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NOTE: In this issue you will find

Moon & Sixpence - 011 659 7030

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

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"Love stories weave unique threads, intertwining moments of romance and shared experiences."

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August Issue Real Reides In this issue we read about Unique Veil ideas. Download a copy: Cruise Ship Wedding Real Weddings in South Africa

Note from the Hand of the Hand

Dear beautiful reader

Welcome to the most imformative bridal magazine in South Africa. What makes us so unique is that we celebrate Real Weddings with Real Couples. We are proud to showcase the top suppliers in the wedding industry to help you on your wedding planning journey.

August was a wonderful edition, we saw the most beautiful veils and wedding cakes. When choosing your cake please make sure you have a tasting before hand to choose your floyour.

This month we are excited to launch our new "Be the best you can be Beauty Campaign." It is important to have the best beauty products to prepare you for your big day. We also look at exciting destination weddings. Read about the most beautiful celebration in Bali with ICE Destination Weddings.

Read through each story from our couples in the September issue to help guide you with ideas and advice.

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Desination Weddings



Discover the Magic of Destination Weddings: Where Dreams Become Reality with ICE



the world of weddings, captivating trend has taken center stage, offering couples a unique way their wedding fuse honeymoon into an unforgettable experience shared with their nearest and dearest. Enter the enchanting realm of destination weddings - a captivating journey where vows are exchanged against awe-inspiring backdrops, all while immersed in a vacation-like ambiance. But, let's not underestimate the importance of choosing the perfect destination. Here's where the expertise of a skilled destination wedding planner becomes paramount, ensuring that every intricate detail is executed to perfection.



Elevate Your Vision with ICE

Unlocking the potential of these dream destinations requires expertise that goes beyond imagination. This is where ICE Destination Wedding Planners come into play, offering a seamless journey into the realm of your wildest dreams. With professional finesse and flawless organization, they turn your aspirations into a reality that's nothing short of extraordinary.

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Embrace the Unforgettable

Imagine saying "I do" under a sky ablaze with the colors of a Balinese sunset, where pristine beaches and dramatic cliffs create an idyllic setting for a celebration that's nothing short of romantic. Welcome to Bali, a treasure trove of breathtaking vistas that will turn your dream wedding into reality. And then, there's Santorini - a mesmerizing canvas of white buildings against the deep blue sea, offering an enchanting backdrop that radiates pure elegance. The UK, a land of historical charm and diverse landscapes, caters to every desire, making your wedding vision come to life in ways you've only imagined. Transport yourself to Cappadocia, a realm of otherworldly landscapes and skies adorned with hot air balloons, where enchantment knows no bounds. And if opulence is your desire, look no further than Dubai - a modern oasis of luxury and iconic landmarks, setting the stage for a celebration that defines extravagance.











Tailored to You

Your love story is as unique as you are, and your wedding should reflect that. ICE ensures that your celebration echoes your personalities, style, and cultural influences, while seamlessly incorporating the essence of your chosen destination.

Moments to Cherish

ICE curates moments that will forever hold a place in your heart. From intimate ceremonies to grand celebrations, elopements, and proposals, they create experiences that resonate with you and your loved ones.

Guided by Insight

With an insider's perspective on these extraordinary destinations, ICE suggests the best venues, hidden gems, and unique touches that elevate your wedding into an exceptional experience.

Communication That Counts

Your input is invaluable, and ICE values it deeply. With transparent communication at every step, decisions are made collectively, ensuring your dreams find their true expression.

Beyond Expectations

Navigating the complexities of destination weddings can be daunting, but with ICE by your side, every intricate detail – from travel logistics and vendor coordination to legal requisites and design elements – is expertly managed. This leaves you free to savor the journey to your special day without any stress.

Peace of Mind

Your engagement period is a time of joy and anticipation, and ICE ensures that every aspect of your wedding journey flows seamlessly, letting you embrace the excitement while they handle the intricacies.

Crafting Lasting Memories

More than just a day, your destination wedding marks the start of a beautiful journey. ICE promises to not only celebrate your union but also weave moments that will be cherished for a lifetime.



Maja & Rambo



Apurva Kempinski Bali: Where Dreams Meet Reality.

Nestled atop the picturesque Nusa Dua cliffside, the exclusive five-star resort is a haven of luxury, casting a spell with its sprawling grounds that boast panoramic vistas of the azure Indian Ocean. The Apurva Chapel, nestled within the resort's tropical gardens, is an architectural gem adorned with marble floors and intricate Indonesian design elements. This very spot became the sacred stage for Maja and Rambo's vows, while the open-air theatre witnessed a fairy-tale wedding ceremony.

Captivating in Couture: Maja's Journey

Maja Salvador, a vision of ethereal grace, walked down the aisle donning a gown meticulously crafted by Lebanese fashion virtuoso Zuhair Murad. An epitome of elegance, the bridal masterpiece was plucked from Murad's Spring 2023 bridal collection, adding an air of sophistication to the enchanting affair.

Groomed to Perfection: Rambo's Radiance

Rambo Nunez embodied dashing charm, attired in a three-piece Dolce & Gabbana white suit. A picture of elegance and suavity, he stood alongside Maja, a testament to love's grandeur.

Sunset Serenade: The Reception to Remember

As the sun dipped below the horizon, the reception commenced, painting the sky with hues of romance. Maja transformed into another breathtaking creation, this time curated by the prestigious Israeli fashion house Berta Bridal. The revelry echoed with love, and every moment captured the essence of their enduring tale.

Credits Unveiled: Craftsmanship in Every Detail

Nicky Almeida, Abi Farman & Forthinker orchestrated the symphony of their love, while Cath Sobrevega's magic in celebrity wedding styling added flair. Stupacaspea wove their decor dreams, while Pat Dy's lens and Bob Nicolas's camera dance immortalized the moments. The brushstrokes of Denise Ochoa and Jay Wee adorned Maja's canvas, and Riri Verano lent her expertise. The ensemble woven into this love story included welcome dinner couture by Chanel, Jimmy Choo, and Patty Ang. Zuhair Murad's silk dress set the tone for the journey, while Dolce & Gabbana suited Rambo's radiance. The tale culminated in Patty Ang's after-party dress, a symbol of their love's unfolding chapters. Manila Craft served all the drinks for the welcome dinner and wedding.

Moments Becoming Eternity

For Maja and Rambo, their "Majestic Wedding" wasn't just a culmination but a prelude. The beginning of a love story etched in time, their journey found its chapter in the embrace of Bali's shores.











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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.

The two, open-plan one-bedroom cottages are stylishly decorated, each with a fully equipped kitchen, private garden with barbeque facilities, ensuite with bath and shower facilities, DStv and are pet friendly, by management approval only! They are secure and totally private, separately situated away from the main house. Both cottages are fully equipped with a fully fitted modern kitchen, thus giving you the opportunity to book the cottages as self-catering or bed and breakfast.

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Vredenburg 2022 brides



LUCY SCHOOMBFF - October

Why did you choose your venue?

