsong, relaxed in the knowledge that you are already at your venue and can continue to enjoy the build-up to that magical moment when you walk down the aisle – either in the forest or our quaint country chapel!

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The Paddocks accommodation (approximately 150m from the hall) consists of 6 suites – all with fireplaces – and is ideal for bridesmaids and groomsmen. There are also two lovely rooms alongside The Brewery – in close proximity to the hall.

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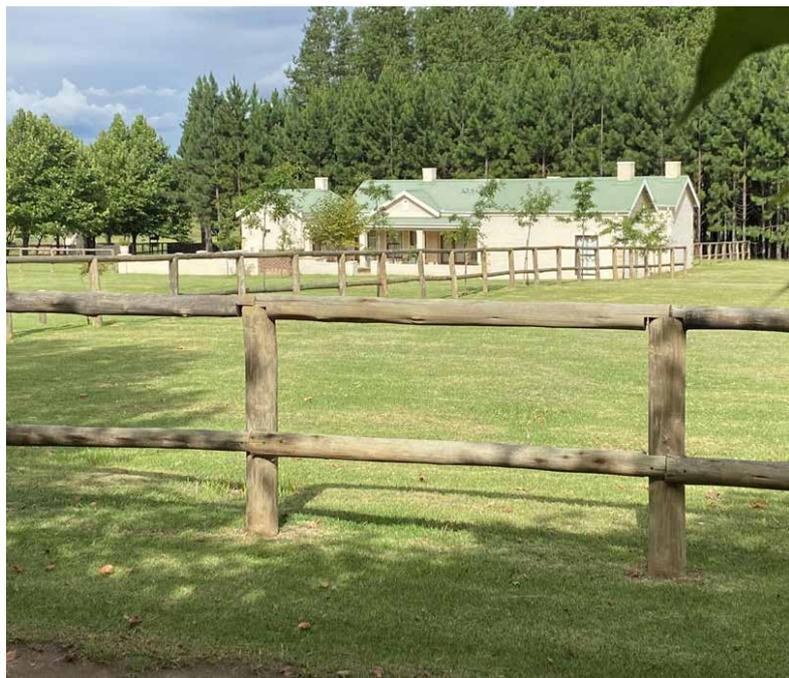
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This couple officially met at church, they started to chat and only left when they started to switch the lights off! The rest is history.

Lovely scenic proposal?

We went to our family farm at Letsitele for the weekend. When we arrived we went to meet my parents on the uitkyk mountain where they had built a new deck. When we got to the top I heard music, which was strange because we were on top of a mountain. I then recognised "our" song - Always, by Isak Danielson. I knew something was coming. Jarik took me by the shoulders and said – it is time. At that moment there was complete silence, as if the mountains already knew my answer!

Did you choose your own ring?

Jarik asked me to send him a few photos of what I liked - rings with brilliant round diamonds with a fine band. But, he already had a diamond from his grandfather, that had been passed through the generations. When I heard it was a triangle shape, I was a bit skeptical, but when I saw it I loved it instantly.

Married on your family farm in Limpopo?

We got married in my parents' garden on our farm in Letsitele, Limpopo. My Mom and her 3 sisters were married there and I was the first grandchild to get married there. I wanted to organise my own wedding, with the help of my second coordinator, my Mom! I studied Events Planning and used a lot of what I had learnt to make my dream become a reality. The reception was in a huge marquee in our garden and everyone helped. It was such fun. We started on the Tuesday and transformed the garden into a wedding venue. The most work was the physical work, the setup of the ceremony in the orange orchard, hanging 32 lights above the dance floor, the construction of two bar setups etc. We had two coordinators on the day, Engela and Bernadette – they were amazing and super organised.



“We had flowers for Africa in bold and bright colours!”



*Home venue: Die Vlakte Farm, Letsitele
Dress: Vonve Bridal Couture
Hair: Azar Salon, Letsitele
Make up: Jana Pohl
Décor hire: Dougs Hiring, Nelspruit
Flower arrangements: Melinda van Zyl & team
Photographer: Migly Fine*

Your dream dress?

My Mom, sister and I visited four dress shops one weekend. I had an idea what I wanted but when I started to fit dresses my ideas changed. At the third shop, we thought we had the dress. It was beautiful but needed a few changes. When we entered the fourth shop the consultant greeted me by name and her first words were; I have your dress! I was a bit over everything by then! On the hanger it didn't look like something I'd wear, but when I tried it on we all started crying! It was beautiful

Bridesmaids?

I had seven bridesmaids! My theme was bold and bright with a touch of elegance and I wanted them to fit into the theme. Big puffy sleeves were something out of the ordinary!

Outdoor wedding ceremony?

