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In planning your wedding one of the most important decisions is the choice of your venue.

Your choice of venue will help you determine a multitude of important factors such as a theme, number of guests, decor, food and drink and accommodation requirements.

NOTE: In this issue you will find

- full overview of the above venues
- A link to a virtual tour of the venues

But it may also decide if your wedding is featured in Real Brides

So if you want to add to the memories of your big day by having your wedding featured in Real Brides then look no further than the list of venues above for your big day.

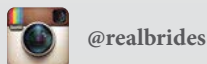
A list of the country's Top Wedding Venues have entered into associate agreements with Real Brides to feature their brides in Real Brides

The result is that if you choose any of the venues below for your wedding then your wedding will be considered for featuring in Real Brides



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An ante-nuptial contract is a hugely important document in the life of a married couple and deserves careful attention

An ante-nuptial contract ("ANC") is an agreement between two partners that intend to get married and sets out the financial consequences of the upcoming marriage. It is a critically important document to get right.

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ANASTASIA AND BRANDON



Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Forever!

Tell us about how he proposed?

It was a cute intimate proposal at my mother in laws home.

2 years ago, on my birthday - 17 January 2021 I was told we would be going for a photoshoot so I should dress up for the occasion (I was already suspicious as my husband hates taking photos).

When we arrived at the house I was told to go upstairs and to put on a blindfold.

My mother-in-law then walked me down the stairs and out to the pool area where I took off the blindfold and there he was on one knee, there were roses and balloons everywhere. It was lovely to have both of our families there to witness this special moment.

Tell us about why you chose your venue?

Initially I was looking for a venue that would accommodate a small wedding of 50-60 guests, as many venues can only accommodate weddings of 80 people and above.

Another important factor was that it would be central for all our guests (as they were coming from all around Gauteng) and that they could drive home if they chose not to stay the night.

My mom had sent me a few venue options, with Pheasant Hill being one of them, it ended up being the first and only venue I viewed.

I visited Pheasant Hill in October 2021, and I knew it would be our wedding venue straight away. Their beautiful gardens with the brightest and most colourful flowers definitely helped me make my decision.

We met with Pieter who showed us around, we then booked our wedding day for the 29th of October 2022 that same day.

The flowers, food, decor, and the DJ was all supplied by Pheasant Hill which was another reason why it was a no brainer to go with this exquisite French style venue, not having to deal with many different vendors really made my life much easier in the planning process as well as on the day.



“Overall, our Pheasant Hill experience was an incredible one”



*Flowers, decor food & DJ: Pheasant Hill.
Photography & videography: Heidimari photography
Photo booth: Selfie cube
Hair: Lindeza hair and beauty
Makeup: makeup by Teagan*

I see that they have now built an amphitheatre behind the chapel, which was done about a month after our wedding, I think we should have a redo of the wedding just to have that in our photos! It is absolutely stunning.

Overall, our Pheasant Hill experience was an incredible one, the food was delicious, and the hospitality was world class. We look forward to going back there in the future for our wedding anniversary celebrations.

How did the planning go and how long did it take?

The planning started around 6 months before the wedding, I met with Pieter and for a few hours we discussed absolutely every detail of the wedding day from food to flowers and decor. I was quite prepared with ideas and photos of how I wanted the day to look. The months after that we kept in touch to make sure that all was on track until we met again about a week before the big day.

It was smooth sailing from there, Pieter knew exactly what I wanted and brought my vision to life on the day.

I was utterly surprised that absolutely everything went according to plan on the day as everyone told me prior that there will always be something that doesn't go as planned.

What do you both like doing for Valentine's day?

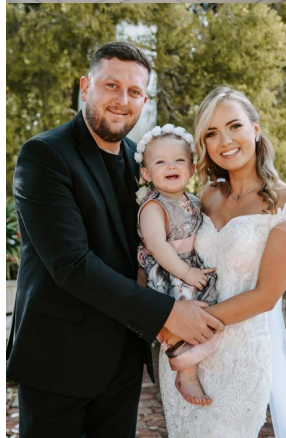
On Valentine's Day we usually go out for dinner, we keep it low key as everyday should be Valentine's Day when you are with the right person, but a nice dinner and a chance to dress up doesn't hurt.

Who were your photographers?

Our photography and videography were done by the lovely Heidi and Terrence from Heidimari Photography.

Did you go on honeymoon and where?

We have not gone on honeymoon yet due to work commitments, but we will be going to the Maldives in April.





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Pheasant Hill Wedding venue and Boutique hotel is situated just outside Irene close to the R21 and Irene Village Mall. This charmingly elegant gem is conveniently near Pretoria, Irene, Centurion and Pretoria East and next to the Rietvlei dam and Nature reserve.

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JANCO THOMPSON

DANÉ MC IVOR-THOMPSON



Meant to be

Tell us how he proposed?

I kind of suspected something when Janco told me one morning that we are going away for the weekend. I immediately started smiling. We went to Whispering pines and that Saturday afternoon with a lovely picnic, he asked for my hand. Shame he was so eager that he popped the question while the place was still setting the picnic up.

How did you choose your venue?

One December afternoon my husband and I went to the driving range outside Collisheen, he lives for golf. While he was hitting golf balls I started looking around and saw Collisheen. We both thought that it is a beautiful place to have a wedding. My aunts, uncle and brother went to look at the venue in January, seeing as we stay in Mpumalanga, and just with the videos we both fell in love. We chose it because of the big open "stoep" for the reception and the chapel which has a stunning window looking out at all the greenery. Everything is on the same grounds and it makes for a lovely intimate wedding. We also heard from other people that the food was outstanding, which was a huge positive.

Who helped with all the planning?

My aunt, Janco and I planned the wedding together. She was so well organized and made sure that we were keeping on track with the schedule. She was our rock during the whole time, without her, we wouldn't have had the least stressful day of our lives. My bridesmaid were so shocked to see how calm I was on the day of the wedding and it was all thanks to my aunt.

What do you like to do for Valentine's day?

We love getting take out and sitting on the floor eating the food by our coffee table with our favorite series of movie playing.

Who were your photographers?

Rebecca Rottcher was our photographer. She is outstanding, so calm and easy to connect with. We had the most fun during our photos because she made us feel comfortable and at ease.

Did you go on honeymoon?

We went to Knysna and Plettenberg baai. It was our first time there. It is beautiful there and would definitely go back there.



*“We both thought that it
is a beautiful place to have a
wedding.”*



*Decor and flowers : Penny Trytsman - For The Table
Cake: Candy Bowers - She Bakes
DJ: Anthony Fox - I do music KZN
Hair and Makeup: Candice Matthee - Blush Makeup
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You are welcome to set up on the grassy terraces in front of The Venue, where you will have a sea view with waves rolling in and out as you say your vows – Chairs will need to be hired for your own account.

Alternatively, St Peter's is a quaint church situated in Kei Mouth, 15 km's from Morgan Bay and accessible by tar road. The church seats up to 100 guests.

The other option is the Milkwood Spa Terrace, which is available for intimate weddings of less than 80. The hiring of this space is dependent on how busy the spa is for the day.

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The Hotel dining room is renowned for its lavish 4-course dinner. The menu is created dependent on what is in season and we recommend that you dine with us the night before or after your event to savour the experience.

Alternatively, 'The Deck' restaurant and bar is open and serves an a la carte menu from 17h00 – 20h00 hrs. We can offer guests platters of Pizzas from our oven on the outside deck if you prefer something very casual.