Having set a date exactly 1 month and 3 weeks after our engagement we started searching for a venue that represents our personalities. We came across Vredenburg Manor House on the internet, and immediately felt that it represents who we are. After a lengthy phone call with plenty of questions for Leon, Vredenburg's wedding coordinator our excitement went up 10 folds. We immediately fell in love with the venue as soon as we arrived, in all aspects it represented all the beauties of the beautiful area we live in and appreciate each day. It's a lovely setting surrounded by beautiful gardens. As you walk into the manor house you feel welcomed by the house as well as the exceptional staff. We were looking for a venue that felt warm, comfortable, and loved, Vredenburg definitely represents all that. The accommodation is mmaculately clean, well presented and has everything that our guests would need. Our decision to have our wedding at Vredenburg was immediately confirmed after meeting with Leon and Luke. The service that they offer is spectacular, they took on the challenge to take our ideas and wants and make it all a reality without us having to do any of the planning. An amazing all-inclusive service that they offer, from food to flowers and decoration to setting it all up.





CHANTAL HARIPERSAD –July

What made your venue stand out?

It is a long story for another day, but the first time we met each other in person Pranav had to meet my extended family too as it was the 21st birthday of my little cousin. The birthday happened to be at Vredenburg Manor. It was breath-taking setting that we both fell in love with. The beautiful mountains, big trees and of course the lovely hosts – everything you could ask for in a wedding venue. We wanted to be outside, surrounded by nature. We wanted a relaxed atmosphere that accommodated two separate events (both the Indian and Afrikaans celebrations) and a venue that could house our families for the weekend. We found it all in Vredenburg Manor and the amazing Leon and Luke. Vredenburg could offer us everything we needed, from catering, décor, flowers and accommodation.

CHARLENE PHEIFFER -May

Why did you choose Vredenburg Manor House as your venue?

I was looking for an eclectic venue. We were looking for a beautiful garden for the photoshoot, a place we can get ready, and have our ceremony and reception. Vredenburg Manor House offered all of that and as a bonus, the Manor house is in our hometown and several guests could sleep over. After meeting Leon and Luke, we knew we found our venue. They were very helpful, and they know just how to make a nervous bride feel at ease.

Colleen & Ryan Van Eyk



"You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." - Dr Seuss

Tell us about your love story?

Ryan and I have been together since my matric year, 2007. So that will be 16 years, this year. We actually met on myspace, back in the day. I asked him to my matric dance and he said yes, and we had the best time together. We have been through good and bad times together, love and loss, and have shared the best memories together. We have travelled to different countries, seen bands play live, been to art shows, and adopted our 2 doggies, Jack and Coco together. Ryan proposed in 2019 while we were on holiday in Iceland, under the northern lights. It was magical. We had to postpone our wedding due to covid, but it actually worked out so much for the better. We are both creative people, and work together in our studio at home, with our dogs always with us.

How many venues did you consider?

We literally took the first place we visited. Lace on Timber in Pretoria. We walked in and fell in love with it straight away. It had the perfect 'Harry Potter/magic vibe to it.

How many venues did you consider?

It has a magical chapel with a rustic/Scandinavian feel. It includes nature all around which we loved, and it really looked magical. It was just the best.







Venue, Food and Decor: Lace on Timber
Photographer and Videographer: JC CLICK
Wedding Dress: Robyn Roberts Bridal
Brides Shoes: https: Lace and favour
Purple Glitter Reception Boots: the rock shop.de
Brides jacket: Mr Price and hand painted by the bride
Groom and Groomsmen's suits: Tip Top Tailor Clearwater

Hair and Makeup: Makeup Alchemy Bridesmaids dresses: Hoiden Flower girls dresses: Peaches and Spice

Flower Girl jackets from Mr Price and hand painted by the bride Wedding Stationery and Harry Potter inspired items: The bride and groom

Aisle Runner: Hand painted by the bride and groom

Pinball Machine hire: Party Hire Hub

DJ: Event Vision
Ice cream truck hire: Joy Jukes
Harpist: Live Strings
Cake topper: Lyreses on Etsy
Cake: Sugar n Ice



How long did it take to plan your wedding?

We had to postpone for a year due to Covid. We got engaged in 2019 and got married last year, the 21st May 2022. It took about a year to plan properly. Ryan and I worked together and he was very involved in all of the planning.

Tell us about your photographers?

We both really wanted to invest in the photography for the wedding. That was really important to us to find a great company. Our photographers were amazing. We looked online for photographers and we immediately loved what JcClick had to offer. They are really professional and friendly and super fun. They really made us feel comfortable and having photos taken was a breeze. From start to finish, we had the best experience with them.

What food did you have?

The venue did the catering for the wedding. We couldn't believe the amazing food they made for us. We went to a tasting event a few months before the wedding and loved everything. We had a plated menu and asked people to choose their food before the wedding. We had canapes and a harvest table after the ceremony while we had photos taken. Unfortunately, the weather on the day was 9 degrees Celsius, so it was freezing. But luckily the food warmed everyone up. And the desserts were really my favourite! We had different jars like peppermint tart, oreo mousse, cheesecakes, and more. We also hired an ice cream truck for some nostalgia. And people still loved the ice-cream in the 9 degree weather! Haha.

Any tips for brides to be?

Remember what you want, and why you want it. It has to be for you two and not for anyone else. Write a list of non negotiables and keep referring back to that list. I really wanted an ice cream truck and pinball machine, and I made sure that happened. Those were two favourites on the day.

To save money, we did a lot of DIY like making the wedding favours that were wands, we made our own aisle runner, tied tiny wings to keys for the harry potter theme, and a lot of the other décor. It was fun to do together and really had special meaning. Remember to spend time with your partner on the day, take 5 minutes here and there to connect and enjoy the magic. And we loved sitting at our own table at the reception. We got to have a breather and actually take in the day and memories.





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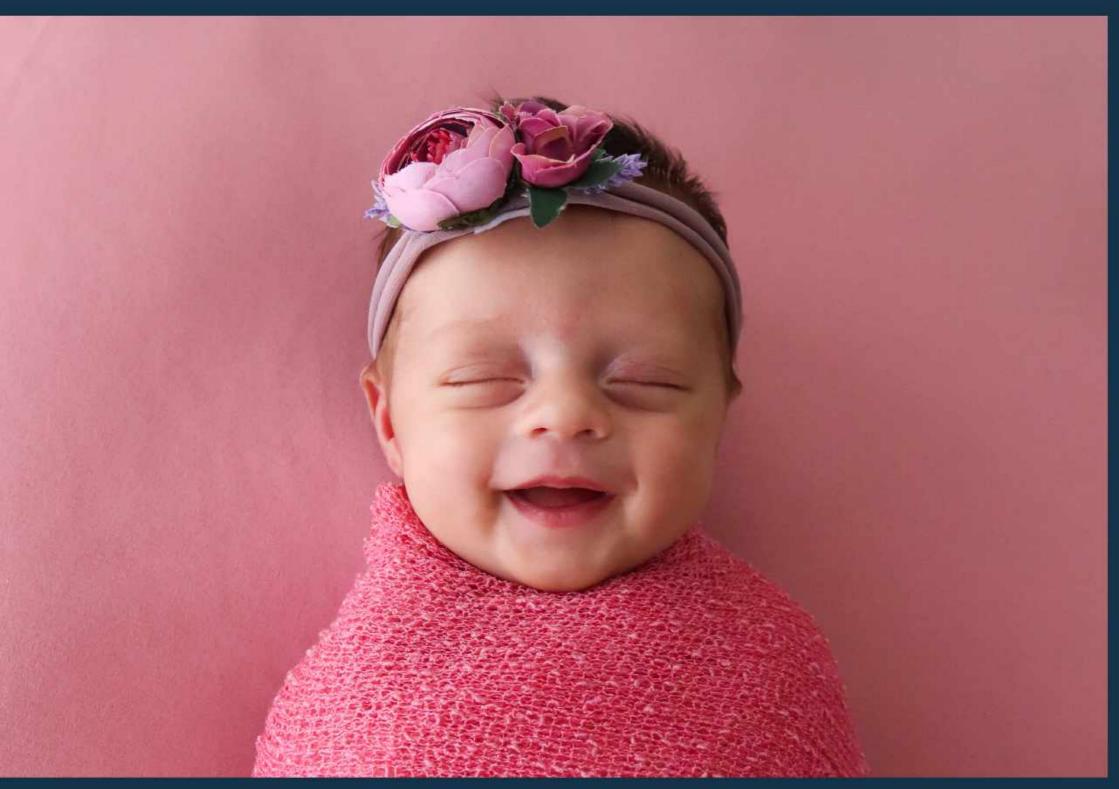










