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TOPIC

Bride: Martonette & Gerhard

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There is the opportunity to make the occasion even more special by having your wedding featured in the Real Brides magazine.

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

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

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

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.

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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.

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Real Brides is now a fully INTERNATIONAL magazine. Since Real Brides went digital we have had an ever increasing number of brides from other countries downloading and reading our magazine.

Our website stats report shows that this month brides from South Africa - United States - United Kingdom - Canada - Indonesia - Ireland - Australia and India have downloaded and read Real Brides.

Added to that we are now receiving requests from brides from numerous countries for their weddings to be featured in Real Brides-

In this month's edition we feature brides from South Africa -Bali – Ireland and Austria making Real Brides a truly International publication.

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

Your Friend Morgan

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October Issue In this issue we read about a beautiful Bali Elopement.

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MARTONETTE AND GERHARD PRETORIUS



The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return. Moulin Rouge.

Tell us how you met?

We met through mutual friends, but the fairytale part of our story was that our families knew each other before we knew each other. My husband went fishing and hunting on our farm with my family when he was in high school; we never knew it until he had to meet my parents. We then realized that we grew up in the same area but never saw each other. So when he met the family, he was already welcomed with open arms without even knowing it. Looking back, we both wished we could meet sooner. We love the same things. We laugh at the same jokes. When agreeing and disagreeing, we do it with love and affection. So when planning our wedding day, we did it with a breeze because the bride is always right.

Who walked you down the aisle?

My father is my hero. Pieter De Jager I am the only daughter of two brothers, one older and one younger. He has a heart condition and had a few strokes before I met my now-husband, so having him and my mother at my wedding was a blessing. And having the pillar of your life giving you away to the new pillar in your life is what every littel girl dream of.

Tell us about your dress?

I said yes to my dress on the first fitting appointment. The first dress at the first shop was my choice. I found my dream dress at FYNBOS BRIDAL BOUTIQUE. a chiffon A-line dress with lace and a beaded bodice. The dress I chose was exactly how I envisioned it. a long, loose dress that was airy and flowed over my hips. a strapless gown; it made me feel soft and feminine, and my long open sleeves were custum-made. On my strapless bodice was soft embroidery with only a few stones that gave it a little glow. I loved that my dress had full movement, and it all came beautifully together with my white country boots that my little brother brought from America. My sleeves where absolutely my favourite part of my dress.





Tell us about your venue?

There's no denying that looking at a venue is stressful, and trying to imagine yourself getting married there is crucial. But at Dullstroom Country Weddings, we did not have that problem. The venue is the most romantic and unique venue we could have chosen.

We chose to get married in February, and the location was perfect. In South Africa, we have the most sweaty weather sometimes. For brides, that can be your worst nightmare, but with the veneu set between the beautiful oak trees and mountains, we had no worries.

We had exclusive use of the entire farm for the weekend of our wedding, with accommodation available for 36 guests in various cottages. Accommodations for the bride and groom were included in our wedding package. We had a total of 85 guests, with many of them sleeping in accommodations in Dullstoom. Our ceremony was held at the Skaapappel Orchard. Between beautiful rows of skaapappel trees, the veneu also had a cozy chapel should the weather be unfavorable. It was an absolute unique wedding ceremony with my family and florist, making our ceremony spot perfect with the help of the veneu. Walking down an aisle with roses, flowers, and lanterns with fairy lights hanging above is any girl's dream.

We took photos in the oak forest and on the breathtaking cliffside near our ceremony area.

The canapes were served outside our stunning reception area. There are so many beautiful views and accommodating spaces to make you forget that we were taking our time taking photos. The area had a warm and inviting atmosphere for us and our guests. When we arrived at our reception, the mist slowly came in, giving us and our guests a magical feeling—a special moment I will never forget. The whole evening was perfect with our food service and feeling utterly calm. When asking others about getting married, the response is always that it is stressful, but I felt utterly calm and content, and that is a feeling I wish for every bride. and, of course, like any other South African wedding, we danced the night away.

Any Tips for Brides-to-be?

BE BOLD, BE DIFFERENT. Having a Pinterest board is fun, but try to be unique. There is only one of you in this world, and having a special person choose you and only you means that planning your wedding must be about you and that you are different from anyone in this world. The day of your wedding, spend time with your guests. The thing I most regret is not spending enough time with family and friends.

Be present on the day of your wedding; look, smell, and feel everything, even the bad things. The stress is for the planning, not the wedding

and, of course, to enjoy your wedding. Do what you want to do; it is always better to ask forgiveness than permission.





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

A third option offers a different ambiance 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 the opportunity to get married on the banks of one of our dams, with the shimmering water as a backdrop.