The ceremony was held between the orange trees just outside our garden. We put up a tent and made a walkway between the orange trees, it was so special to enter the ceremony with my Dad walking through the orange orchards I grew up around.

Gorgeous flowers!

I adore flowers! I wanted something to be remembered by our guests, and that was the flowers! We had flowers for AFRICA in bold and bright colours! We got them directly from the Multiflora Flower Market in Johannesburg.

How many guests?

260

Your wedding day was very hot?

It was extremely hot – like 38 degrees! We knew it was going to be super-hot so we made plans - shade in the garden, cold napkins to keep the guests refreshed and after the speeches we put out huge industrial fans on the dancefloor.

First dance song?

So lank sal ek jou liefhe, by Jay - our first song together when we started dating. We also chose it because we love to sokkie together!

Tips for a home wedding?

You need to be really organised. Source hire items from one supplier and support local. Check the weather and have back ups. Do not let guests enter your house, it can get chaotic.

Honeymoon?

We had a great time in the Cape. Grootbos was especially amazing!



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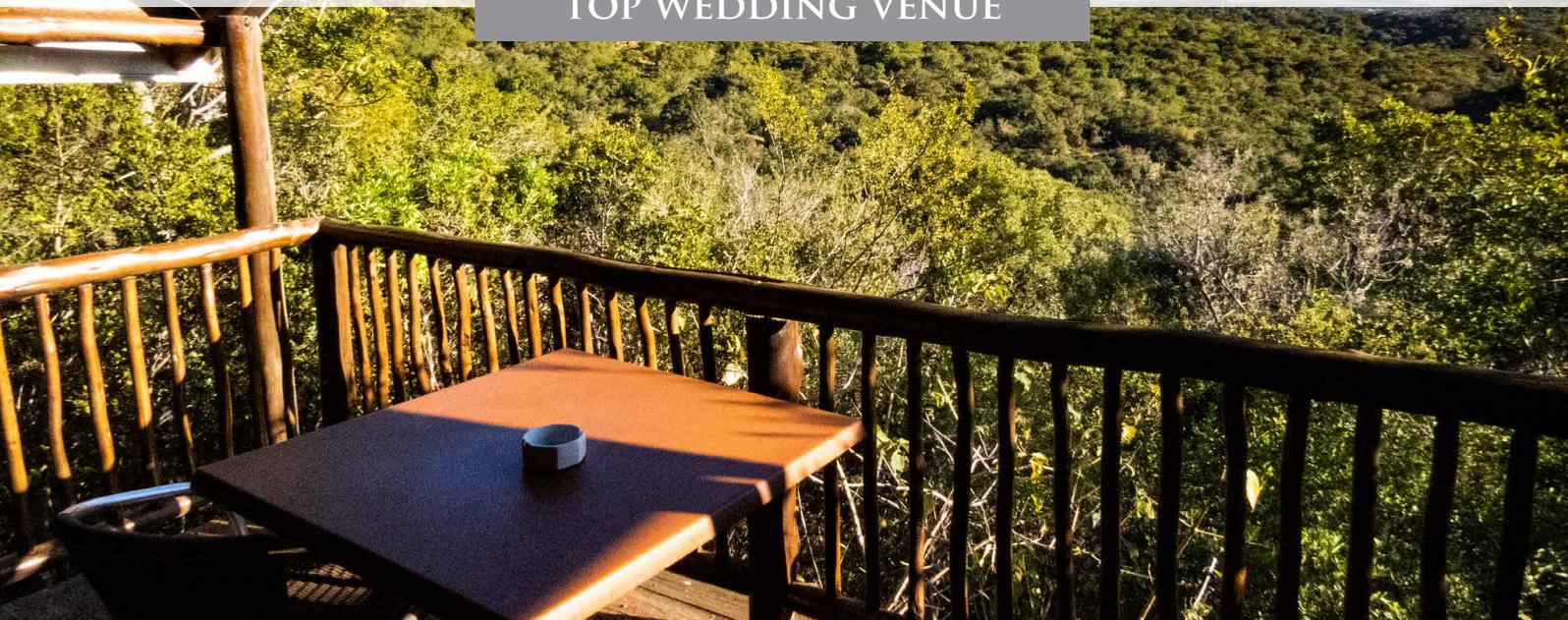
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You will dance your way into a new life together as music and laughter echo into the starry skies.

On walking into the thatched Emthombeni, you are welcomed and become one with the enchanting gardens when the big sliding glass doors are opened.