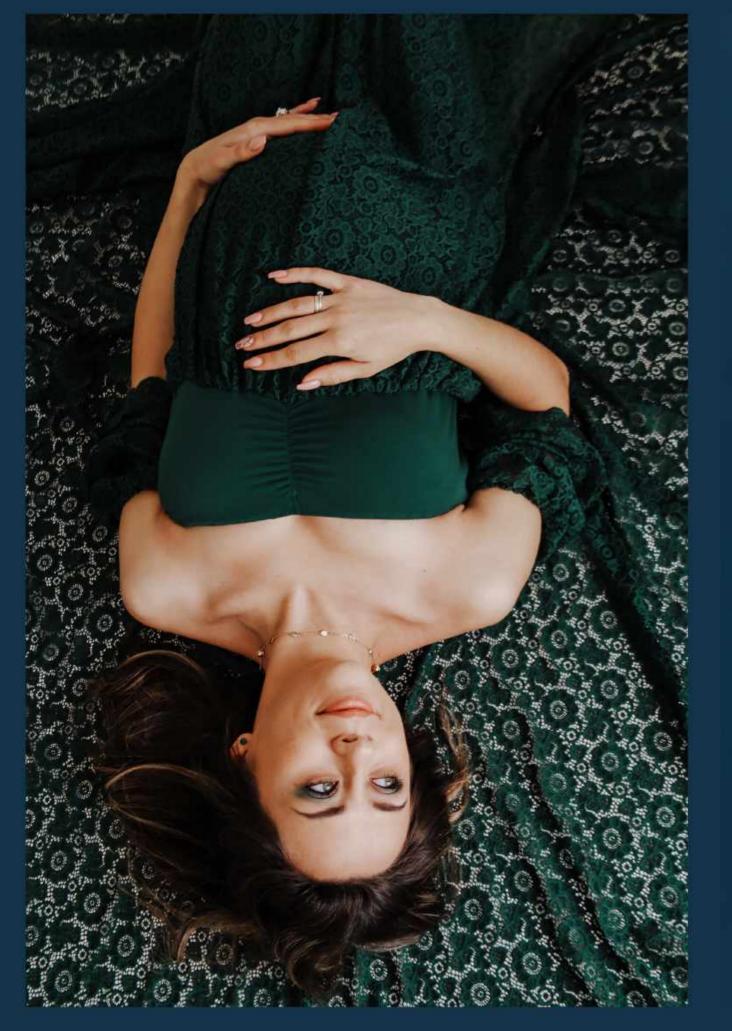




Maternity & Newborn Photography



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Ruan & Kimberlee Lourens



"They are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no man separate."

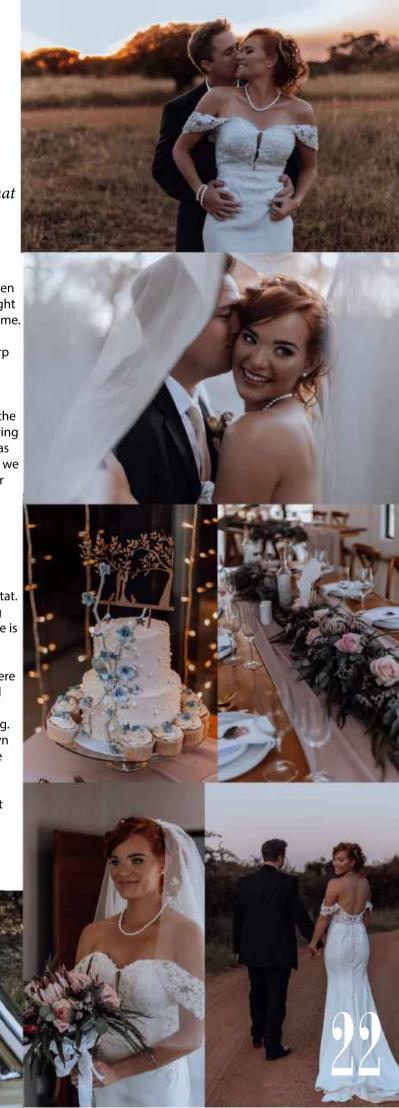
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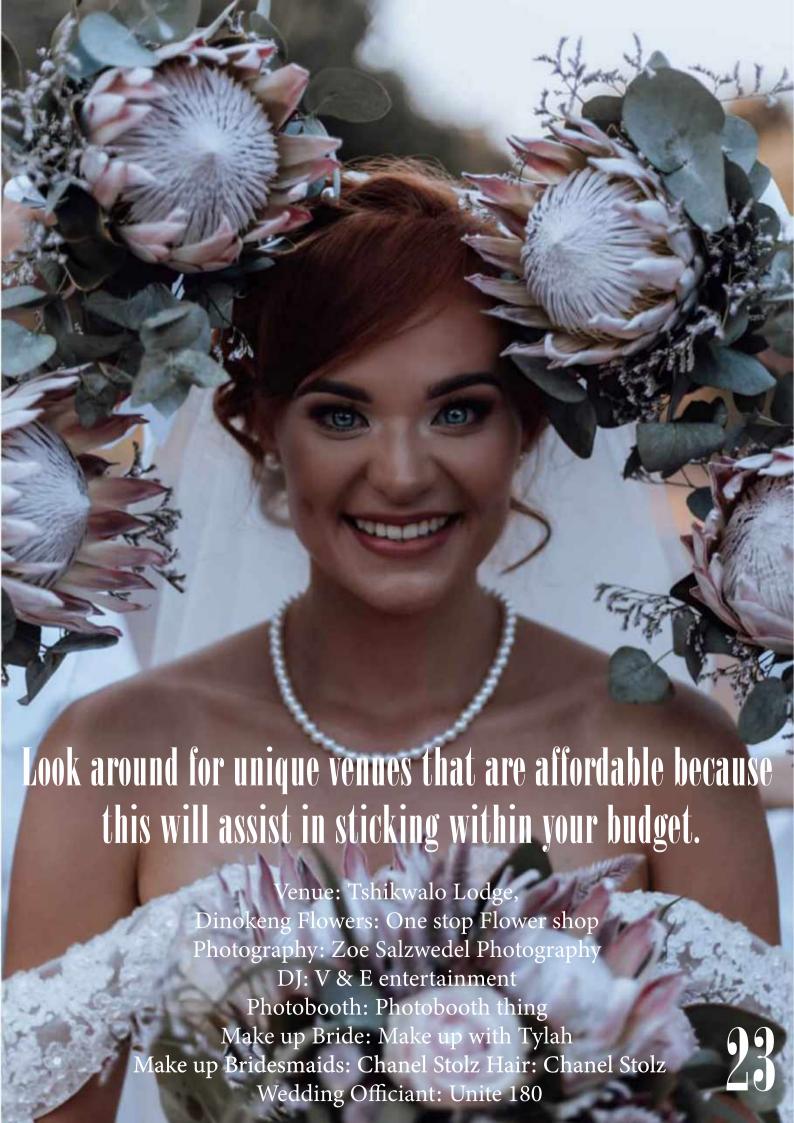
Tell us about how you met?