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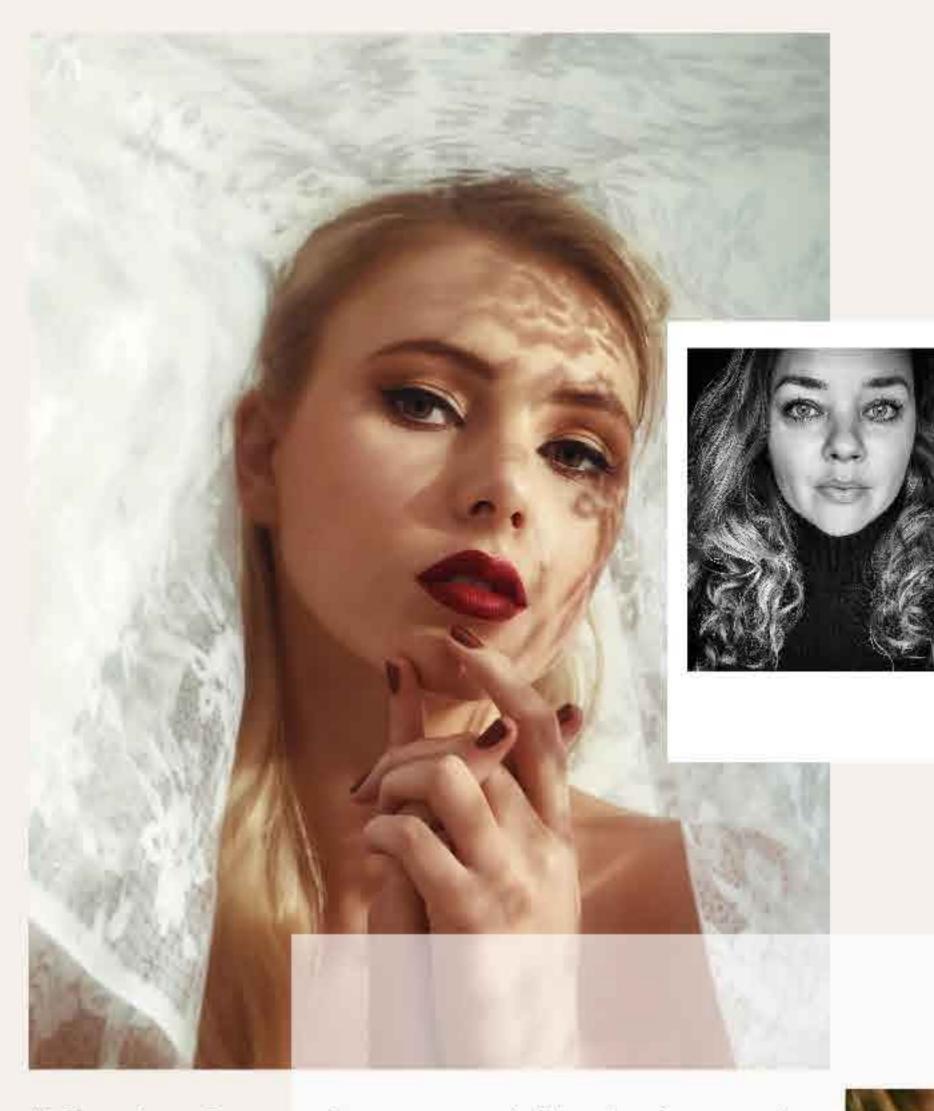
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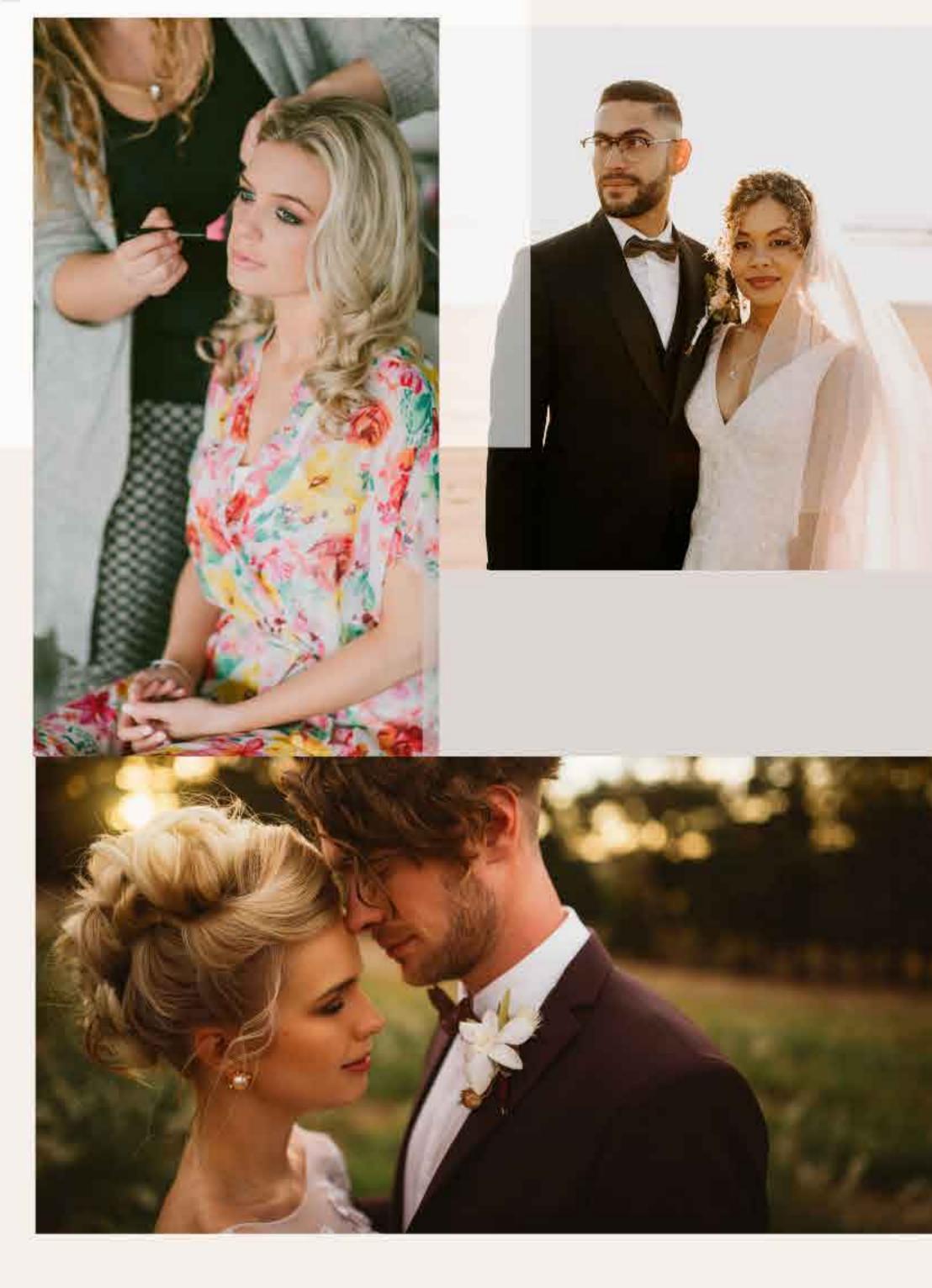
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Chane & Brandon Olivier



Wait for the right time and never look back!

Tell us about your proposal?