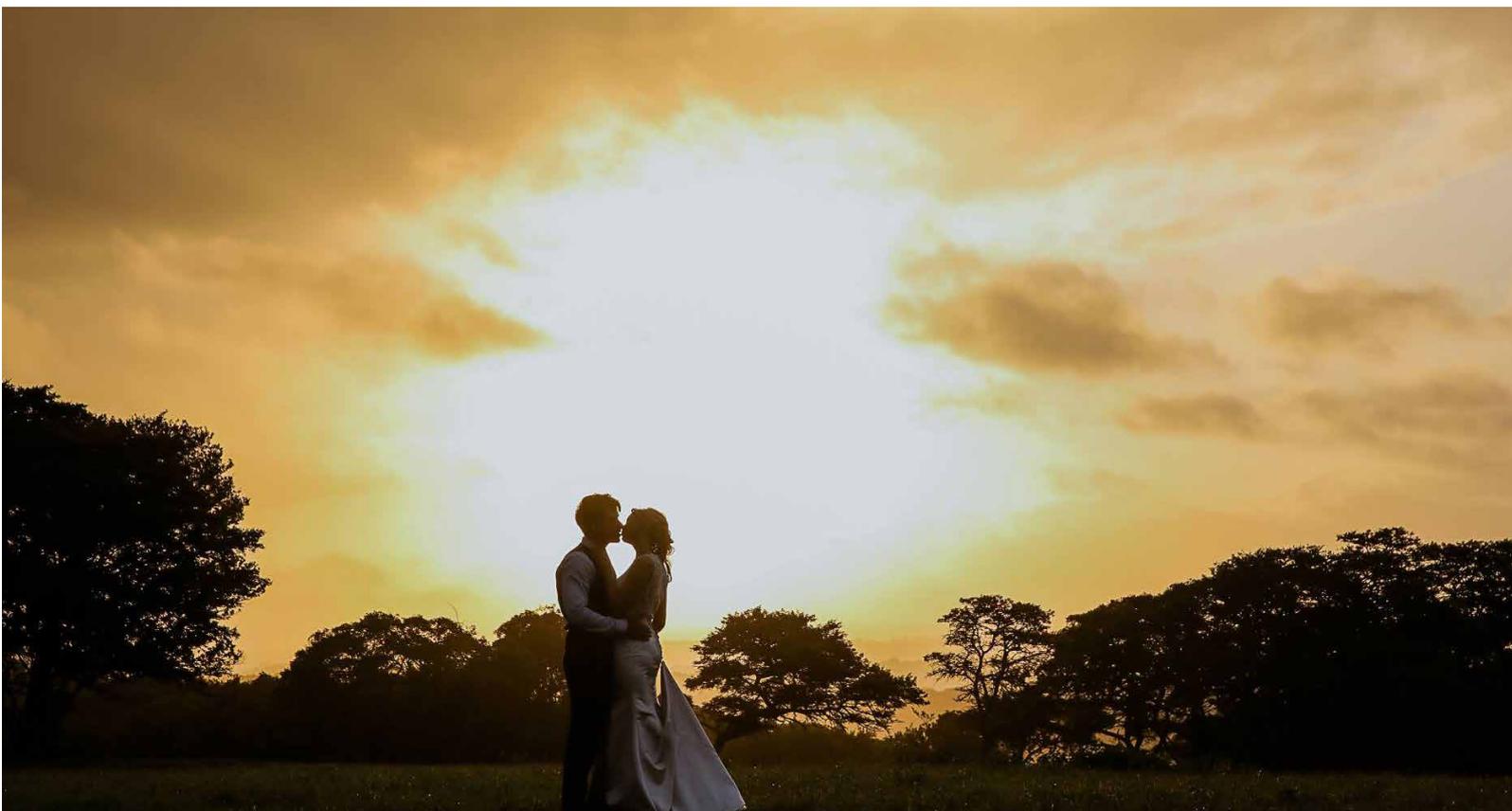
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- Valley Camp Tented Accommodation:
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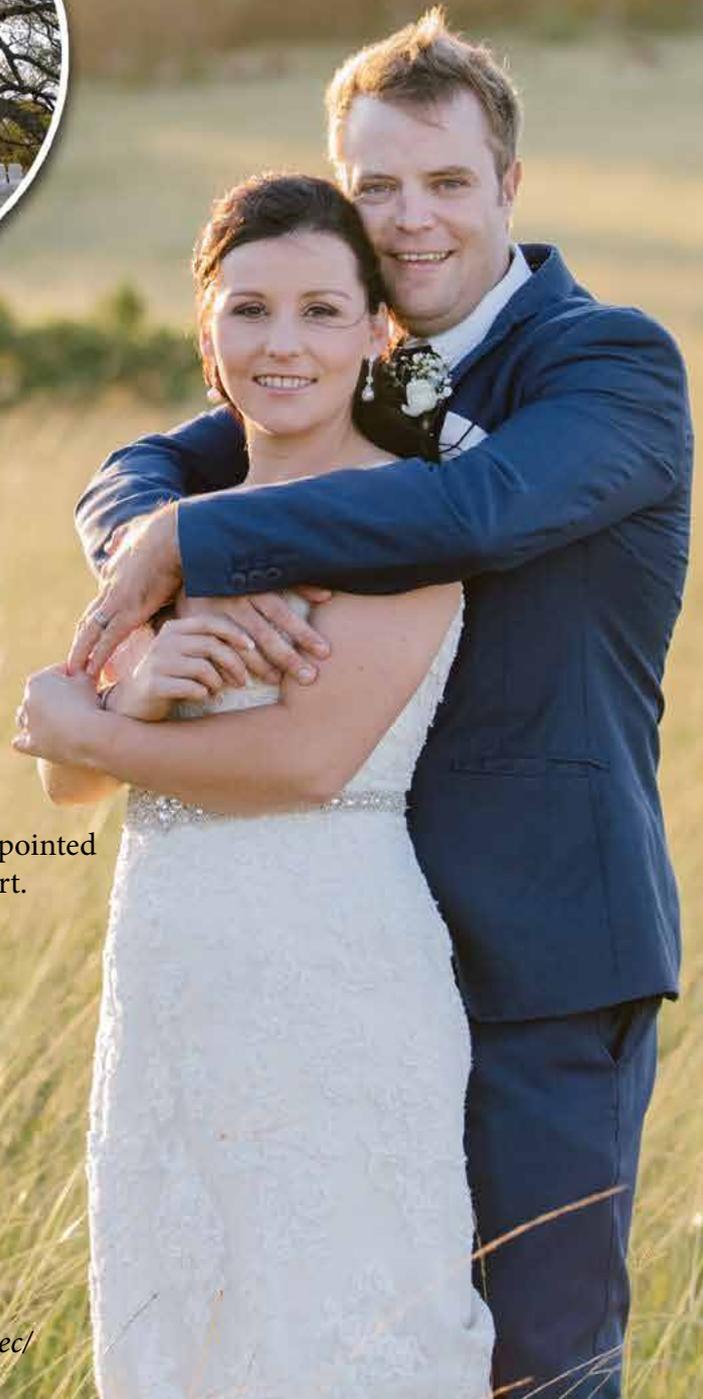
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For those of you who don't believe in spotting the love of your life at first sight then this bride may have just proved you completely wrong! There is such a thing!