For yourselves and guests staying in the hotel, breakfast is included in your accommodation tariff. External guests are welcome to join you for breakfast on any morning. We offer a full English breakfast in the hotel dining room. Bookings will need to be placed at the reception the night before.

We offer a fully licensed bar and supply all liquor for the servicing of your event and can accommodate your budget accordingly.

You are welcome to set a budget for your event and we will keep you posted on the consumption, you can then top up on this or run into a cash bar service.

We offer a cash bar service for your event over and above the bubbly and wine which is a popular choice amongst couples.

You are welcome to bring in your own MCC or Sparkling wine, corkage will be charged at R35.00 per bottle.

We have a custom selection of wines to celebrate your evening with, which you can choose from our wine list attached. We do not allow any other beverages to be brought onto the premises due to our restrictions of the license.

The hotel boasts 40 rooms en-suite with all hotel amenities. Please advise if you wish to book rooms for just yourselves, your wedding party or extended family and friends. We will offer favourable rates on group bookings.

Not only will your day end off with joy, love and happiness, but also a complimentary romantic full sea facing room will be part of your experience with a few gifts to celebrate your special day a little further.



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We have a surround sound system installed in our ceiling which allows for background music, but does not have a high volume capacity. We can recommend a few local DJs; alternatively you are welcome to bring in your own DJ.

The property has some breathtaking locations where you can have your photographs taken on your special day or gathering. A beach setting, to beautiful gardens with Kranses.

We can recommend a few great photographers to capture those moments.

There are several local artisans, who create wedding cakes and cakes for special occasions, please contact them directly from our recommendations below.

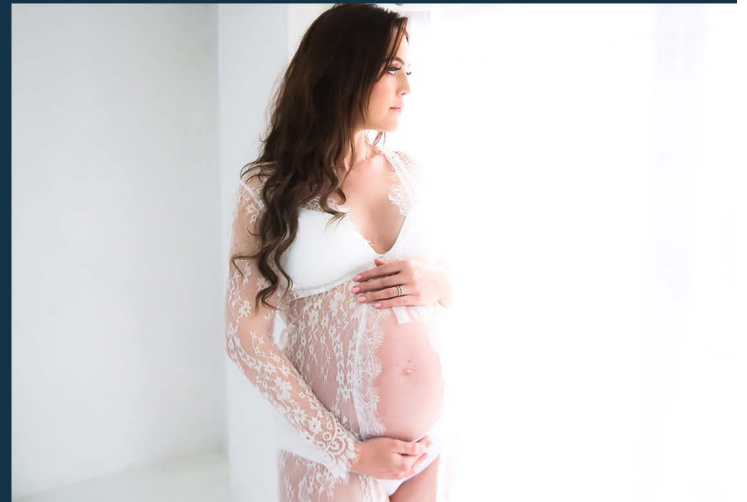
If you would like your cake to be served to your guests on the day, please let us know and we will gladly assist in portioning and serving this after the ceremony of the cutting. I also have an antique silver knife that you are most welcome to use.

Babysitters can be arranged to look after the younger generation. There is a TV and DVD player in the upstairs lounge that can be utilized, however this is under supervision.

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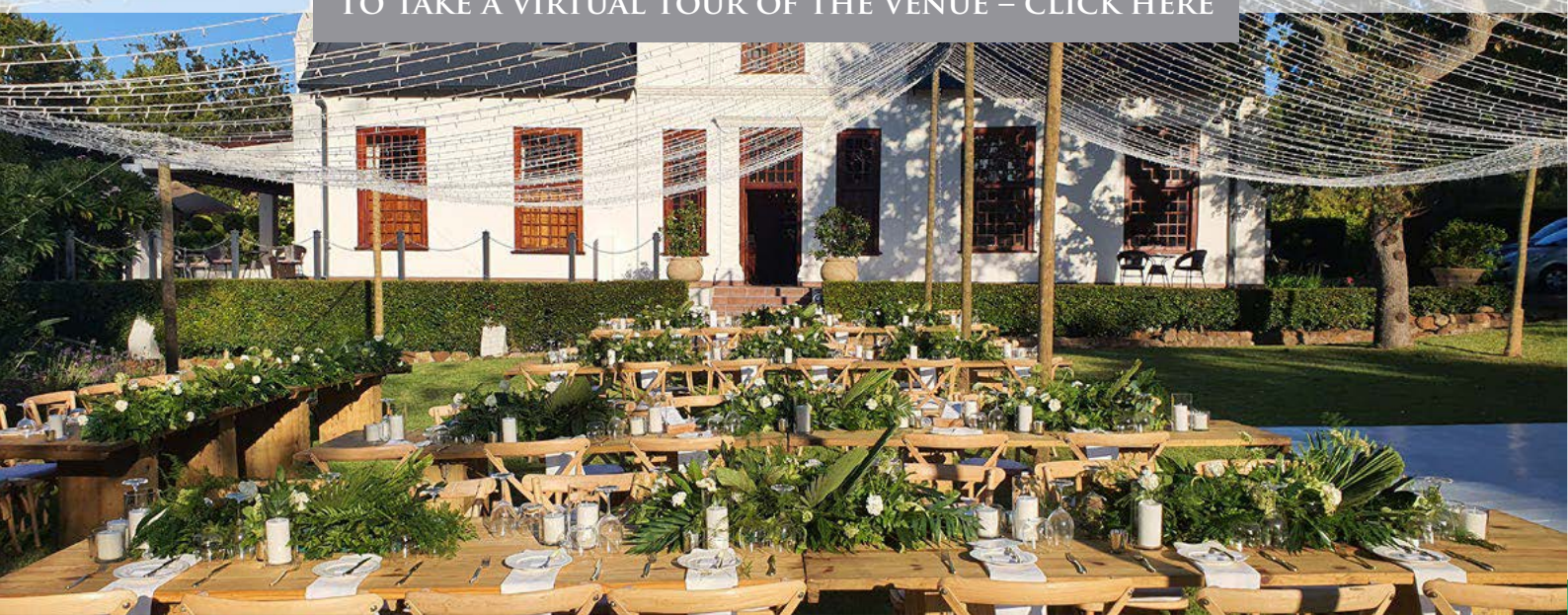




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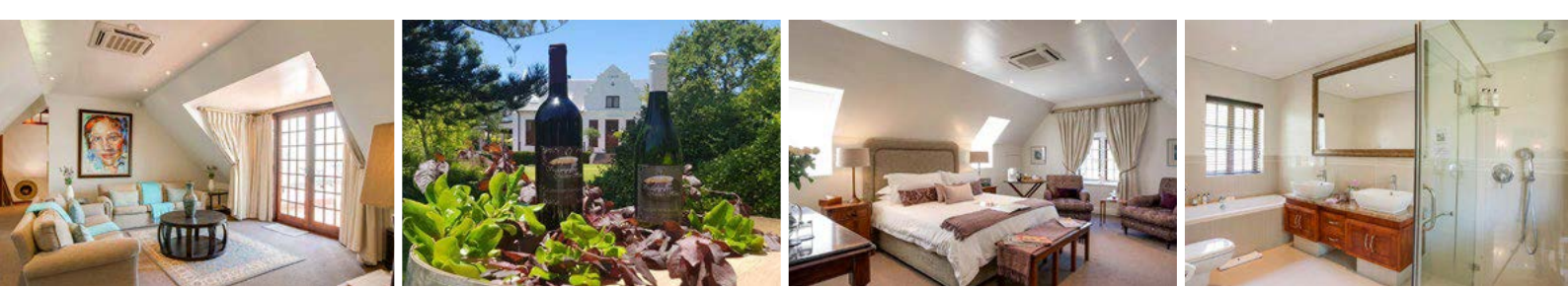
At Vredenburg you can have a true Cape-Dutch styled wedding on a spectacular 17th century estate, in the heart of the Winelands, surrounded by lush gardens and breathtakingly beautiful mountains. This beautiful, tranquil location is bound to turn any wedding into what dreams are made of. The carefully manicured gardens are big enough to cater for an intimate gathering or a large party up to 250 people. Carefully manicured gardens, flowing lawns and massive oak trees provide the perfect back drop for a picturesque garden