Poor Brandon was planning our engagement for weeks, and unfortunately his first idea for the proposal didn't work out, so he ended up booking us a lunch at Casalinga, and I could see he was a bit off but just thought that it was just an off day. We ate our lunch and had a nice conversation. I was sitting there all dressed up in my high heels and everything, when Brandon suggested we take a stroll through the forest of Casalinga and my first thought was "what the hell, no, I'm wearing high heels but of course, I felt bad and jumped up and went for a fun uncomfortable walk which turned out to be the best day of my life! We walked into a clearing and I kept walking when I realized Brandon was not next to me anymore, when I turned around he was on one knee! We both couldn't keep in the tears, and just started crying as he tried to get out his speech he had prepared. I couldn't even talk so I just nodded my head YES! And ugly cried until I grabbed him and hugged him! As soon as we took a second our Photographer – Smook Photography, jumped out from the bushes and just ran to congratulate us, took me by surprise but couldn't be more thankful for the amazing photos we have now to remember that day. jumped out from the bushes and just ran to congratulate us, took me by surprise but couldn't be more thankful for the amazing photos we have now to remember that day.

What made you choose your venue?

We love Oakfield Farm. We know the venue so well, each and every knook and cranny, so of course the moment we got engaged, how could we not choose Oakfield Farm? From their stunning green gardens to their different styled venues, we had every option we needed in our fingertips! Whether we wanted a small, farm style wedding, to a big, forest fairytale, everything we needed in one place. Their service is amazing, they tailor each quote to your own needs for your wedding day, and their food was absolutely amazing! The biggest help was their recommended specialists list, which made the vendor hunting so easy, as I could just get quotes from the vendors they recommend, which are all vendors that know the venue well, and understood how everything works, so no need for added stress about getting the vendors to Oakfield Farm.





Tell us about your wedding colours and decor?

We chose the colours – Terracotta orange and Navy blue for our big day. Brandon really wanted to wear a blue suit and I wanted to bring in the Fall colours with a spring twist.

Our décor was simplistic with a fairytale feel. Quite the oxymoron! Not the easiest of tasks to give to your décor company, but Sune from Criore pulled it off and it looked amazing! When the night time came, with the Dj light, fairy lights and the draping on the roof was all on and in place, it was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen! Our décor was very much flower based! We did have the big hexagon behind us in the chapel and in the reception that brought in the different kind of feel to the reception.

Tell us about your Photographer?

We met out Photographer – Pelser photography - at a friends wedding! When we saw their wedding photos there was not a chance that we could not use him! After the venue and date was booked, he was the first vendor we booked for our wedding and we never looked back! Our photos came out amazing and our wedding video is perfect! We could not be happier!

What were the best moments of your day?

I think the best moment for us was obviously when the moment came when we saw each other for the first time at the chapel. But of course there are other moments that come in second place! One of our favourite moments was out intro dance when we walked into reception! It was fun and exciting, and we choreographed it our selves! All our guests loved that moment as it set the atmosphere for the rest of the wedding!

Any Budgeting advice for brides-to-be?

Honestly, do as much as you can on your own, we made our own yard games for the canapes, and we did our own photo booth and fun things for reception, for example, Our own guest book, we put down paper and pens, and all those messages will be put in a frame and hung on our wall as décor for the rest of our lives to look back on. Don't be afraid to do something on your own just because you think it wouldn't work. It is your wedding day, if you want something, but can't afford it, take the time to make it yourself! No matter how big or small.



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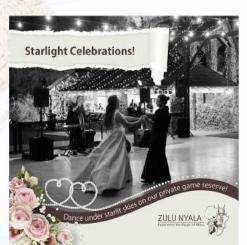
Set deep in the Zulu Nyala Private Game Reserve, 'The Quarry' is encircled by high reaching rock faces with an open view to the West adding that extra 'African-special' with magnificent sunsets & views across bushland towards the Lebombo Mountains. Its unique position, décor and functionality makes for stress-free entertainment with Zulu Nyala taking care of your every need. Clad in locally sourced rock, high quality, polished cement and gravel floor finishes, traditional artifact light fittings and wood touches all contribute to a most stylish and sophisticated, yet earth-bound environment in a setting like no other – seeing is believing!

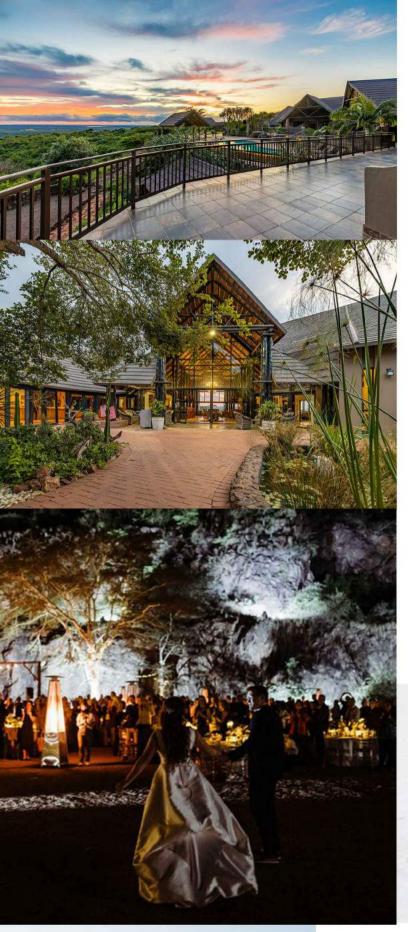
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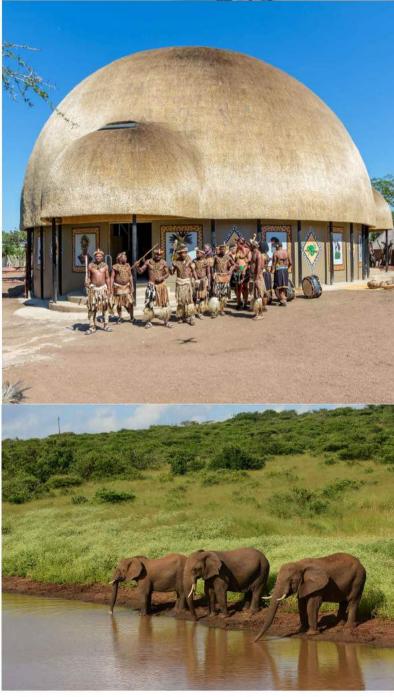
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Marica & Louw de Waal



"I believe we can be extraordinary together rather than ordinary apart" Grey's Anatomy

Tell us about how you met?