How did you and Juan meet and how long did you date before getting engaged?

We first met at a vibey restaurant I frequented in the Northern Suburbs and we dated for 8 months before getting engaged. When I met Juan, I knew instantly that he was the one for me. I now fully understand the saying, "When you know, you know."

So, was your proposal a big surprise or not?

Yes, the actual timing of the proposal was a surprise but, it was not unexpected, I knew it was coming. Juan proposed to me in the underwater tunnel at the Aquarium, which is one of our favourite places! But, we had already discussed marriage and had even been ring shopping to eliminate any uncertainties.

You actually designed and made your own wedding dress?

I am a Fashion Designer by trade and have recently started designing wedding dresses. I therefore decided to design and make my own wedding dress, which was exciting. I also designed and made my bridesmaid dresses as well. I chose an A line style dress with a lovely soft tulle. I finished the dress off with small 3D flowers, which were hand sewn all over the dress. I also decided on a bridal cape instead of having a veil. The cape clipped onto the shoulder straps of my dress so it was easy to put on and to take off. I went this route because I also didn't want to hide the bejewelled hair vine accessory that I wore for my half up-half down wedding hairstyle.

Flower crowns for bridesmaids instead of bouquets?

I chose flower crowns for my bridesmaids to bring through the boho rustic theme and they scattered white petals to create a petal "path" toward the entrance of the seated guests.

How did you choose your bridesmaids and groomsmen?

We had two of each. My older sister and my best friend stood by my side as my bridesmaids and my husband, chose his cousin and his closest friend as his groomsmen.



“I decided to design and make my own wedding dress.”



*Venue: Melkbos Function Venue
Wedding gown: Kelly Van Der Westhuizen
Hair: Ilana Geldenhuys Makeup, beauty and hairstyling
Make up: Beautify by Lindsey
Décor: Melkbos décor
Photography: Elri Photography*

How many venues did you consider and actually view?

I researched approximately 10 venues and the first venue I viewed was the perfect setting so we didn't want to look any further than that one. It was just perfect for us and it also fitted our budget, which was also obviously important.

Did the pandemic interfere with any of your plans?

We started with a larger guest list but knew that another Covid lockdown restriction could become a real possibility, so unfortunately we had to shorten our guest list as we didn't want to let anyone down. Luckily, the curfew was extended to midnight a few weeks before our wedding, which meant we could all enjoy the evening for a bit longer and not have to rush off to get everybody home in good time.

How many guests?

We had 52 guests.

You kept your reception décor simple?