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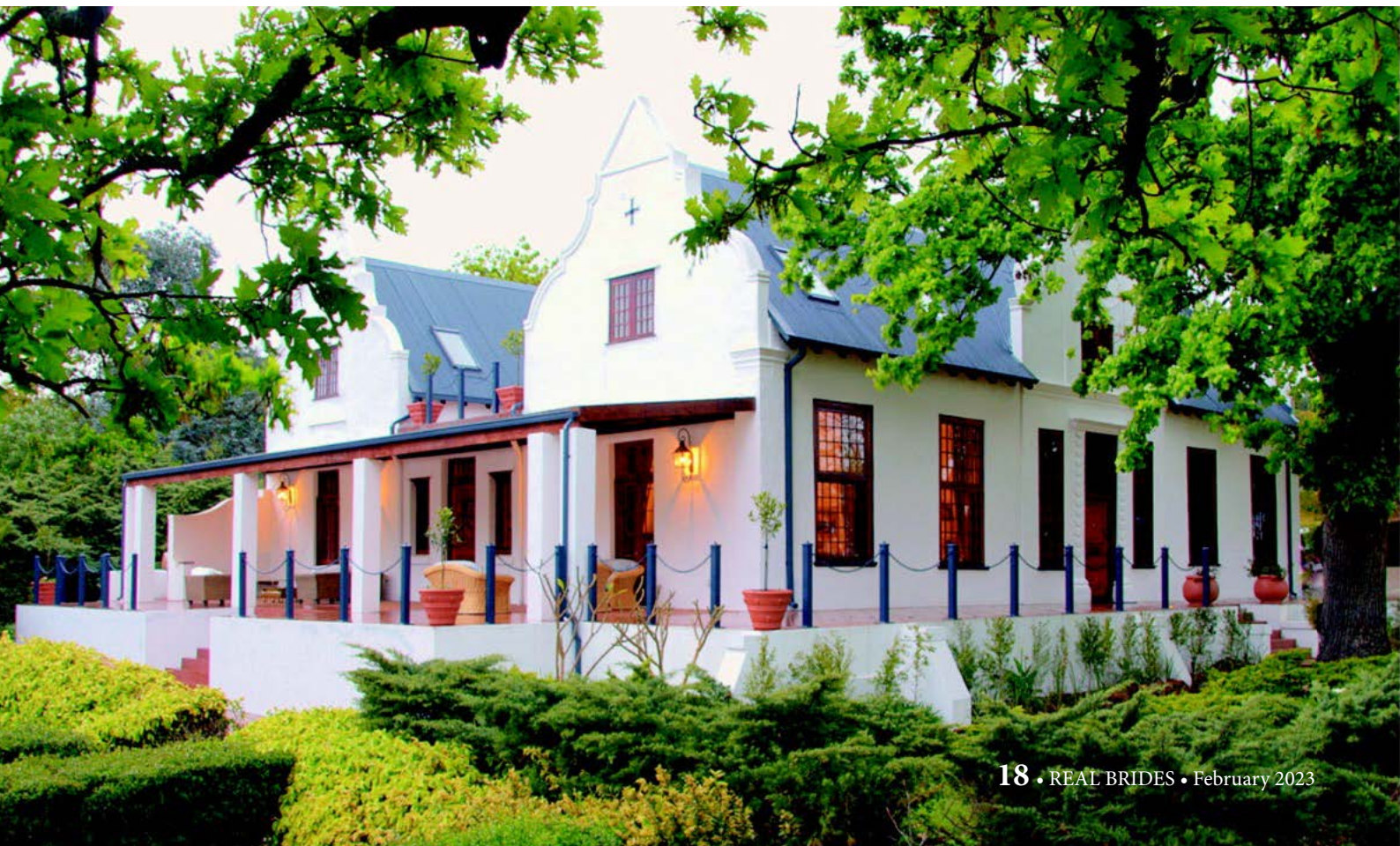
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The two Classic Rooms enjoy mountain and / or garden views. Inroom amenities include satellite TV, underfloor heating and a safe, a tea / coffee station with selection of teas and an Espresso machine. Each room has an ensuite bathroom with a hairdryer, international razor plug and an array of exclusive bath amenities.

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CINDY & JOHN REED



To forever and always

Tell us about how he proposed?

It was a Sunday morning, the 27th of June 2021, the morning of our two year 'dating' anniversary. We had planned to go visit the Sterkfontein Caves as an anniversary date for the day. I was in the kitchen, around 6:30 in the morning making our first cup of coffee for the day, and as I turned around to get the milk from the fridge, John was on his knee. I got such a fright but soon realised he was holding a ring. You can imagine the scene at the time... Me in my pajamas and gown, messy hair and all! John has always been a man of little words. He simply asked "Would you marry me?", and of course, my answer would always be "Yes!". I had been ready for him to pop the big question within a few months of knowing him. I just knew he was the perfect match for me. I was overjoyed and cried for about two hours, hardly being able to express any decent words...

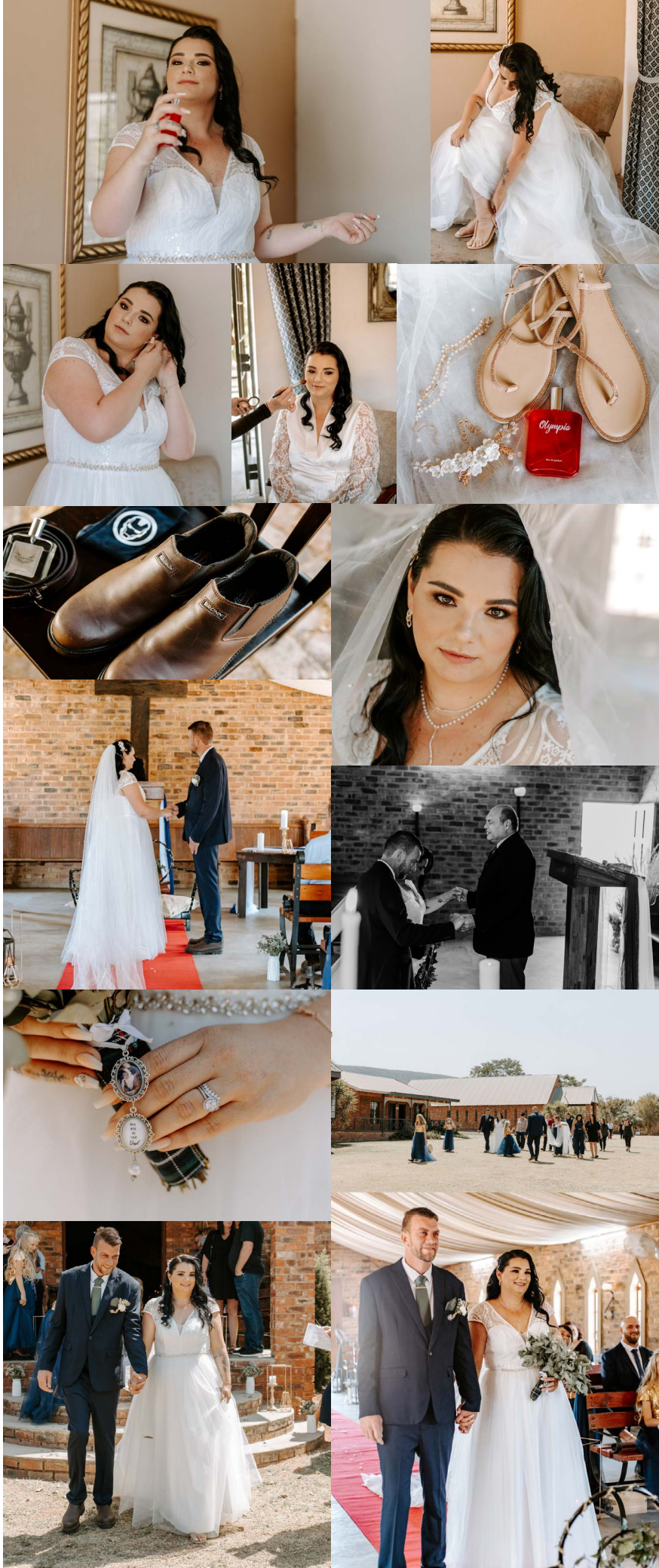
Tell us about why you chose your venue?