It was 5 years ago, we both started working in Nelspruit. With first sight Louw asked me out for coffee and after the first date I knew it was meant to be. Since then we have never been happier.

Who walked you down the aisle?

I was so privilege to have my father walk me down the aisle.

Tell us about your venue?

Our venue was the easiest decision of all. The Silver Sixpence was the first Venue we went to look at and immediately fell in love with the place. The venue offers an amazing scenery. It's close to Dullstroom, which is our own little safe haven. The country feeling made us feel at home. The owner Lesley is one of the kindest people I have ever met, with the passion she has for her job she made all the planning so much easier, we could not have asked for better. The best aspect of the venue is that you have it for the whole weekend, this meant we could have a small get together the Friday night with close friends and family this gave us more time with each person. The Silver Sixpence also offers enough accommodation for most guests and in a small radius there is more than enough accommodation for everyone. We are bot winter people but getting married in the winter is always a risk with cold weather but the venue made us feel cosy with warm fire places in each room. My "wedding dream" was to get married in a forest, and the Silver Sixpence made this dream come true and a highlight to our wedding.







How did the planning go?

I'm a very organized person that loves to plan so the first thing I did was make a spreadsheet and do to list, this made the planning a lot easier. I also asked my mother and bridesmaids to help with some of the administration tasks. The venue includes a lot of the wedding necessaries which made the planning a lot easier for us and like I said Lesley really help so much with all the planning.

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

Yes, we did stick with our budget. It wasn't easy but with the right advice and effort to search for the best we made it work. I altered a lot to my dress which made it a bit more expensive but at the end of the day we never went over the budget.

Did you go on honeymoon and where?

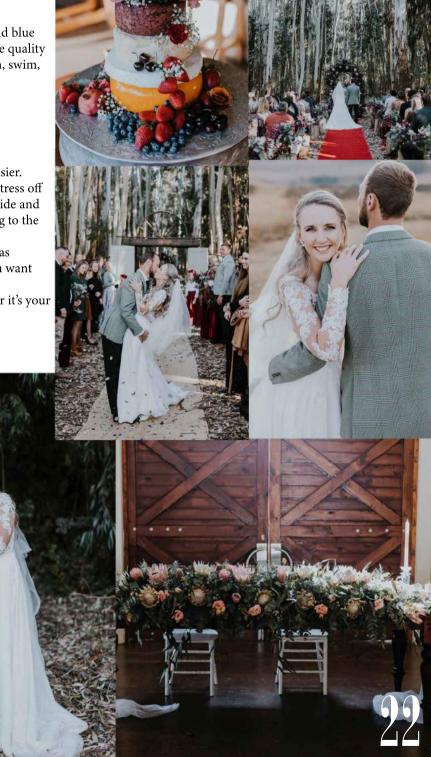
Yes, we went to Mozambique for a week. The warm weather and blue sea was definitely a wonderful destination to relax and get some quality time with each other. We also went for long walks on the beach, swim, snorkel and enjoyed some Mozambique cuisine.

Any tips for brides to be?

Book your venue first, this made all the other planning a lot easier. Choose a venue that has everything included, it takes a lot of stress off you. Also look for a venue where the dressing rooms for the bride and groom is close by so that you don't have to worry about driving to the serves.

Invest in a good photographer, you only have your photos left as memories. Also make a list before hand with all the people you want photos with, it's difficult to remember everyone on the day. A lot of people will give their opinions and ideas but remember it's your day.

Remember to also enjoy it, the day really goes by so fast.





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

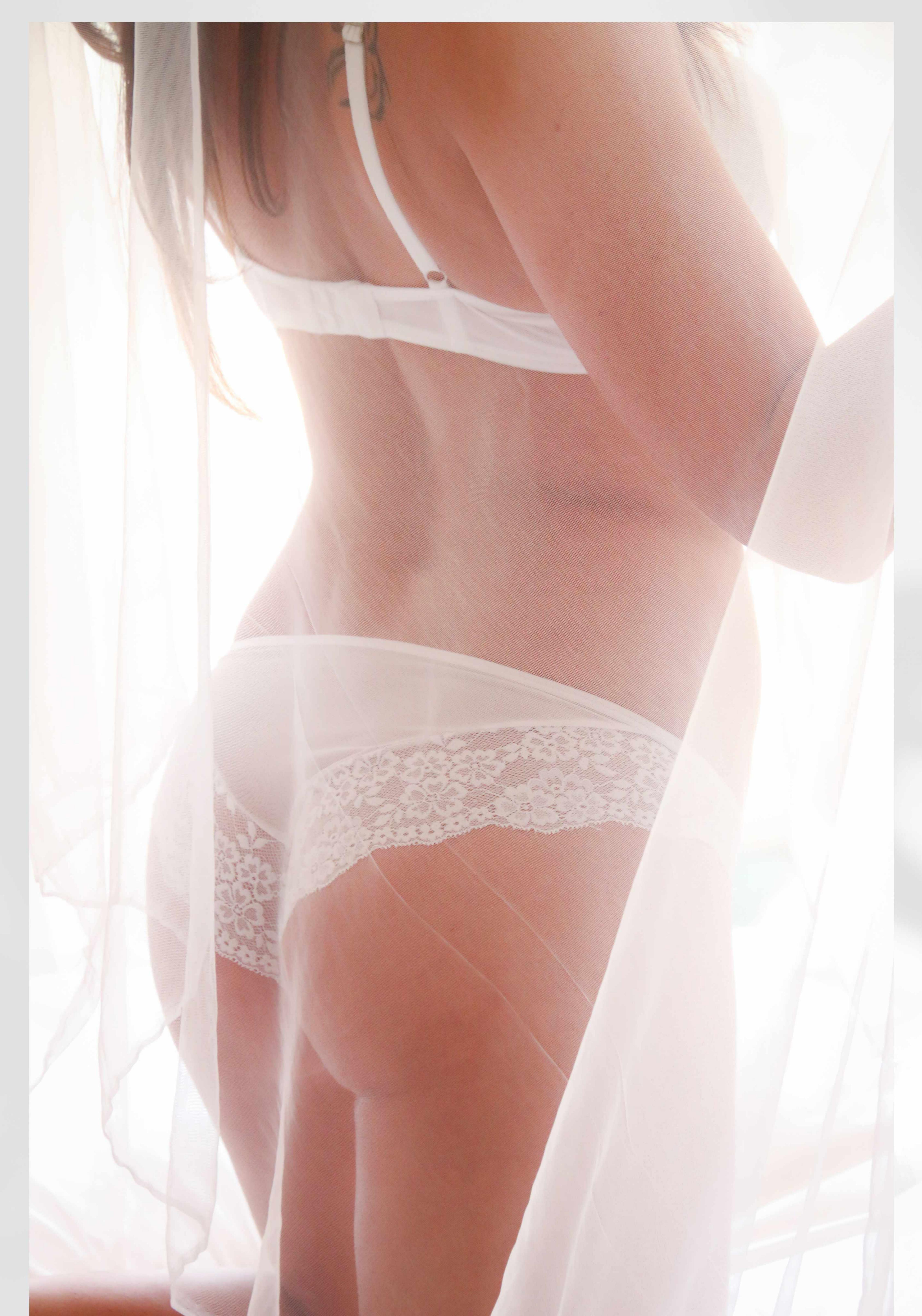
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Brice & Pauline Bali Proposal