Yes, I think simple = elegance. I went with Penny gum arrangements as table runners with glass crockery settings and gold cutlery and we used Pampas Grass in place of flowers, in keeping with our "Boho meets Rustic" theme.

Did the wall of donuts go down well?

Yes, we think so! We wanted a small cake for cutting on the night however we thought it would be easier and a bit more exciting for guests to help themselves to coffee and a choice of delicious donuts. An added benefit was obviously the cost saving as wedding cakes tend to be very expensive these days.

What cost a lot more than you thought it would?

The décor! The venue itself and especially, the outside, is beautiful however I had a very specific idea of how I wanted the inside to look so ended up needing more décor.

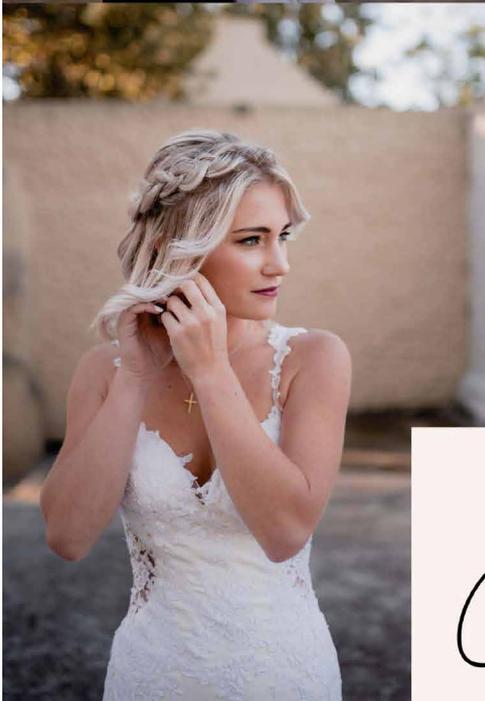
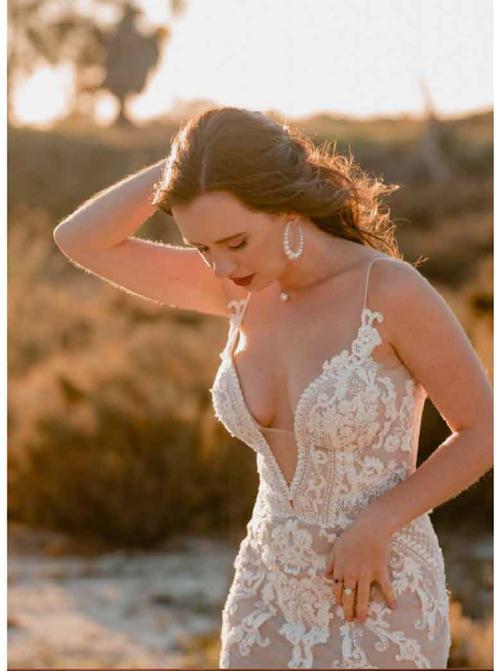
Dance lessons?

No, we didn't attend any dance lessons, we just went with it on the night and it was fine! Our first dance song was "As the world caves in" by Alexander Stewart.

Honeymoon?

We have decided to postpone our honeymoon until next year to focus on work and wait for the world to settle after all the Covid disruptions.





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Situated in the heart of the KwaZulu Natal Midlands, Brahman Hills is a destination of choice for weddings, conferences, holistic experiences and romantic country escapes.

Offering accommodation in both hotel rooms and self-catering cottages in the Blue Crane Nature Reserve; with extensive facilities open to the public; including a world class Spa by Healing Earth, two amazing restaurants, an underground wine cellar and bar.