We'd been visiting a lot of venues in and around Johannesburg for a few months, and we couldn't find anything that spoke to us, and more importantly, within our budget. We extended our search area and finally found a venue in Pretoria that we both loved! Yt Di Dorp Yt Venue is situated in a picturesque spot between the mountains, just outside the hustle and bustle of Pretoria city. We loved the beautiful chapel and the greenery and openness of the grounds. We were specifically looking for a venue to cater to our small intimate wedding, as we were planning to invite only a handful of guests. The wonderful thing about the venue was that they would include everything we needed for our special day. Their package included the décor, flowers, music, the cake and catering. In the end, the wedding planners, Bianca and Leneé of La Bita Events, truly understood our vision for what we wanted in terms of the style of the day, and we were so happy that everything turned out exactly the way we dreamed it would be.

How did the planning go and how long did it take?

For months, on and off, we visited various venues. It took a while for us to actually set a date for our wedding as we wanted to confirm a venue first.

We got engaged on the 27th of June 2021, and found the venue on the 7th of August 2022. During that time, we had researched the type of style that we wanted for our wedding. When we decided that the Yt Di Dorp Yt venue was perfect for us, we finally set a date for the 29th of September 2022!



“The wedding planning doesn't have to be a daunting task.”

*Venue: La Bita Venue/Yt Di Dorp Yt, Pretoria
Wedding planner: La Bita Events
Guesthouse: Yt Di Dorp Yt Gastehuis, Pretoria
Flowers & Decor: La Bita Events
Harvest Table/Catering: La Bita Events
Photographer & Videographer: Heidi-Mari Photography
Hair & Makeup: Chantelle Landman Hair & Makeup
Wedding Officiator: Pastor Andries Nel, Koinonia Christensentrum, Pretoria*

Our wedding would take place within seven weeks of finding the venue... The planning was finally set in motion. It seemed daunting to have so little time to arrange everything, but thankfully the venue took care of most of the planning. We already knew who we wanted to book for our photography and videography, so all that was left to do was arrange our invitations, attire, rings, and the hair and makeup.

Tell us more about your wedding dress?

I imported my dress on a small budget, with the hopes that it would be perfect. I was pleasantly surprised that my dress arrived within two weeks of ordering it, and that it fit perfectly! The top of my dress comprised of soft sequence detail with geometric patterned lace. The geometric detail was a nice touch, as our wedding style would include geometric elements. The style of the dress was an A-line, with the bottom layers in a beautiful bridal satin and soft tulle.

Who were your photographers?

Our photographer - Heidi, and videographer - Terence, is the team at Heidi-Mari Photography. We had used Heidi for our engagement photoshoot in November 2021, after I had been following her on social media for quite some time. Being a photographer myself, I was very specific about the style of photography that I preferred, and was so happy with how our engagement photos turned out. We actually finalised our wedding date based on Heidi's availability, as we just did not want anyone else to photograph our day! Heidi and Terrence did an outstanding job of capturing our love on lens on our wedding day.

Any Advice for planning?

The wedding planning doesn't have to be a daunting task. Try to find a venue that includes a lot of the things you could check off your planning list where you would normally have had to find a separate supplier for; for instance, the flowers, décor, music, etc. As a good start, have a clear vision of the style of your wedding, and stick to your vision to avoid being overwhelmed with too many decisions to make. Lastly, enjoy the planning process! Before you know it, it will be the day of your wedding and all the planning stress will be replaced with beautiful memories of your special day!

Did you go on honeymoon and where?

We decided to go for a short honeymoon that would not be too far from home. We booked a few nights at the Rocky Aloe Lodge in Krugersdorp. The lodge is situated on the boundary fence of the Krugersdorp Nature Reserve. Each morning, we woke up to the beautiful sound of lions roaring, and spent each late afternoon on the elevated look-out point watching the sun set over the reserve



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Dance the night away under a sparkling galaxy of fairy lights and crystal chandeliers in our hall, with the cosy ambience of two large indoor fireplaces.



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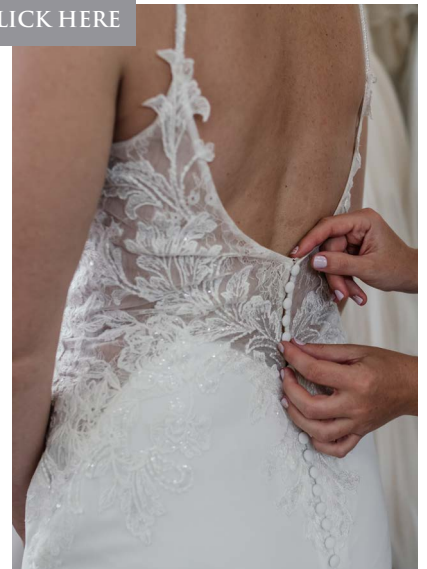
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This wonderful ball gown is everything and more. A ruched bodice leads to a natural waistline with pockets. Buttons to the end of the chapel length train complete the look.

Style: 44080



Ensure all eyes are on you as you walk down the aisle. This stretch crepe fit and flare bridal gown features a flattering Off-the-Shoulder neckline that's accented with a pleated bodice. Pleating continues along the sleeves to the back where the style is finished with covered buttons extending to the end of the chapel length train. The dress is lined in jersey for an ultra-comfortable fit all night long.

Style: 44295

Wedding Dress Showcase



44304 by Sincerity Bridal is an effortless ruffle skirt ball gown. This dress offers lots of movement. The sheer beaded bodice has a plunging V-neck and V-back. It's paired with a lightweight tulle ruffle skirt that's delicately detailed with a horsehair hem. This dress is even more beautiful in person!

Style: 44304



This chiffon A-line bridal gown will leave you looking unforgettable. Designed with an Illusion Sabrina neckline, the sheer bodice is adorned with sequined lace appliques that trickle along the neckline and cap sleeves to create an off the shoulder effect. It's given a lightweight skirt that makes movement effortless.