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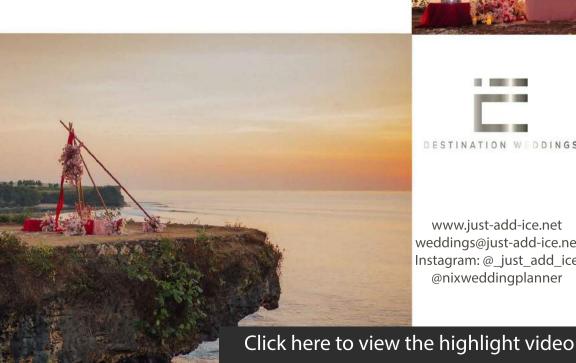
I decided to propose in Bali for several reasons. We spent 5 months in Indonesia and fell in love with the country. It seemed logical to propose in a country that was symbolic to us. Bali also boasts magnificent scenery, and it was important to me that the proposal be exceptional. I think we saw the most beautiful sunset of our lives thank you to Nicky & Tayne for choosing the most perfect location for us.

Tell us about the proposal planning.

The organization wasn't easy, as I had to be discreet. But I was able to count on Nicky and Tayne's help, who took care of everything from A to Z. I told them all my ideas and desires, and they where able to adapt and, above all, offer me an event that was tailor-made and different from the rest. It suited our personalities perfectly. It was a total surprise and the result lived up to my expectations in fact exceeded them! Thank you to ICE Destination Weddings for making our dream proposal in Bali so incredible!

What's next for you both?

We're going to end our trip with a pre honeymoon in the Philippines.









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Tula Venue at Tula Baba Game Lodge offers the ultimate wedding destination in South-Africa. Tula Baba Game Lodge is situated on an intimate game farm in the bushveld in the North-West area. It is the ideal wedding location for a unique destination wedding, also perfect for an extended weekend away.

Our couple have various options from a full package done by our vibrant Wedding Planner Andrew, you bring your ideas, and he makes the magic happen. We also offer active packages for fully catered to self-catering weddings. Our Venue is ideal for a small intimate wedding of 10 to 30 guests or a festival celebration of maximum 100 guest. A stylish celebration in the Bushveld, surrounded by the beauty of nature and wildlife as you recite your vows. We offer their bridal couple a wedding of their dreams with a luxurious bridal and groom suite. We work closely with our couples to bring their vision to life, so they can truly enjoy the day with their guests and family. Tula Venue at Tula Baba Game Lodge believes that the focus of any celebration should be the enjoyment you share with yourguests.

Tula Venue hosts weddings, corporate events, and milestone celebrations. This venue offers an elegant indoor facility offering a magical atmosphere for a stunning event. The Venue can comfortably accommodate 20 to 100 guests seated. Our Venue has immaculate finishes that gives a touch of elegance. We offer our couples an exclusive experience a s we only host one function at a time. Our wedding Ceremonies are held in an open-air chapel under a beautiful Gazebo overlooking the bushveld with wildlife roaming past. Should the weather be a little wet we have a charming Chapel 4km from the Venue that will ensure our couple and their guest stay dry.

The Game Lodge has a Main Lodge that speaks for itself, when you walk into the front door the open plan entertainment area gives the WOW factor. Relaxing on the patios or enjoying a braai next to the pool. The main lodge has six bedrooms can sleep 12 guests and 5 additional cottages can accommodate 12 guests in total. Your wedding guest can stay over and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast the next morning. We have a few lovely accommodation options that provide additional place to stay for wedding parties and families.

Guests are greeted with a professional team. Andrew and his amazing team are available to assist our couple from the minute they arrive. We aim to exceed your expectation.











Alrick & Natalee Van Gass



"The one where she got suspicious and caught her on a different day"

Tell us about your proposal?

I got a little suspicious when my mom randomly booked a nail appointment for me and said she wanted to spoil me. I then taught he was going to propose on that Saturday.

The Friday afternoon he said we're going for dinner on our friends farm.

While on our way, we stopped and he got out of the car and told me his Friend is fixing a pipe and I had to walk with him. As we walked there was n picnic set up with snacks and champagne and my Friend with a camera waiting for the moment. When I turned around Alrick was on his knee and asked me to Marry him!

And my Answer was most definitely YES!

Tell us about your venue?

Fairview Hotel, Spa and Golf resort has always been a place to go.

From Sunday Golfing days to Christmas outings with the family.

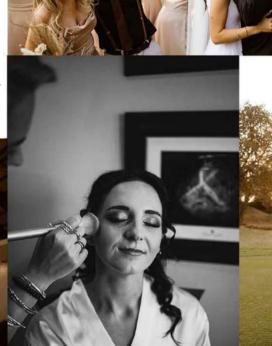
When we booked our Venue we couldn't wait to start planning our Wedding. Fairview is a

beautiful place with amazing people in the business.
We fell inlove with their little Chapel and couldn't wait to

We fell inlove with their little Chapel and couldn't wait to say our "I do's" there.

Our reception was on the river at their Clubhouse. We see it as this elegant but natural open building. It was perfect for 70 quests.









Who did your decor and flowers?