Our own fairytale: Ruan and I met at Emperors Palace at the Garden of Lights in December 2014. The garden of Light is a Christmas light festival that Emperors Palace held every year around Christmas time. I believe it was definitely fate that brought us together because Ruan stayed in Centurion at that time and I resided in Krugersdorp which is quite some distance apart and we met in Kempton Park. My family and I were standing in the line, walking through the beautiful garden when I noticed this curly haired boy behind me which I was quite attracted to. As we resumed our walk through the garden with Ruan, his brother, sister and cousin behind us, admiring the lights. Ruan's younger brother finally ask for my number. It was about three days later when I received a message from Ruan and we started talking to one another, and ever since that day I will never forget the day I met my curly haired prince. We started dating in 2015, we got engaged in 2022 and we married in 2023.

Tell us about your venue?

Ruan and I decided we would like to get married in the bushveld with the surroundings of nature and animals in their natural habitat. I then came across Tshikwalo Lodge which was a new developing wedding venue that recently opened up in 2022. Tshikwalo Lodge is a wedding venue located in Dinokeng nature reserve. It is absolutely stunning, the venue is very spacious which allows the bride to be creative and include outside games for the guests, there is a restaurant located on site and enough accommodation for all your guests and a beautiful bridal suite. I would definitely recommend this venue to anyone looking for a bushveld wedding. The friendly staff are extremely accommodating and I had my own personal wedding helpers who helped plan and set up the venue according to my designs. I unfortunately did not have a wedding planner so I had to make do with my own creativity skills. I got married on the 18th March 2023, instead of just making a day out of the wedding we made the Lourens wedding a long weekend event which Tshikwalo Lodge catered for. All our guests were accommodated for with beautiful rooms overlooking the green scenery of the nature reserve.





How did the planning go?

The planning of the wedding was quite challenging in the beginning because I was not sure of what was required for a wedding but once I started going to bridal expos and communicating with other brides the planning became easier. I looked through many magazines, Facebook posts, google and bridal posts which assisted me in generating my own ideas of what I imagined my perfect wedding to be. Some advice I would offer to others is that no matter how well you plan something, sometimes things do go wrong so make do with what you have, and if something does not work out find an alternative solution.

Did you stick within your budget, what cost more than expected?

I had a flexible budget set for the wedding because I tried to keep the costs as low as possible but we were fortunate enough to have assistance from family members who helped pay for our biggest expenses. When it came to the set expenses like the venue, photographer and DJ. I looked for medium to affordable priced vendors which assisted in reducing costs for the wedding and our wedding was spectacular even though we did not spend thousands on vendors. A bride tends to get carried away with beautiful decorations but most of the decorations and things used at a wedding ends up going to waste. To reduce costs, I tried to use decorations and things that would not be thrown away after the wedding. I designed and made my own decorations. One of the biggest expenses is the venue and catering for guests so I would advise brides to look around for unique venues that are affordable because this will assist in sticking within your budget.

Did you go on honeymoon and where?

Ruan and I went on Honeymoon a week after the wedding which I preferred instead of going straight after the wedding as it gave use time to unpack and open wedding presents before going on holiday. Ruan planned our honeymoon because I was focused on the wedding. We went to Zanzibar for our honeymoon and stayed at the stunning Uroa Bay Beach resort. It was a breath-taking experience as we toured Zanzibar. The beautiful beaches and warm waters are remarkable and it was wonderful to experience the culture of Zanzibar.

Any tips for brides to be?

My advice to other brides would be that you need to remember your wedding day is a one in a life time opportunity to marry the man you have chosen. It is about you and your husband's happiness, if someone or something does not bring you happiness then there is no need for it. Weddings can be expensive so if you really want something, see if you can make or create it on your own and don't waste money on unnecessary decorations, half of them are damaged during the wedding or taken home by your guests.











The essence of a farm wedding is the opportunity to say your vows in the beauty and tranquility of the countryside. Dullstroom Country Weddings offers 5 beautiful and unique options for you to choose from.

We have a stunning waterfall. The bride and groom, under an arch of ivy and roses, have the waterfall behind them and the pine forest around them. The ceremony spot is lawned and in keeping with the environment we have solid oak benches, with cushions, for the guests.

The second ceremony option is set amongst 200 year old oak trees. The bridal party makes their way through a "tunnel" of "skaapappel" trees, opening into the forest of oaks with the hessian runner leading to the alter.

A third option offers a different ambiance and is our ceremony spot in the large blue gum forest. These majestic trees are on the edge of a precipice that falls away to a valley and dams, offering spectacular views. Our last outdoor ceremony spot option offers you getting married on the banks of one of our dams, with the simmering water as a backdrop.

Our final option, and our only indoor option is our picturesque chapel—a beautiful old stone building, originally a farmyard barn, overlooking our pretty duck pond. Each location has a uniquely beautiful setting for the canapes, while the wedding photos are being taken.

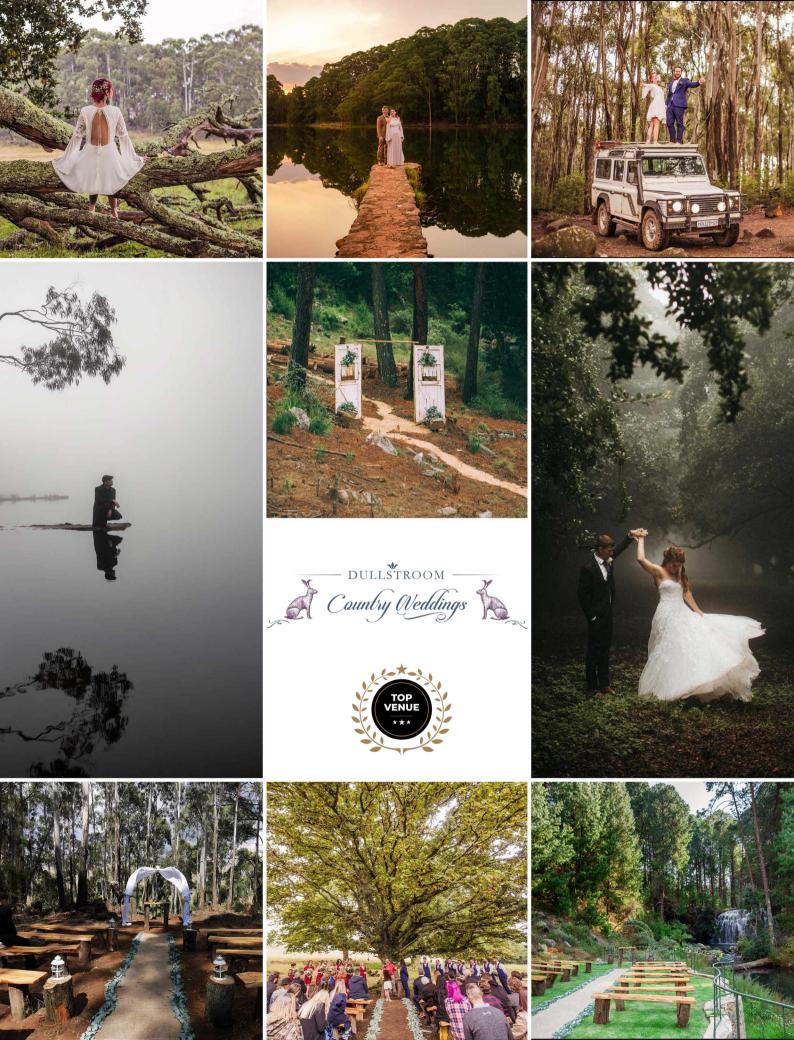


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We have beautifully appointed cottages that are located to maximize the views, either overlooking our dams, the surrounding farmlands or in the case of "Picnic" cottage, a stunning waterfall. All the cottages are self catering with a braai area outside, a fireplace inside and are serviced daily.