Style: 44321

Wedding Dress Showcase



Dance the night away in this beautiful Mikado A-line. A square neckline, peak-a-boo sides and buttons complete the look. And ladies, this gown has pockets!

Style: Alexia



Wow your guests in Hazel. Modern meets sexy in this full lace fitted gown with thin straps and cut out sides.

Style: Hazel

STEFFI & ORSLYN SMITH



“And now these three things remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love” 1 Corinthians 13:14

Tell us about your love story?

Orslyn and I were longtime friends, who disconnected for a while. We first met through mutual friends, and had a little fling. Although the sparks were there, it was not the right time. I honestly believe that had we tried a relationship when we first met, we probably would not have been together today. Life continued for the both of us, and we found each other again, this time mature enough to start and grow an amazing, loving, supportive and respectful relationship between us.

What I love the most about the bond we share is that we understand each other, without even having to talk. We connect with each other on such a deep level and always strive to support and bring the best out of each other.

Tell us about why you chose your venue?

Believe it or not, Jasmine Hills was the first Venue we viewed, and our minds were made there and then. It is such a warm venue, and had the “garden wedding” setup that I always dreamed of having. The venue is spacious and has everything happen at the venue that was amazing, kind of like killing three birds with one stone (ceremony, photos and reception).

How many guests did you have?

We had 100 people at our wedding, majority being family, and then our close friends. It was amazing sharing such a special day with everyone we love!

What cost less than you expected?

Definitely the food! The most delicious food I’ve tasted. So much flavour, so much variety, it was just simply amazing. Also, a very uncommon thing, we are provided with all the left over food which was nicely packaged to give our guests who would like to have taken some home with them.

What do you both like doing for Valentine’s Day?

We both love trying new restaurants together, going on holiday and massages. So I would say the perfect Valentine’s Day would be spent at an amazing restaurant on an awesome getaway- a spa treatment would definitely be the cherry on the cake!



“What I love the most about the bond we share is that we understand each other”



Photography - Noble Media Solutions

Make up- DolledbyDee

Deejay, dance choreography and MC- Luke (very close family friend, and a very talented man)

Décor- Jasmine Hills with a bit of my own touch

Food- Jasmine Hills

Who were your photographers?

NOBLE MEDIA SOLUTIONS. Definitely the best in the game, and super friendly too!

Did you go on honeymoon and where?

Yes, we spent some time in Cape Town, exploring the Mother City and doing lots of different activities. Some of which was our first time doing together, so it was pretty amazing.





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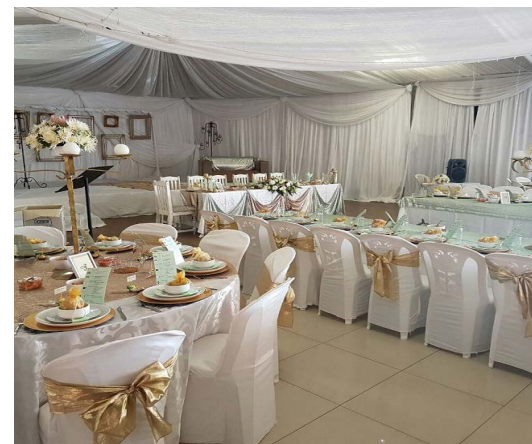
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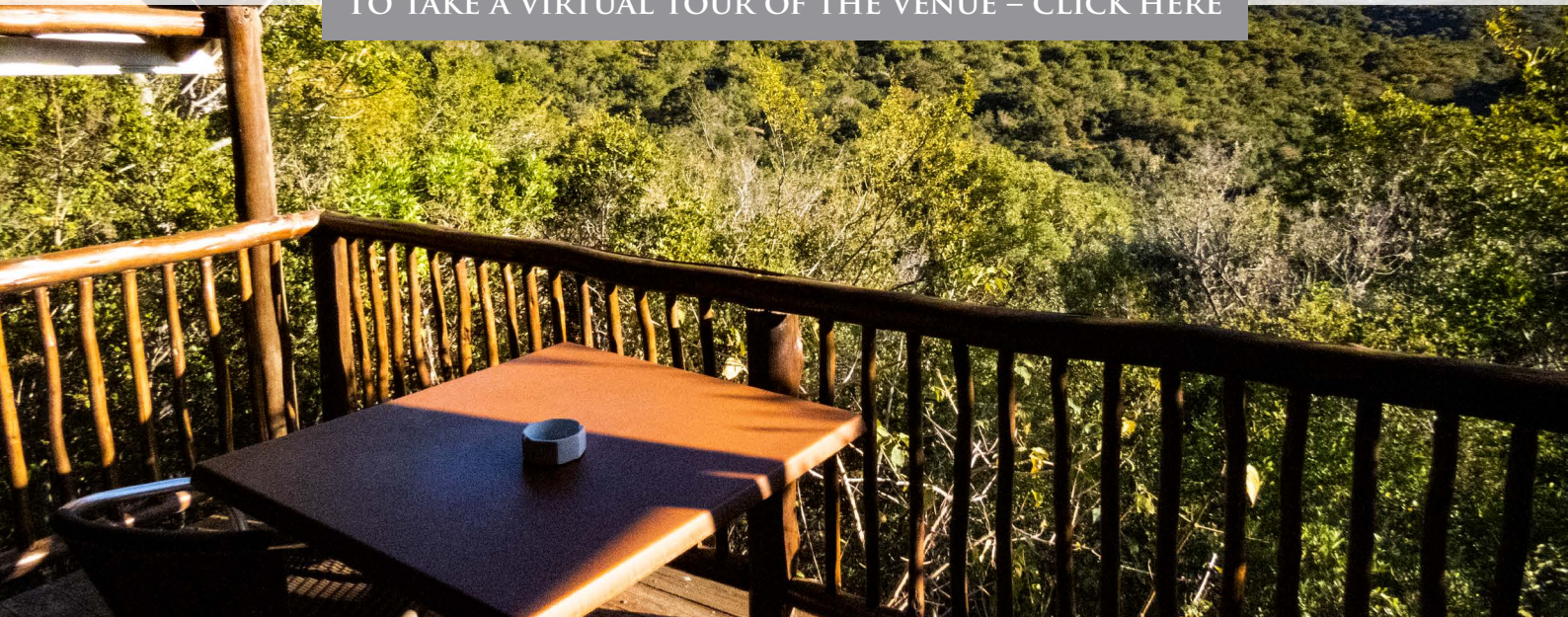




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- Valley Camp Tented Accommodation:
Also situated in the reserve
- Valley Camp offers 12 guests accommodation in 6 custom designed luxury tents, the bathrooms are ensuite with a slipper bath and shower.