Bernadette Engelbrecht & Engela Tolmay

Tell us about your photographers?

A few years ago I captured a wedding and met the amazing Liandri & Erik from Liandri Photo&Film.

I just knew since that day that I wanted them to capture my wedding day.

The day that I got engaged and told Alrick about them, he loved their work too and booked them. We planned our Engagement shoot at met each other half way in Santon on a roof top.

On the day of the wedding they were just what we wanted in a wedding photographer and

Who was in your bridal party?

Bride:

videographer.

Michelle van Staden (Maid of Honour) Chantel van Rooyen Nadia van Zyl Sybil van Staden Corlene Botha Tennyl Wilson

Groom:

JG van Gass (Best Man) Arnu Vorster Shanco van Rooyen Bennie van Zyl Louis van der Walt Herman Theron Adrian Wilson

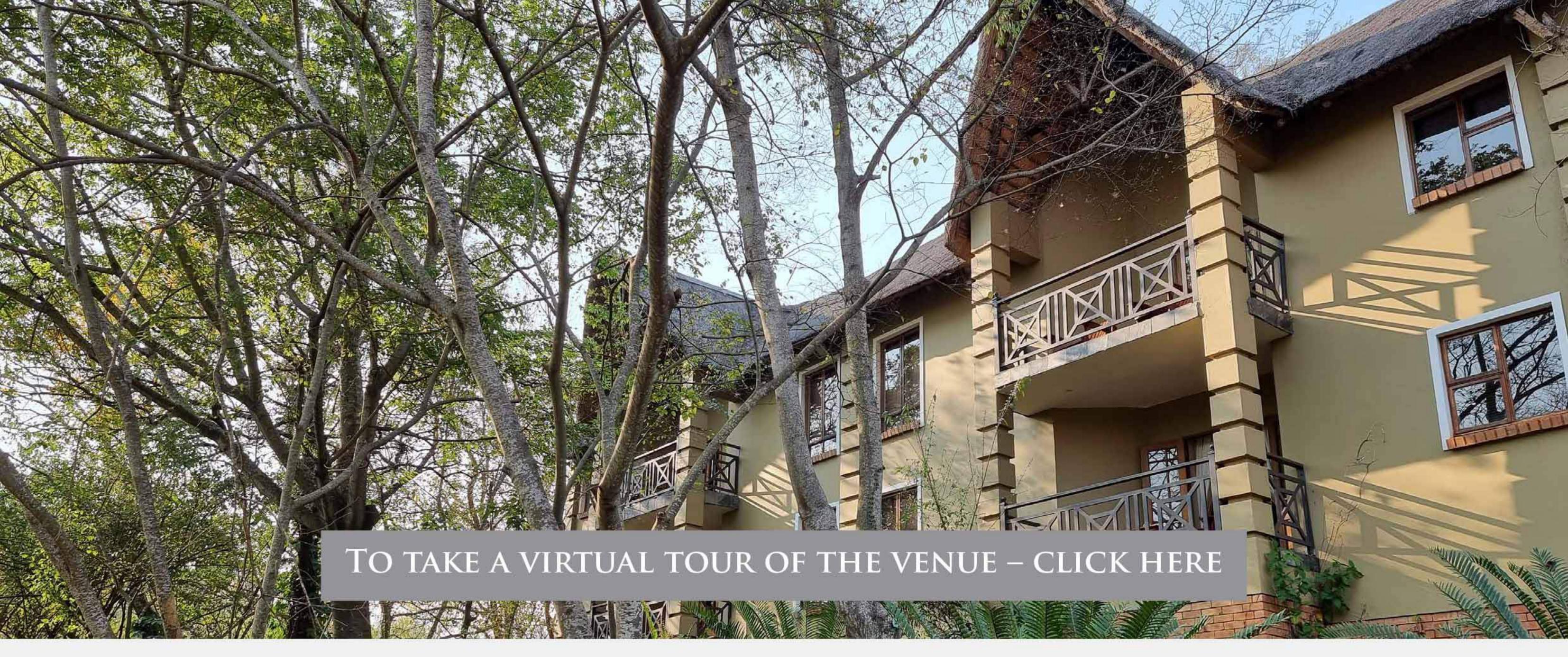
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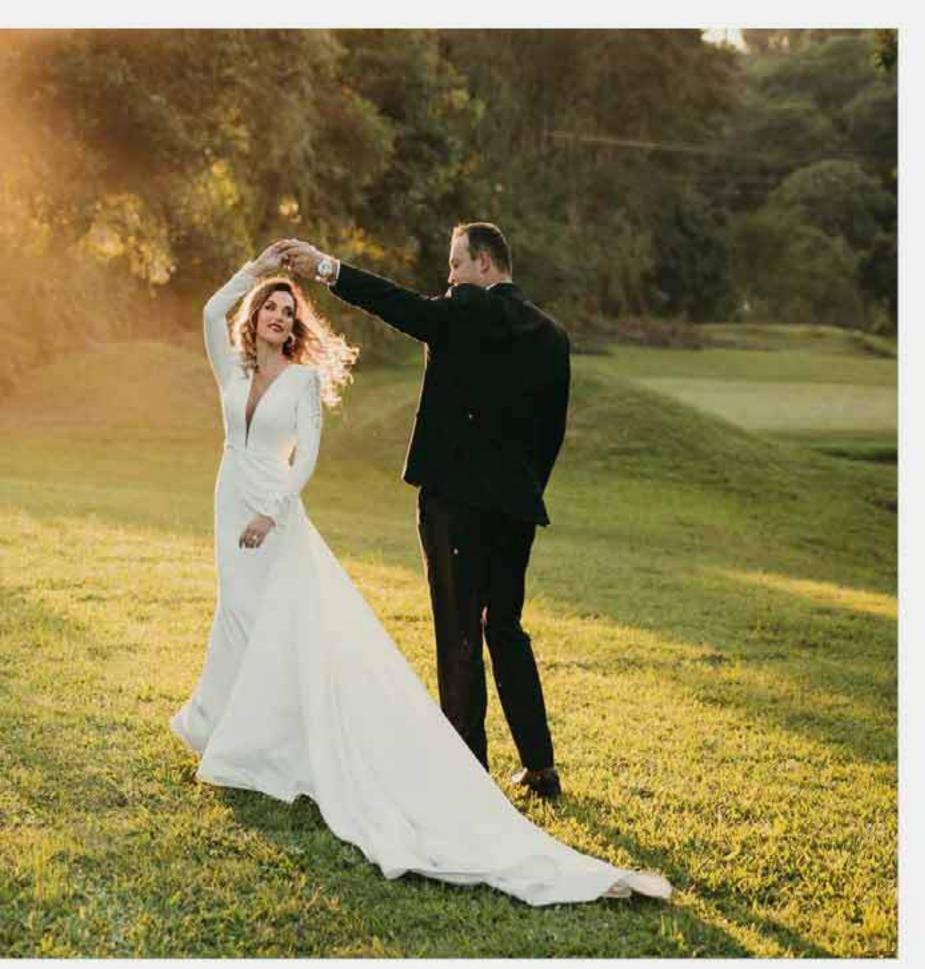
Choose your Wedding Vendors wisely and your guests even wiser because you only get this day once.