For their wedding night we have the "Honeymoon Suite" cottage – a delightful, one-bedroom cottage nestled in the forest and overlooking a valley and dam – a wonderful culmination to their "once in a lifetime" day.



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RECEPTION AREA WITH WONDERFUL VIEWS

The final celebration of this magical day all happens in the reception area. We offer a room that on one side has fully opening sliding/folding doors onto a timber deck, overlooking a valley with two dams and a gum forest.

The opposite side of the room has sliding folding doors onto the garden, with extensive lawn, flower beds and oak trees.

The timber ceiling, with exposed beams, are tastefully decorated with fairy lights but for the rest, the room lends itself beautifully to your own interpretation of what a wedding "celebration" should look like.

We have round or rectangular tables with "tiffany" chairs, a wood burning fireplace giving a lovely ambiance, plus two closed combustion fireplaces for those chilly Dullstroom nights.

We have an in-house chef who will create a delicious personalized menu to suit your requirements. Her scrumptious canapes are the perfect filler before the equally tasty main meal.

Our in-house decor is extensive and includes the most elegant glassware, vases, candlesticks etc and for the more rustic look we have timber slice "underplates" and succulents.



















Melissa & Herman Engelbrecht



"Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get-only with what you are expecting to give-which is everything." -Katharine Hepburn

How special was your proposal?

Love stories weave unique threads, intertwining moments of romance and shared experiences. Our proposal was symbolized by an infinity ring adorned with diamonds and a sapphire birthstone – a nod to Melissa's birthdate. Our proposal's foundation was laid by a heartfelt gesture from the Bride's mother. The exchange of her parents' wedding band and engagement ring, entrusted to Herman, bridged generations and carried forward a legacy of love. These heirlooms, worn by Melissa's parents, became the foundation of our own story. And these rings birthed Herman's design of the ring. The infinity sign's choice held profound meaning: Herman's creation of earrings as a previous gift to Melissa, shaped like the M & E (for Malherbe and Engelbrecht) formed a heart and infinity sign when placed on top of each other.

How did you settle on a wedding date?

After a day of adventures and a sunset engagement at Kommetjie Beach on July 8, 2022, we excitedly set our sights on getting married a year later. Fate had different plans: 8 December, we discovered we were soon to be parents, prompting us to rethink. With a growing bump and the desire to relish our celebration, we moved the date to 25 March 2023. Melissa, comfortable at 20 weeks, elegantly embraced the occasion and danced until midnight. The school holiday suited Herman, a School Teacher, as family and friends traveled for our destination wedding. Everything aligned. The number 8 wove its significance in our journey, marking our 8 months of courtship to Herman's proposal on 8 July. Our wedding occurred 8 months after our engagement, another chapter enriched by this enchanted number.

What made you choose your venue?

We uncovered a hidden gem: Gourikwa Nature Reserve, a pristine 2000-hectare sanctuary near Mosselbay. An ocean-backed chapel framed by rocky outcrops became our serene vow spot. Self-catering villas for 78 guests, zebra encounters, and a reception hall completed the allure. This venue echoed our love for travel, accented by a nearby lighthouse. Indigenous fauna and untouched coastline cast a spell. Venue coordinators excelled, orchestrating accommodation and decor, while the food amazed guests. We eagerly await our 2024 1st Anniversary at the same enchanting spot!





What food did you have?

Our menu choice balanced simplicity and flavor to satisfy appetites. Starters featured assorted cheeses and warm baked breads. Soups included Curried Sweet Potato and Tomato Chilli and Lime. Mains starred succulent Lamb Roast, Pumpkin Tart (a favorite), Broccoli and Cauliflower in Cheese sauce, and Roast Potatoes. White Rice and Green Salad completed the ensemble. The classic crowd-pleaser ended with a wedding cake: a three-tiered, rich orange-infused chocolate cake adorned with dark teal and gold.

Tell us about your wedding dress?

This dress blends elegance and comfort, celebrating the beauty of an expecting bride. Imported Turkish lace adds intricate details. The soft chiffon A-line skirt cascades gracefully, with a V-neckline exuding femininity. An illusion front insert adds allure, while ensuring style and comfort for the bride's transformative journey to love and motherhood.

Tell us about your photographers?

Choosing photographer Caroline Pinto from Mosselbay was driven by familiarity. With intimate knowledge of our venue and chapel, she captured cherished moments seamlessly. Her package, including a meticulously designed album, preserves memories beautifully. Caroline's recent addition of a baby boy resonated with our journey. Her expertise and shared milestones made her the perfect choice to capture our wedding's essence.

Did you go on honeymoon?

Our honeymoon was a family adventure through Cape Town's enchanting landscapes with special guests from Texas. They joined us on safari, encountering the Big 5. Table Mountain's majestic views left an indelible mark. Fun at V&A Waterfront, road trip through Franschhoek, relaxing in the coastal beauty of Langebaan...In Paarl, Le Heritage offered luxury accommodation amid nature's heart. Darling's charm and artistry captivated us. Our honeymoon showcased the joy of exploring new horizons with dear friends and family.