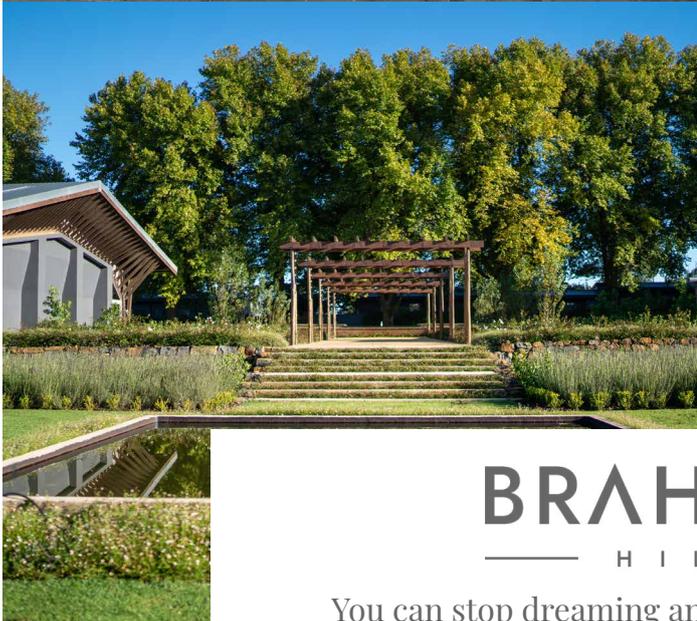
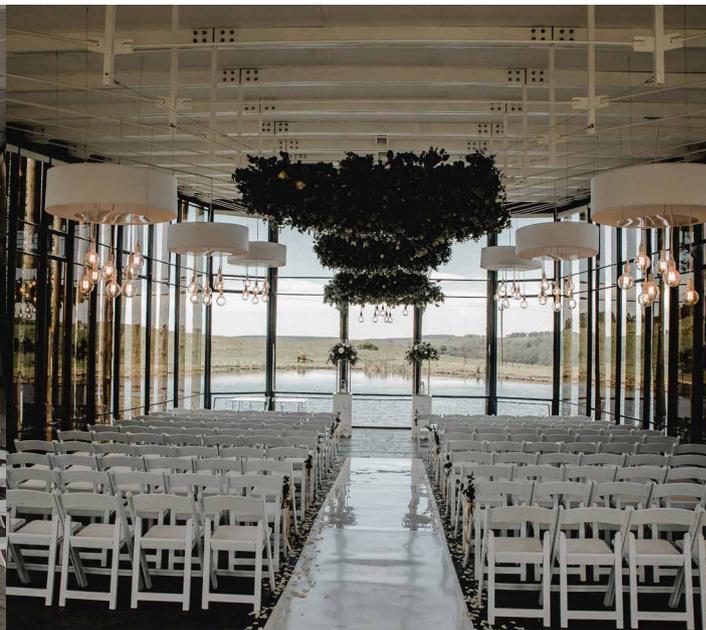
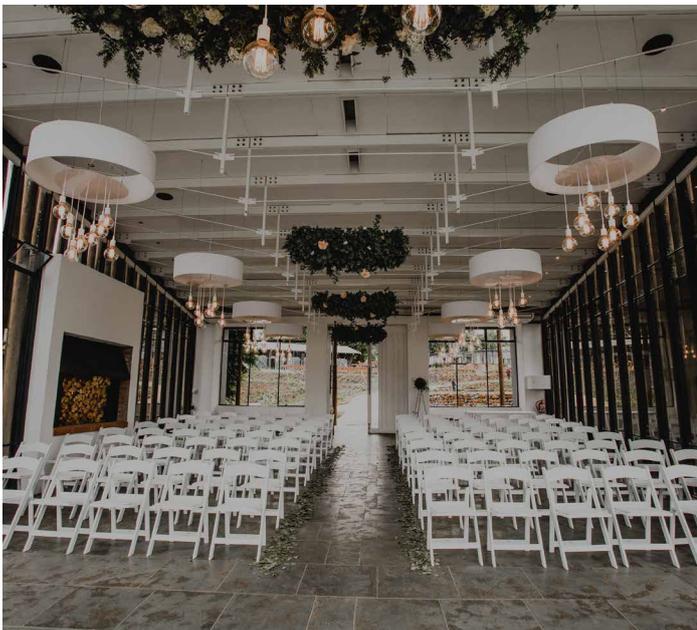
Two uniquely situated chapels, with additional eventing spaces seating up to 400 people; create a beautiful setting for an elegant countryside celebration. Brahman Hills is ready to make your event a magical and memorable experience.

Magnificent gardens that are the source of our very own herbs, fruits and vegetables; farm to table, local and fresh. This is the strong ethos behind our great food.

Relax and rejuvenate at the Spa by Healing Earth at Brahman Hills, where everything is ready for you; just the way you like it. Conclude off your day package experience with a glass of bubbly at the indoor heated pool overlooking the glorious rolling hills of the Blue Crane Nature Reserve.