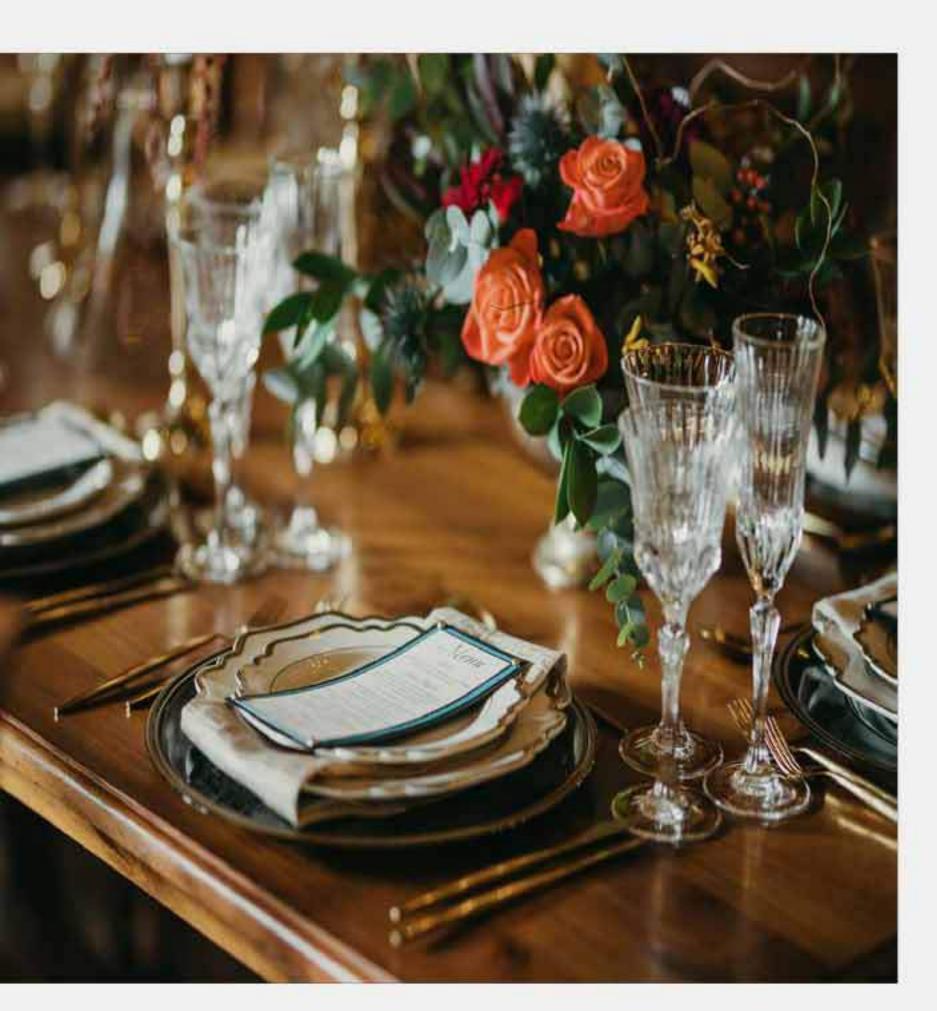














Set on 26ha of scenic farmland, lies the Fairview Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort, a landmark venue that offers luxury hotel accommodation and function and wedding facilities,

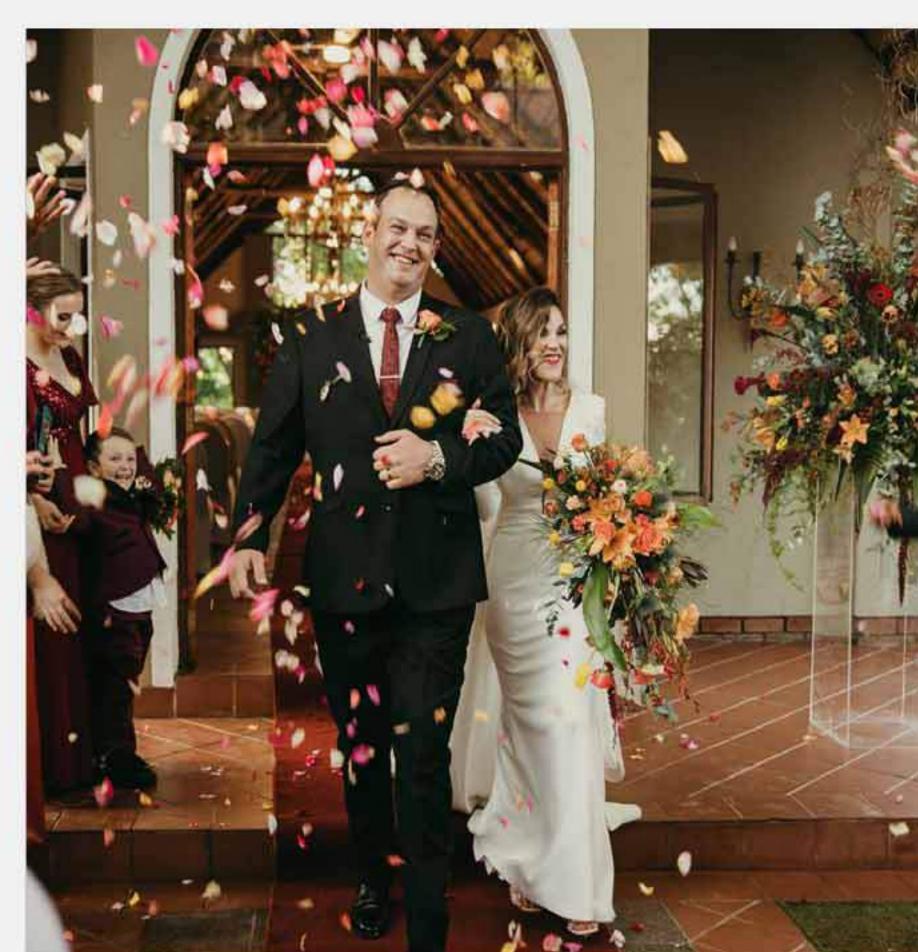
Plus an 18-hole par-3 golf course, well-appointed Zen Spa and beautiful, lush gardens - all idyllic elements for a all-in-one wedding venue.