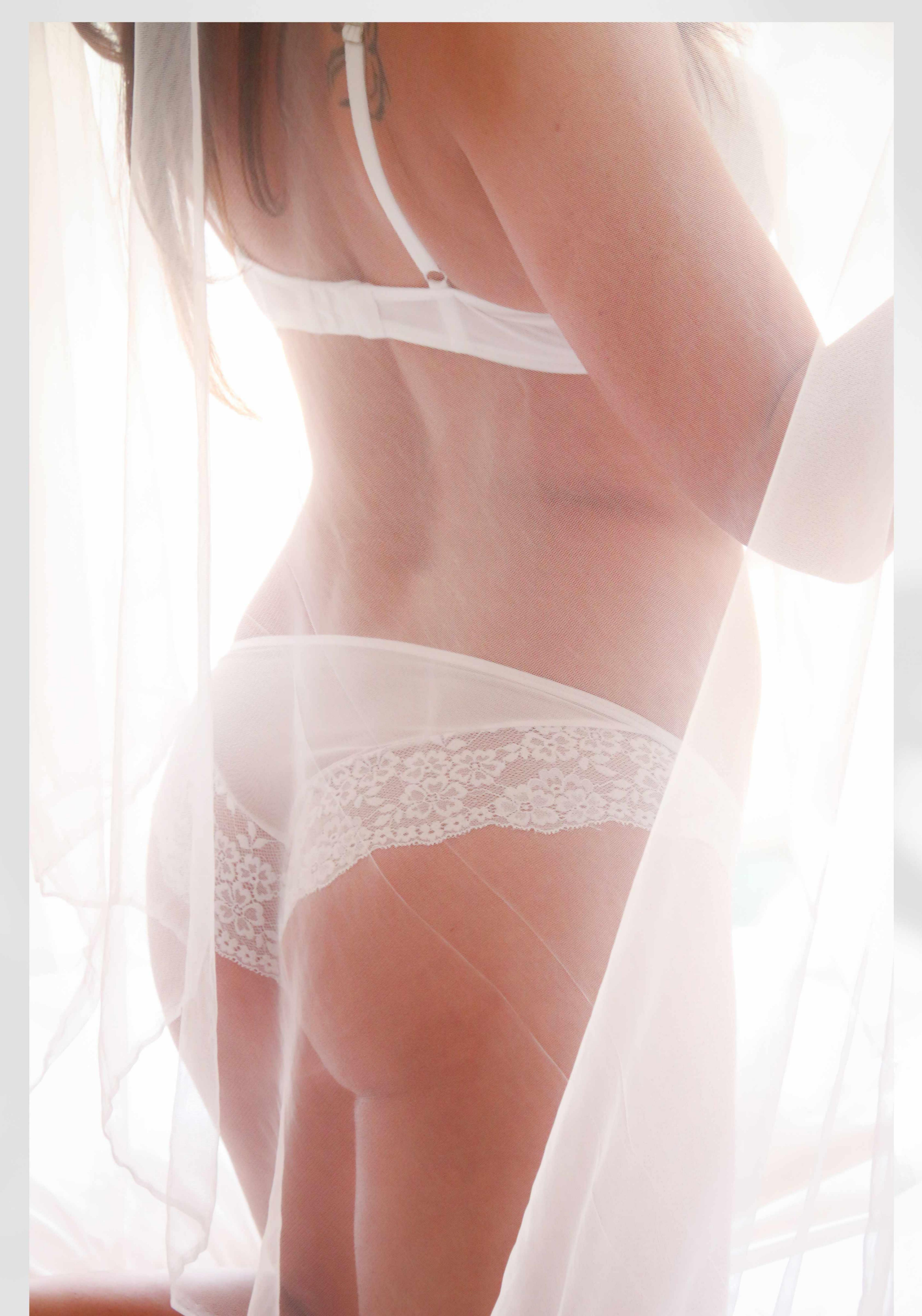




Gourikwa Reserve is one of the most unique private reserves along the South African coastline. With 5km of pristine coastline, a rich variety of indigenous fauna and flora and facilities ranging from top class accommodation to a beachfront chapel and a state of the art wedding facility. Previously known as Reins Reserve, we have reverted to the original "Gourikwa" and have made major upgrades to the reserve. Located in the heart of the scenic Garden Route, the 2000ha reserve is nestled between Mosselbay and Stillbay and is only a 60min drive away from the George Airport. This is truly a gem in the Garden Route crown.

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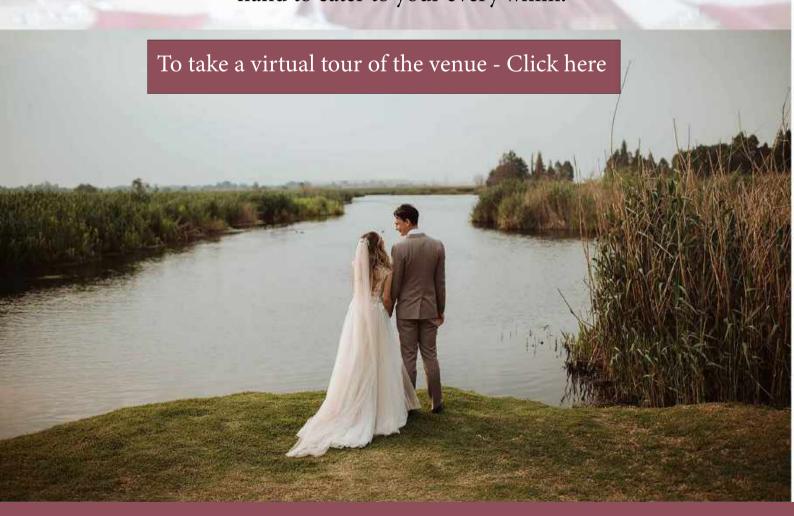
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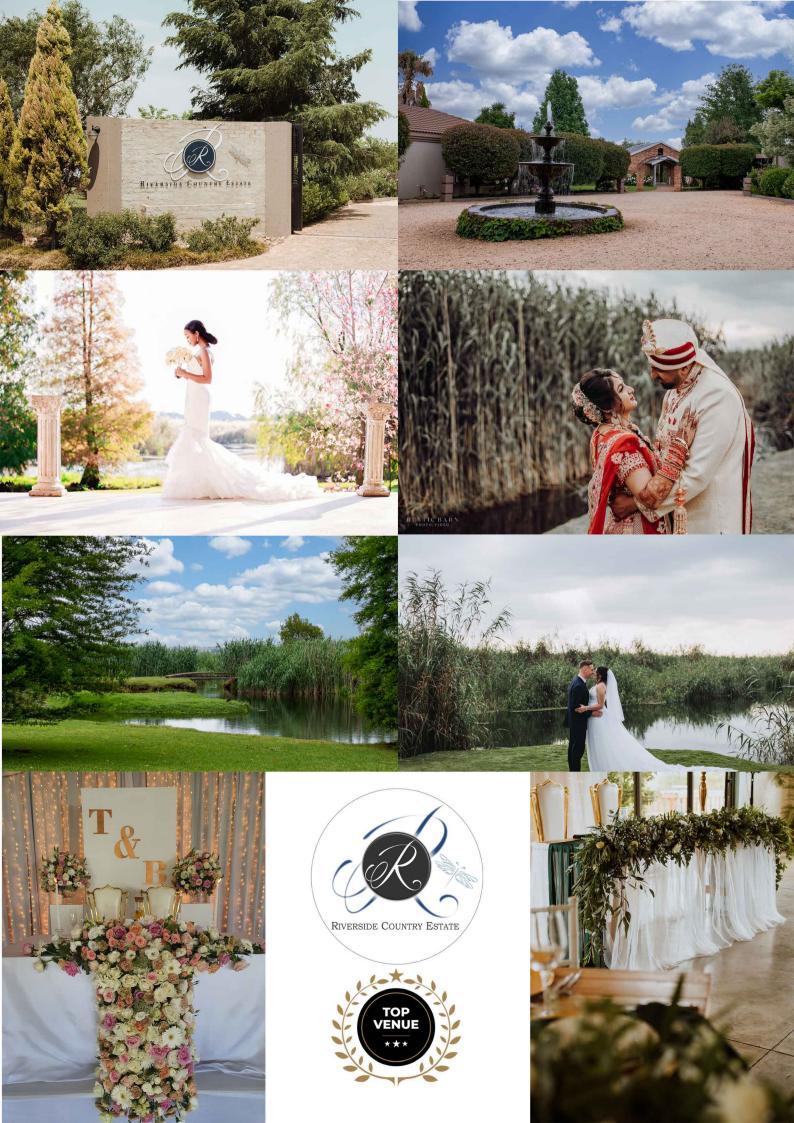