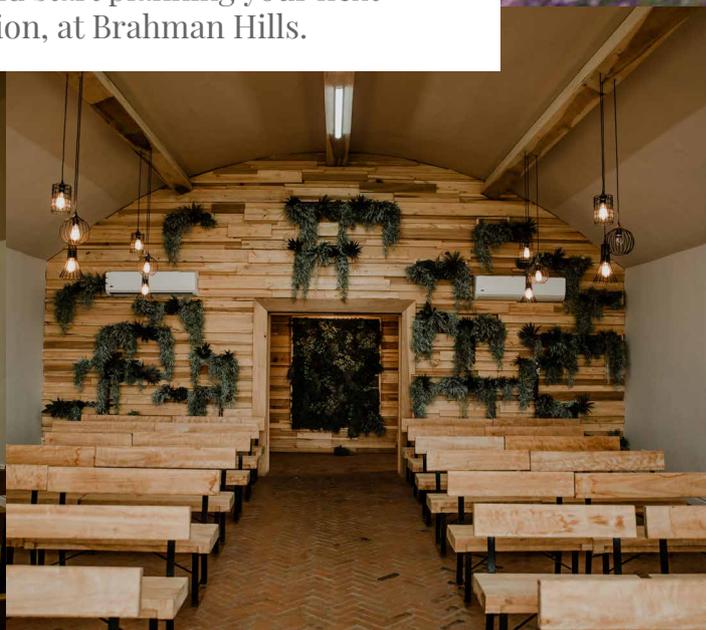
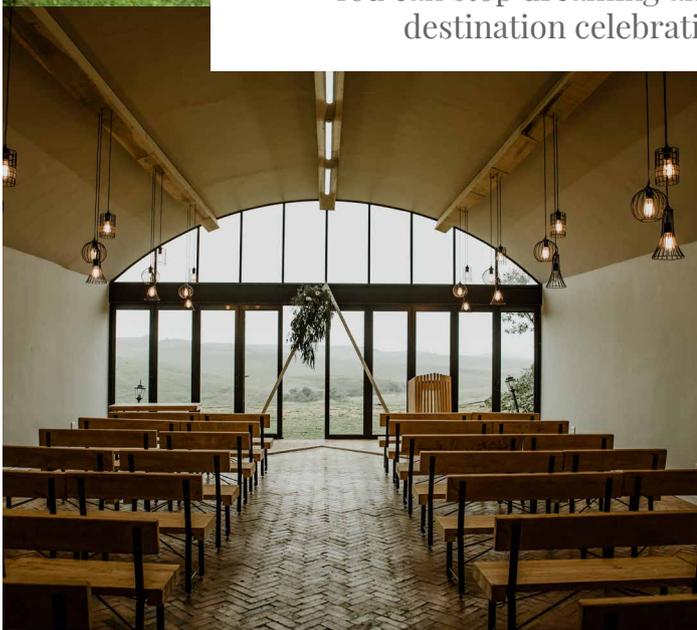


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You can stop dreaming and start planning your next destination celebration, at Brahman Hills.



Our accommodation options include:

- 20 x standard hotel rooms
- 10 x deluxe garden rooms

Blue Crane Nature reserve cottages

- 3 x one bedroom cottages
- 2 x two bedroom cottages
- 5 x three bedroom cottages
- 2 x four bedroom cottages

Springholm Cottages – 4km from Brahman Hills on a gravel road

- 1 x Honeymoon Suite
- 3 x Waterfront 4-sleeper cottages
- 3 x Stone 6-sleeper cottages
- 1 x Double Room
- 3 x Standard Rooms



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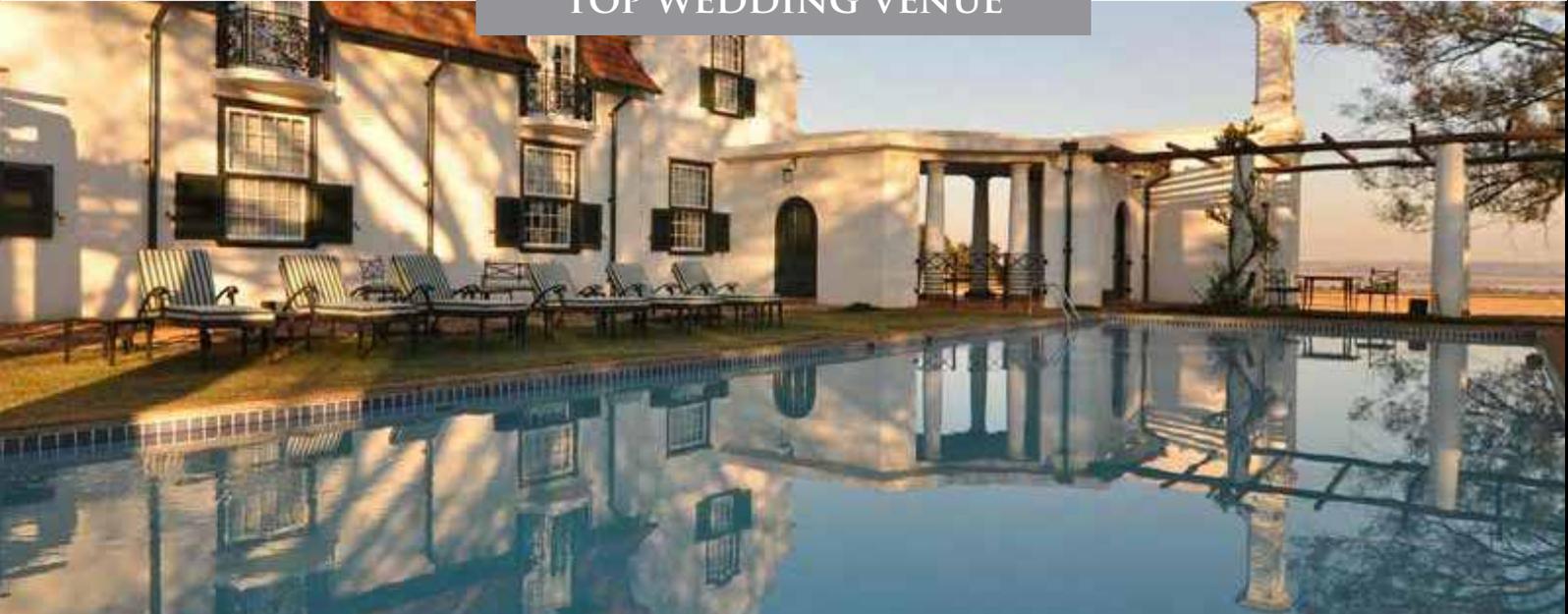
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WELGELEGEN MANOR