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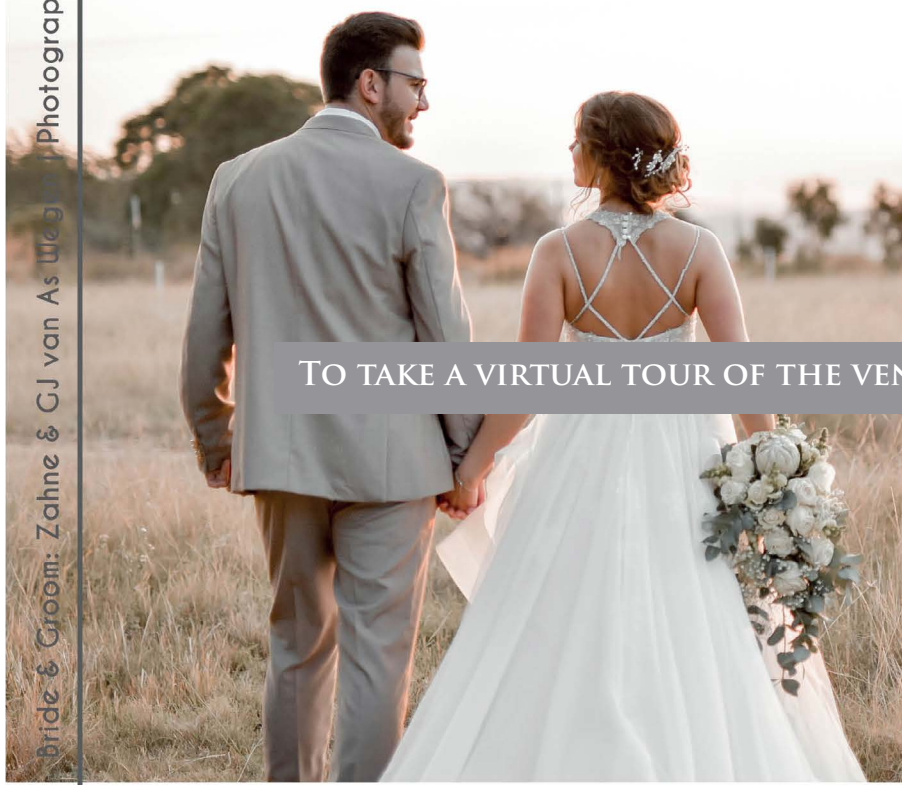
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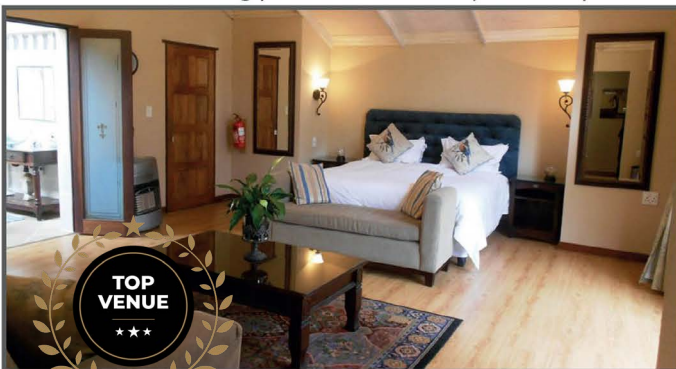
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The SUMMERHOUSE venue paired with the CONSERVATORY CHAPEL is an intimate fusion of contemporary glass architecture set in an English country garden. The Summerhouse is a favourite due to the unique look of the venue. Crackling fires in the winter gives the venue a distinctive feel. Easily accommodating 120 or more of your closest family & friends. The Syringa tree that forms part of the venue has one foot inside and one outside, adding to the distinctive look of the venue.



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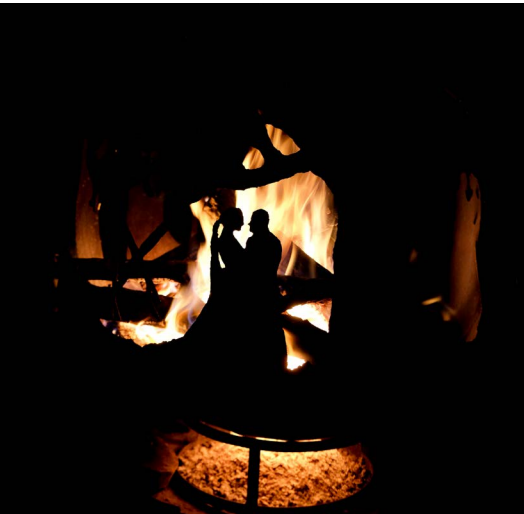
GUESTHOUSE, DRESSING ROOMS & SUITES:

Our three venues are each paired with a dressing room for the bride and a suite for the groom. Once the groom is accompanied to the chapel the suite is refreshed for the couple for the evening. The guesthouse which is particularly suitable for groups of between 8 and 12, be it the family of the bridal couple or a corporate booking is situated in the original Pear Orchard of the farm and booked exclusively.



The guesthouse has 3 twin rooms with 2 shared bathrooms and 1 en-suite double room. The loft with 2 single beds and 2 "pull-out" beds is perfect for children or young adults. Maximum of 12 guests.

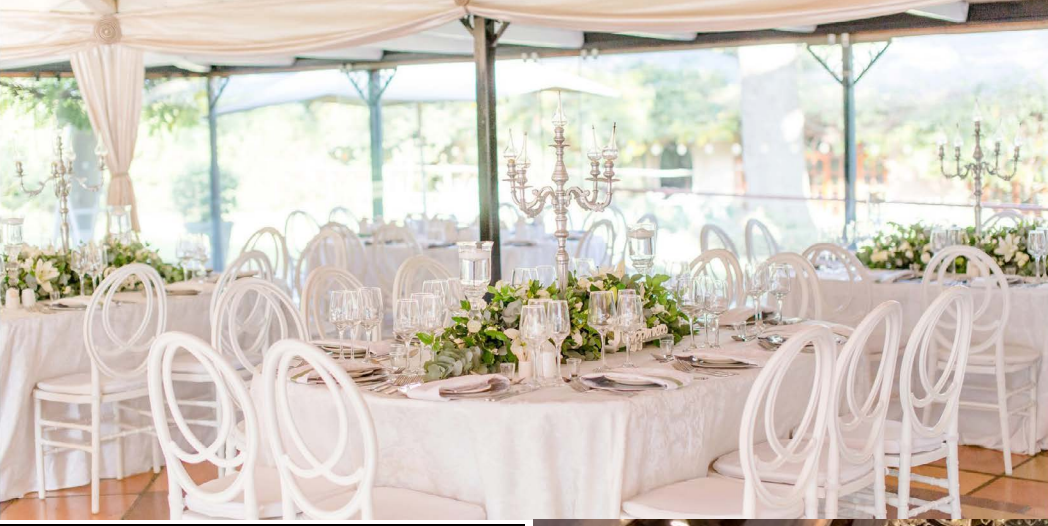
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CHRIS & NICOLE VAN STRIJP



“Any day spent with you is my favorite day. So, today is my new favorite day.” – Winnie the Pooh

Tell us about the proposal?

Chris booked me a surprise holiday for my birthday and planned everything to the tee (surprise flights, locations, agendas, wine farms, adventures - every detail was meticulously planned and carefully thought out to make it a weekend full of our favorite things). He arranged for us to have a brunch the day after we arrived for us at Babylonstoren and he suggested we go for a walk in the gardens (it was freezing cold and raining and the poor man was sitting sweating and taking off jacket and loosening collars in the restaurant - should have known something was up). Not too far into the walk and nerves got the better of him and he dropped on his knee and popped the question. He even arranged for a sneaky photographer to capture the moment, so I have all the moments to look back on. It was a perfect day!

Tell us about why you chose your venue?

We got married at the ever quirky old Mac daddy in Elgin, Cape Town. Funny part is we never actually saw the venue in person until after we booked and paid, but from the website alone we instantly knew it was the one. Seeing it in person just solidified that feeling. All the little nuances of the venue added to the uniqueness of the day. Chris and I are quite a chilled couple and love things that are off the wall and not expected so it was the perfect fit for us as a couple.

The venue is full of charm, rustic cues, funky caravans, beaches and all round a special and unique charm so was a perfect match for our personalities.

What was your cake flavor and tell us why you chose your cake?