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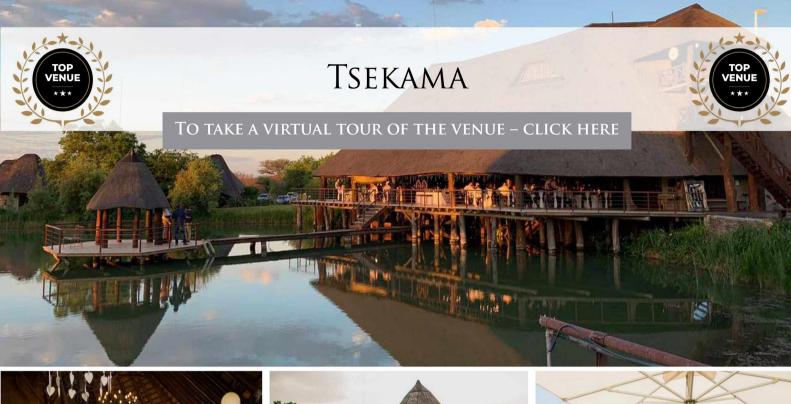


















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Charmaine & Craig Anderson



'Marriage is not a fairytale. It's a Love story that unfolds over time' - Joseph Campbell

Tell us about how you met?

We met in November of 2015, at the time we both worked for a Financial Software company, FIS in Johannesburg. Craig was new to the company; he had recently started, and we had not officially met. One day I was standing in the kitchen in front of the coffee machine as usual, getting another cup of coffee probably the 5th for the morning. Craig was seated at his desk down the passage, as he told me, he spotted me and realized that this was his opportunity to come say Hi and introduce himself. Kind of a now or never moment, and the rest, well as they say is history...

How did you choose your guest list?

We decided that we wanted a relatively small and intimate wedding. We wanted those people that are special to us and that we see regularly to spend this once in a lifetime occasion with us. We kept the guestlist to about 60 people which was just perfect. We were able to spend some time with everyone on the wedding day and that made it even that more special.

What was your colour scheme?

We opted for the classical and elegant Black and White with a touch of rose gold.

Did you have a gift registry?

No, cash was the preferred option, although just having our family and friends attend was a gift.

Did you go on honeymoon and where?

We had a pre-honeymoon to Vienna, Austria and the London, UK for two weeks in May due to various reasons that were to prevent us from going on honeymoon after the wedding.



The venue was out of this world and ensured our photographs were magical on the day.



Tell us about your venue?

We got married at The Silver Sixpence in Dullstroom, funny story how we chose this venue, I was tasked by Craig with choosing 3 venues that I liked. Craig then read up on each venue before rating these from 1 to 3. The write up of the Silver Sixpence caught his eye when mention was made of a micro-brewery on the premises and the fact that you could spend the entire weekend with guests. To be honest a big selling point for me to- who would not want a whole weekend of celebrations.

We went and viewed the venue one Sunday towards the end of February 2023, we met the owner Lesley Drummond and her husband that Sunday. Long story short, after chatting for some time, we figured out that Lesley and Craig's dad lived next door to each other growing up as children. Having learned this, Lesley treated us as if we were family and made us feel extremely special, as she does all her brides and grooms. It was an easy decision to make to have our wedding there (only being the second venue we viewed- we were sold).

With the venue boasting a magnificent forest for the wedding ceremony, I fell in love and Craig with the micro-brewery. The venue was out of this world and ensured our photographs were magical on the day. Lesley was incredible and I did not have to worry about one thing on the day of our wedding as everything was taken care of to perfection. Even though our wedding was on 29 July 2023, just about Mid-winter the venue catered for our every need and not one guest was cold, with the beautiful fireplaces creating such a stunning ambience in the reception area in the evening.

The resident caterer, Bevvie was amazing and received rave reviews from all the guests on the quality and taste of her food which just added to the amazing day.

Any tips for brides to be?

Don't sweat the small stuff.

We planned our wedding in just over five months from the time we booked the venue until our special day. Take each day as it comes, accept help from family and friends if they offer or ask for help if you must. Be hands on and remember to do what makes you and your husband-to-be happy, it is after all your day. Remember to include your man in the planning, it is his big day too. Spend as much time together on your wedding day, it goes by so quickly.

We opted for a child-free wedding weekend (apart from my youngest son and two godsons) to allow the guests/couples to spend quality time with us and with each other- rekindling their relationships without worrying about the little ones just for one weekend.









"Something old, Something new, Something borrowed, Something blue...

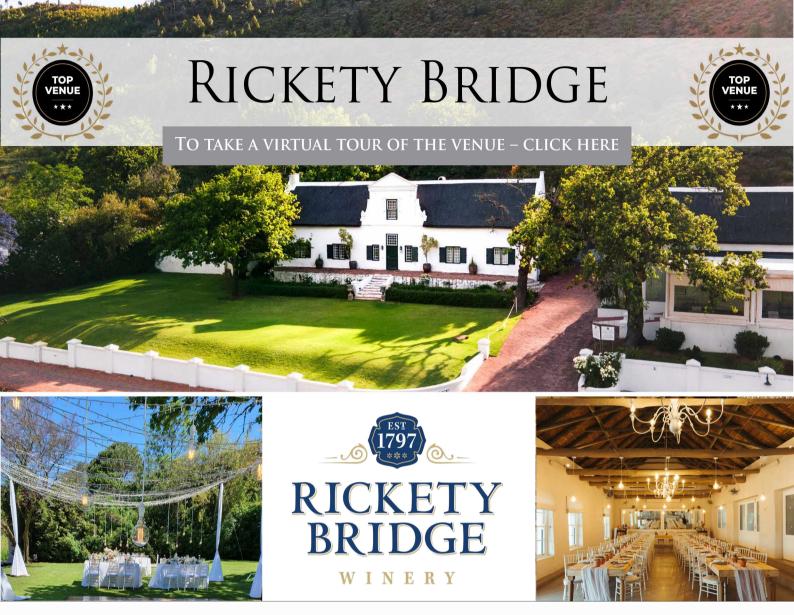
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Tucked away in the hills near Dullstroom, The Silver Sixpence is the perfect Wedding Venue for an exclusive fairy-tale "weekend wedding experience" in tranquil surroundings - 300 Ha of rolling grasslands, with forests, trout dams, and meadows with beautiful Friesian horses - providing endless photo opportunities. Begin your weekend celebrations in our Microbrewery on Friday evening!

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- Three-course meal
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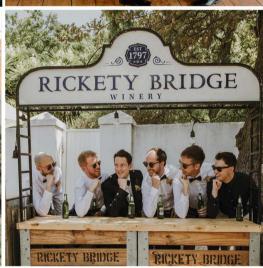




















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Established in 1991, the property is filled with history, from the Dairy Venue built by Italian prisoners of war in 1940, to the majestic Oak tree that once served as rest point for the Voortrekkers before crossing the flooded Juksei River. It sadly fell after a thunderstorm but

pieces of the old trunk can still be seen memorialized in the garden.

Inspired by an old stone altar in an Oak Forest which has seen the marriage of five generations of Halse children on their beautiful family farm, a charming Chapel was built in the grove of Cottonwood trees. Having grown up on horseback, it also seemed obvious to include a horse-drawn carriage. So began the vision, the "one-stop" wedding venue. Over the years, the unique Summerhouse was completed, followed by the bridal suites and the Guest House. The old chicken run in which old Mrs Harrison grew her prized orchids, then became the beautiful Conservatory.