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MAKE YOUR WEDDING DAY UNFORGETTABLE

Your big day deserves nothing less than to be as perfect as possible, and that is a promise at WELGELEGEN MANOR - in classic English residential style.

Named the Land of Abundance, Balfour is located south east of Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve, just off the R23 that leaves the N3 north of Heidelberg and heads into the province of Mpumalanga. Balfour nestles in a region given over mostly to farms, game farms and bushveld.

It is called Cosmos Country because it is this area that annually explodes with varying pink and white cosmos flowers during autumn, a breath-taking sight for any visitor.

Although our facilities at Welgelegen Manor are best suited for smaller groups, we work hard to make sure this special occasion takes off stress-free, and has the class and luxury elements we pride ourselves on.

We further offer professional, flexible and personalised wedding and function services. Be it a small intimate and romantic weddings to larger special birthday or anniversary, we are here to assist you in create a truly unusual and memorable experience just a short drive from Johannesburg.

The extensive gardens and Manor house are perfect for signature weddings or small intimate celebrations as a wedding venue near Johannesburg. This ideal setting accompanied by our exquisite rooms, superb service and exceptional food will make your special wedding simply unforgettable.

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Welgelegen Manor is equally a perfect wedding venue option near Johannesburg, or as a romantic honeymoon choice for couples looking to make their new beginnings extra special.

The four suites in the manor house are exceptionally large and overlook the pool and side rose garden whilst the four suites in the carriage houses offer two twin suites on the upper level and two garden suites with entrances to the inner rose courtyard.

All of our luxury accommodation options at the Manor stay true to Welgelegen Manor's classic English residential style. The eight suites fuse contemporary comfort with the timeless glamour and heritage associated with this historical property.

Hand-in-hand with the luxury of your rooms and facilities, the extraordinary dining at Welgelegen Manor is an experience on its own. Welgelegen Manor's resident chefs ensure luxury dining experiences during your stay.

Whether it's a picnic in a secluded spot on the estate or gardens, a lavish celebration dinner in the private dining room, or dinner a deux in your suite, our passionate staff will ensure your meal is a special experience.

After your gourmet dining experience and a day spent exploring the beautiful sights and scenery the Manor has to offer, we welcome you into your classic, elegantly perfected accommodation for the night. All of our luxury accommodation options at the Manor stay true to Welgelegen Manor's classic English residential style.



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The bathrooms are welcoming and spacious, offering a unique combination of style and function. The four suites in the manor house are exceptionally large and overlook the pool and side rose garden whilst the four suites in the carriage houses offer two twin suites on the upper level and two garden suites with entrances to the inner rose courtyard.

The Carriage House Suites (Luxury Suites), the twin suites on the upper level of the Manor House, offer beautiful views of the grounds. These rooms accommodate either single beds or a king size bed, and all rooms have en-suite bathrooms.

The Deluxe Garden Suites have the advantage of an entrance to the inner herb courtyard. These rooms have a king size bed for those needing some time out and relaxation.

The Manor House Suites (Superior Suites) offer exceptional grace and comfort with views over the landscaped terraces, pool or rose gardens. The bathrooms are welcoming and spacious, offering a unique combination of style and function.

Contact us today for more information on booking your escape, your wedding and conferencing facilities, or about our current specials and packages. We will tell you how we can help you create the perfect day – we promise to give all our attention to every detail, and that we will sure that the day goes as smoothly as possible.

Our friendly family of staff at Welgelegen Manor are happy to keep in touch before your arrival to ensure every detail of your wedding or getaway is met and perfected.

Welgelegen Manor is situated 30km south of Heidelberg, Gauteng. Please see our map for more information on the best possible routes from your side of the country, or contact us directly for assistance.



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