Vanilla and Carrot with a white chocolate icing! Loved it (what's not to love about actual white chocolate chunks hidden inside the icing?!). The bottom layer was vanilla, the top tier carrot. Our two favorite cakes in one! It was an all-white cake, with chocolate “splashes” up the side and penny gum added to tie it into the theme of the day. It was also so amazing! Tessa's bakery did our cake.



*“All the little nuances of the venue added to the uniqueness
of the day”*



*Venue: Old Mac Daddy
Flowers and decor: 4EveryEvent
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Cake: Tessa's bakery
Bridesmaids hair & makeup: @corlebarnard
Brides makeup: @samcartermup
DJ: @thatdguysa That DJ Guy
Dress: Blue by @enzoani
Gin bar: L-Gin*

What was your colour scheme and why?

We went with sage green, white and a splash of blushes to give it some colorful accents. My bridesmaid dresses were made up of an ombre of greens and looked so amazing when standing next to each other. Our bouquets were penny gum, eucalyptus, roses and proteas. Our décor inside was a bloom of greenery all over the venue – pot plants hanging from the roof, Edison bulbs and light all around the room and floating candles in mismatched vases gave each table some unique elements.. 4everyevent did the most spectacular job and brought everything to life so perfectly. Chanelle and Nadia outdid themselves on all the details.

What do you both like doing for Valentine 's Day?

We are both not very romantic but more focused on experiences (we are very big foodies) so each year we rotate who chooses the valentine's day activity and we usually go out somewhere for dinner we haven't been before. Simple, but stays true to us.

Who were your photographers?

We had the absolute pleasure of working with The Goldenhuys's for our photos and SecondLuke for our videography.

Goodness me these guys were amazing in every way! Bundu-bashing up hills and mountains to get the perfect shot, up and down with us all day and honestly never made us aware of the camera - they just fitted and blended in so perfectly! We loved working with them.

Did you go on honeymoon and where?

We went on a European winter wonderland trip that we've wanted to do for ages. We started off in Istanbul and then moved to Munich, Prague, Dresden, Nuremberg, Strasbourg, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam and then home. It's been a bucket list of ours for so long and it delivered on every expectation we could have hoped for. Was so special to just unwind and spend some time together after a year and a half of planning.

Chris took the reins on the plans and mapped out every single detail - from flights to trains to places to go and see, he did it all!



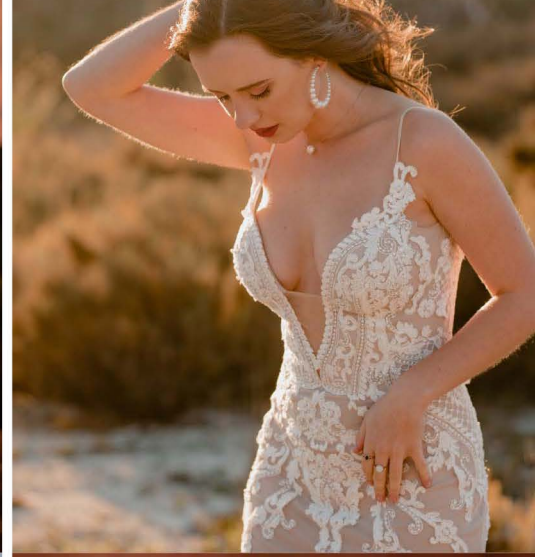
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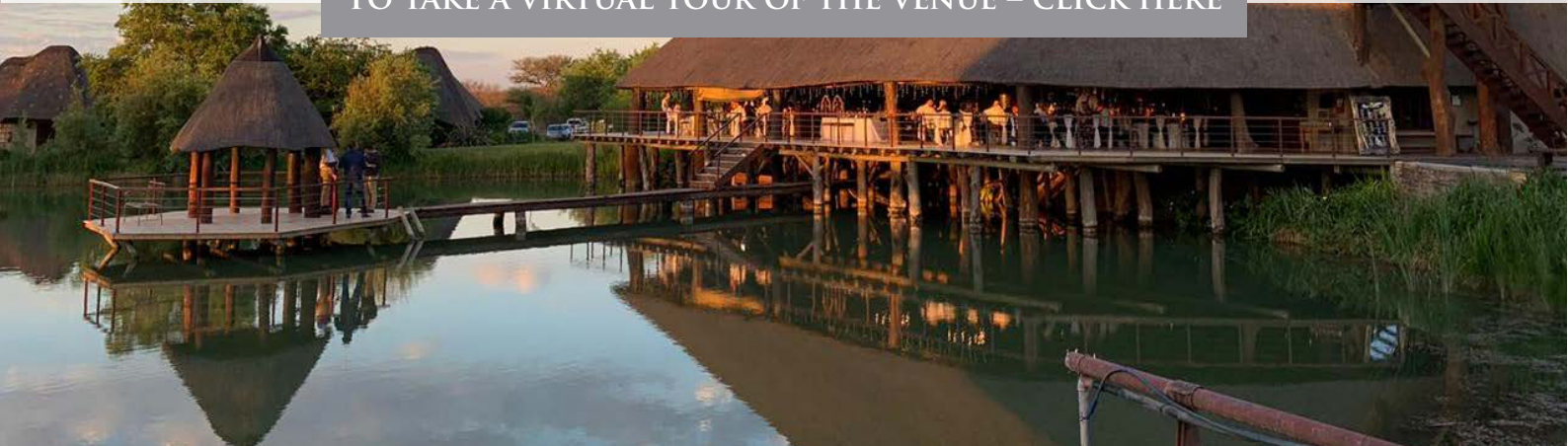
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RAYMOND & SUNEL WILSON



“The best things in life are better with you by my side.”

Tell us about how he proposed?

It was a perfect summer day, and we were on holiday at the South Coast for almost a week. We'd planned to spend the day at Wild Coast Sun for some tour, but when we got there the bus already left. After that it just felt like everything went wrong. Nothing seemed to work out on that particular day: nothing from the bus leaving early to us getting lost while driving around looking for something (turned out Raymond was looking for the perfect spot to propose).

We eventually stopped at the beachfront and went for a long stroll on the beach...and then everything changed.

It was a hot summer's day and I wanted desperately to turn back toward our hotel room after walking down by the water's edge for what felt like forever even though it was only about 20 minutes at most. But Raymond kept saying “just a bit further” and when I turned around there he was down on one knee with a ring in his hand asking me to become his wife!


Tell us about why you chose your venue?

We were looking for an affordable venue with a pizza oven. Raymond and I both love pizza, so we decided to have pizza as our main course at our wedding reception. We also wanted a venue that could accommodate our small group of friends and family so that everyone could enjoy themselves and not have to worry about driving home.

We viewed several venues, but none of them had what we were looking for. Then, we found Tula Baba. It's a beautiful space with amazing views and some wild animals on the premises.

And they were able to offer us a package that fit our budget perfectly!





*“The food was
amazing, the service
outstanding!”*

*Venue: Tula Baba Arica – Exclusive Guest Lodge
Hair & Makeup: Gold Mane Hair Salon
Daisy Flowers
Row Photography – Liza-Ann Rowe
Pastor Emmanuel Landman from Elim Church*

What do you like doing for Valentine's Day?

We're not firm believers in holidays such as Valentine's Day. But we do love spending time together, and making memories. We can totally get behind the special offers and romantic gestures that come with it.

Tell us about your wedding cake

Our wedding cake was very unique. We made it from watermelon and berries, which were in season during the summertime.

Who helped you with all the planning?