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the Summerhouse & Conservatory

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.



the Dairy & Dairy chapel

The historic DAIRY venue paired with the DAIRY CHAPEL is a lovely old venue offering magnificent sunsets and is surrounded by expansive golden fields. The perfect venue for intimate gatherings of less than 120 guests. An olive grove sits opposite the pink rose arches that hugs the venue from the cocktail area, and a secret garden allows for some of the most amazing pictures of the newly wed couples.



















Fazila and Shekinah Chikukwa)



"A successful marriage requires falling in l ove many times, always with the same person"

Tell us about your proposal?

It was a secretly planned proposal with help from a few friends in the unique society car crew that made everything so special. A day to cherish forever.

Tell us about your venue, why did you choose Tula Baba?

I wanted something different. I needed something that no one else in the family ever opted for, so the minute Shekinah sent me the pictures of Tula Baba I fell in love with it. I saw the perfect wedding coming together in my head.

Tula Baba gives you that safari vibe with the animals around you and the greenery is just breath taking.

Tell us about your photographers?

Lorenzo Johnson Instagram: @dailylowsociety







Who was in your bridal party?

- -Sade Kok My maid of honour (Cousin of the bride)
- -Hendritte Kriel Bridesmaid (Friend of the bride)
- -Tatum van Zyl Bridesmaid (Cousin of the bride)
- -Tiyana van Zyl -Bridesmaid (Cousin if the bride)
- -Ameen Williams Ring bearer (nephew of the bride)
- -Sihle Mabona Groomsman (Friend of the groom)
- Karen Chikoore Flower girl (Cousin of the groom)
- -Zola Mpulampula Best man (Friend of the groom)

Any handy tips for brides to be?

Accept help when its offered but don't ever change the idea of your wedding for what others want. Be the monster bride and do it your way. Planning ahead always helps you to see the event coming together well.

















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Inkwenkwezi Game Reserve's has a charming open-air chapel with

its red carpet laid out for the bridal couple to walk down to say "I do". The chapel is situated at Emthombeni (under the old wild fig tree) and paradise garden settings with water features incorporating waterfalls and small ponds.

Walking down the red carpet to take your vows in Inkwenkwezi's charming open-air chapel, nestled in the gardens amongst the trees, is the beginning of your happily ever after dreams. To capture this beauty way into the night, strategically placed lights light up the garden.

After the service the couple may wonder into our paradise garden for their photo session. The variety of breathtaking scenes and interesting features will give you the opportunity to have a range of unique photographs to keep as mementoes of your special day. During the photo session your guests are invited to have prearranged welcoming drink and snacks or cocktails and canapés – depending on what you have chosen for them – provided by Inkwenkwezi.











Inkwenkwezi focuses on attention to detail so that your wedding is everything you ever dreamed of. Prior to your big day you are invited to meet with to discuss, in detail, the various options available to you.

Once you have taken your vows and are ready to celebrate, you and your guests will enjoy a banquet of a lifetime – made from the freshest, hand-picked ingredients, accompanied by a selection of the finest wines.

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.

Your unique table décor and artistic displays will ensure that your special occasion is not short of being exclusively to your needs. The most magical setting with fairy lights- Tiffany chairs-and soft flowers and fabrics to create the elegance and charm of a romantic fairy tale wedding.

The beautiful, well-designed and equipped bar is operated as per your instructions. You are offered a Cash Bar or a Tab Bar. You are required you to hand in your Tab Bar requirements prior to your special day.

The kitchen will cater according to your requirements and only the finest and freshest ingredients are used. On the buffet, more than generous portions are served.







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

Tents are furnished with twin three quarter beds. (The Honeymoon suite has a queen size bed). This tent is situated within the reserve. Guests are welcome to contact Inkwenkwezi if accommodation

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Miksha & Yashiv Maharaj



"People are weird. When we find someone with weirdness that is compatible with ours, we team up and call it love."—Dr. Seuss

Tell us about how you met?

Yashiv and I met in person on our first day of university in 2014 and I have to say, this is not a fairytale lovestory. It was complicated and it felt like a whirlwind but I had already made up my mind that, "I'm going to marry this guy one day ". Though the journey was not smooth sailing and we had our ups and downs. We were young and though we had alot in common, we had alot of differences and alot to consider so we remained friends till 2016. We started dating in 2016. As we all know, it is quite challenging for a new graduate to get a job in South Africa. Yashiv and I decided to embark on the biggest journey of our lives in 2018. We moved to China to work as English teachers. It was the best decision we made, especially for our relationship. Working abroad together only brought us closer. We began to understand each other better. Through our travels and live-in relationship our bond became like no other. Yashiv is a romantic and he never ceases to surprise me. In 2020, he proposed to me in Barcelona, Spain. It was the most adorable proposal and one of the best things that happened to me. Living together, makes it difficult for surprises but Yashiv always finds a way!

Covid delayed our wedding date but we finally booked the 15 of July 2023 for our wedding. Being in China, planning a wedding was challenging but we are so proud of ourselves that we, with some help from family, planned our wedding the way we wanted it to be and that made it all the more special.

Everything was booked from China. Be it outfits, the venue and other suppliers. All the service providers were so accommodating which we are so grateful for!

Any handy tips for brides to be?

Make a mood board when planning your wedding. This way you have an idea of what you want initially. As much as it is your wedding day, your guests comfort needs to be taken into consideration aswell. Make sure to frequently contact your RSVP's. People tend to drop off at the last minute without notice. That leaves you paying extra for people who aren't attending.





Tell us about your venue?

Yashiv and began to do our research online for venues all over KZN. After months of searching, we came to the agreement that Collisheen is the venue for us. Surrounded by sugar cane, Collisheen and gives you It resonates with who we are and the kind of wedding we wanted. The challenge was, viewing, as we were in China and would only come to South Africa a month before the wedding. Thankfully our parents viewed the venue on our behalf and Gizelle was so welcoming and more than willing to communicate with us through videos for us to get a better understanding of what the venue has to offer. We had the wedding and canapé hour in the garden and the reception in the Boma. Both areas had beautiful unique set ups.

Tell us about your photographers?

I found Yajur on Instagram, he was actually my cousins photographer for her wedding and we loved his work so we made sure we booked him a year in advance. We are so glad we did, the photos are magnificent! He really pays attention to detail. Yajur aswell as his assistant photographers were all so warm and really hyped us up for our photoshoot. Both Yashiv and I were absolutely blown away by his work. Funny story, my necklace snapped the morning of the wedding, I tried my best to put it back together but my acrylic tips shackled me. I was lucky enough to have Yajur with me at the time, he actually put it back together. He could have easily said he can't do it as that isn't his job but he gladly did it for me and I am ever so grateful!

Tell us more about your stunning dresses?

Being in China, finding outfits for the both of us posed a great challenge. I began looking for bridal lehengas online, since July 2022 aswell as my parents looked around in Durban for outfits which I humbly declined. I simply couldn't find the one that felt like me. I initially began looking for red bridal lehengas as red is considered auspicious for a Hindu bride. I noticed that I was drawn to lighter colours, such as Ivory. So I started looking at patterns at the store, Sitara, in India. Once I found my patterns, I chose the colours I wanted and they custom designed the outfit to suit my needs. I always knew that I wanted a train veil, so they had added that too. Now, let's talk measurements. All measurements were done through video call. I measured Yashiv and he measured me. The main question was would the outfit fit me when I tried it on in South Africa? When I landed in South Africa and tried on the outfit, it fit perfectly! We were so relieved.





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