The venue was very helpful and did most of the heavy lifting.

Most of the services were included in our package and the venue ensured that everything went to plan.

Raymond and I are very grateful for the staff at Tula Baba, who made sure every detail was taken care of so we could focus on each other and our guests.

Who were your photographers?

Liza-ann Rowe from Row Photography

Any tips for brides to be?

Enjoy every moment!

Look at things from a different perspective. Instead of trying to impress others, just be yourself and enjoy the day as a couple. Think about what makes YOU happy—not what other people expect from your wedding. Don't get caught up in trying to live up to someone else's expectations or standards; instead, focus on what YOU want from your own wedding.

If you can afford to buy your dress, it's worth doing so. You'll save yourself a lot of stress. Less stress and fuss over protecting the dress at all times. And you can sell it after the wedding.

Did you go on honeymoon and where?

We had a mini honeymoon right at our venue. We decided to stay for a couple more days and just enjoy the nature and being together as husband and wife. We had romantic three course dinners and were treated like royalty.

The food was amazing, the service outstanding! They really did everything they could to make us feel special.





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Tell us about your love story?

We met back in 2012 when a mutual friend asked Dewald to give us a lift to a concert. Dewald being the helpful sweet person he is gladly helped even though he wasn't even joining for the event. He always says he noticed me in his rearview mirror the minute I got into his car, as I sat behind him I didn't actually get a good look at him. But he dropped us off and I thought nothing of it.

But when we had trouble getting into our event Dewald was asked to come fetch us which he was more than happy to do. He picked us up and, not wanting to call it a night, we all went back to hangout at the commune to join Dewald and his friends for their braai. And that's where we interacted for the first time.

I felt a need to impress Dewald when we first started talking and apparently the feeling was mutual (as we both started our vows with the line "when I first met you I felt the need to impress you") we bonded over a mutual love of motorbikes and Videogames. After several commune kuiers later we started becoming good friends.

But then... I actually lost Dewald's number for almost a year! and we lost contact for that time, luckily a friend of mine sparked up a social event at the commune which put us back in contact!

Even though Dewald had a huge crush on me we became very good friends. I was going through some personal things and He knew I was not available for a romantic relationship and he embraced the friendzone! he was always there to listen and I found myself confiding in him, things I'd never even admitted to myself. And I knew I had a connection with him that I'd never felt before. He made me feel like myself again and brought a spark back to my soul, I was slowly gaining a new best friend and he felt the same way! A few deep conversations and some personal revelations later, We were falling for each other.

On Braai Day 24 September 2013! We officially became a couple.

We share everything with each other and find comfort in each other's company he makes me smile and laugh daily we promised each other to never let things brew and talk out our feelings as they arise without judgment. we support each other's dreams and encourage each other to always do what makes the other happy even if it means we need to work a little harder together for each other. I can happily say I've married my best friend.



“He was my ride now I’m his bride!”

*Venue - Dullstroom Country Weddings
Photographer - Wandering pelican productions
Videographer - Pinnacle Studio Photo & Film
Food - Sumi
Lashes - Bloom beauty room
Nails - Shaz Nails
Hair - Masset Hair Studio
Makeup - Cisca Treurnicht Make-up Artistry
Birds - Dullstroom Brid of Prey Centre
Ring - - William H T Judson
DJ - Jéan Brüning*

Tell us about why you chose your venue?

I have a love of fantasy and have always loved the scenery and tranquility and mystical feeling that comes from a forest setting, and Dewald, having grown up in Pietermaritzburg has always felt at home in the forest. When we found the Dullstroom country weddings venue we fell in love with everything! The day we viewed the venue the forest was full of mist and I felt like I was in a fairytale world! Everything just felt amazing! The reception hall has the most warm and welcoming feel the wood, stone and huge windows feel like they are bringing the surrounding forest from outside in! the space is breathtaking and immediately my brain started coming up with décor ideas for our big day. From the moment we met Nixi who runs the wedding venue we just clicked so well with her and loved her energy! Her enthusiasm is so contagious and she was super helpful through everything!

Any planning tips for brides to be?

- Don't be afraid to be hands on with certain things especially if you have a vision of what you want
- Be willing to let small things go if they don't make it to the wedding day its not worth letting something small ruin your whole day
- Remember it's not just your wedding but your groom's big day!

You had an owl join you for your photos, please tell us more?

We were so blessed to have these beautiful birds join us for our special day thanks to the dullstroom bird of prey center. We visited the bird of prey center during our venue search and found out that they offer a service where you can have an owl as a ring bearer! I knew immediately that we needed to have this at our wedding! Not only is it an amazing way to support the sanctuary, but I also have a passion for bird photography, and we both have a love of birds and birding so it was so amazing to bring it all together into our big day! Not only did Heidi the barn owl deliver our rings but the center also brought two other birds, and during the canapes all our guest were able to interact with the birds from, feeding, holding and learning about the birds and the center, it is such a cool and unique form of entertainment for the guests plus we got to use them in our wedding photos which just added to the fairytale feeling that we were hoping for.

Who were your photographers?

Photography was done by Mellissa Brown and her husband Kelvin Brown from wandering pelican productions. Her story telling style of photography was exactly what we wanted and we just loved her eye and editing style! She was so good at directing us but also catching unscripted moments.





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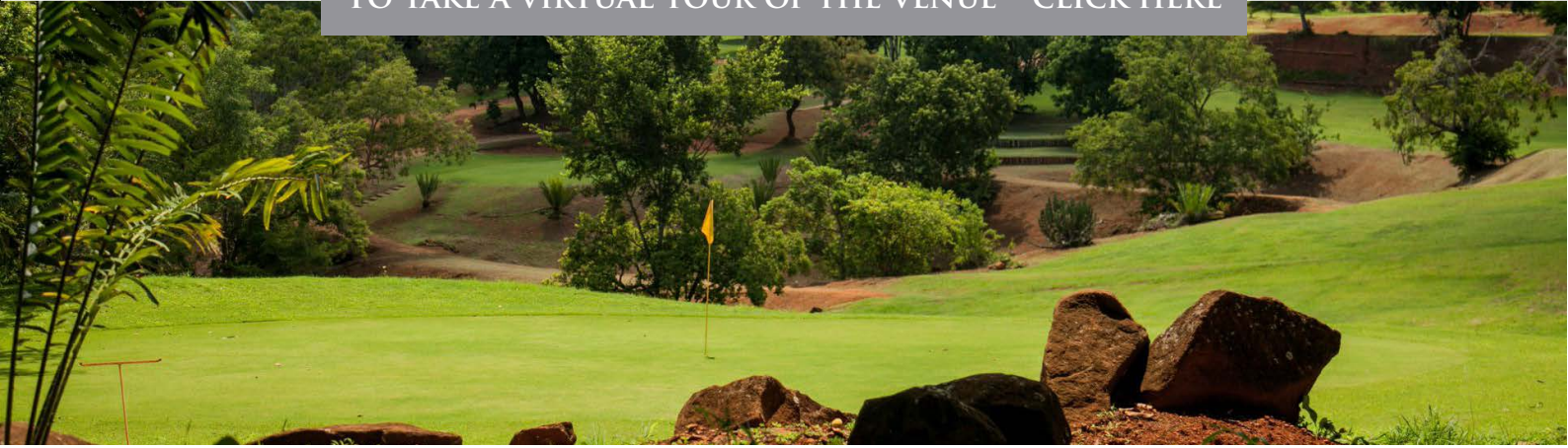




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