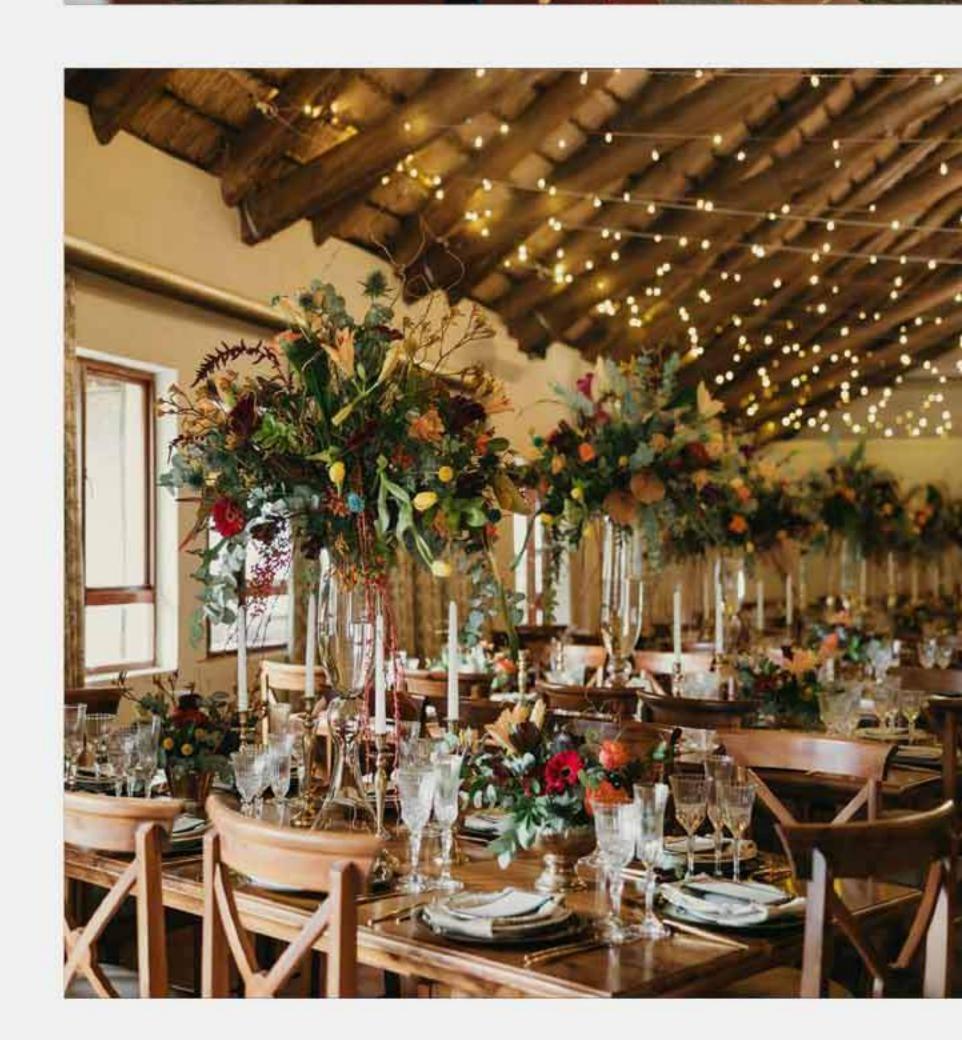
Fairview Hotel offers various options to choose from to make your wedding-day dreams come true.

Couples can choose between the large Limpopo ballroom, with stately chandeliers that are suspended from the enormous, thatched roof over the 80 m2 wooden dance floor

There is a smaller venue for more intimate occasions, the Baobab Wine Cellar, or the well-groomed estate gardens for an open-air experience.

The latest edition to choose from is the newly developed Fairview Clubhouse, on the embankment of the Letaba River, a semiopen-air structure, with luxurious Afro-colonial interior.







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Werner & Mignon Pretsch



Tell us about your love story?

Mignon and Werner's love story unfolded in her home town Pretoria, unexpected yet absolutely perfect. They were two strangers, who met through a mutual friend and also started off as only friends. A lot of time was spent at their favourite coffee shop in Pretoria, some serious games on the tennis courts and Tuesday evening dinners with friends. Their laughs and conversations flowed effortlessly, weaving dreams and secrets into the threads of their growing bond. As this friendship grew, it became clear that although this relationship was grounded on friendship, there might be much more to it. Werner took the leap and in January 2022 asked Mignon to be his girlfriend, jip the traditional old school way. In July that same year Werner flew down and surprized Mignon with an unexpected engagement at her favourite holiday destination and 10 months later they got married during May 2023. The love they found was a beautifully and unexpected, a reminder that sometimes, if God orchestrates plans, the most extraordinary stories are written in the margins of life's everyday pages.

How many venues did you consider?

During the search period, a few venues were considered and thorough research was done on the various prices and options. We were quite clear on what we wanted though and Mooiplaas was the first and only venue we physically viewed.

Tell us about your venue?

Mooiplaas venue is nestled about 2 hours outside of Pretoria in a picturesque countryside with a dash of cape wineladns. This wedding venue is the perfect combination of elegance and a party-ready vibe. The Mooiplaas wedding planning team is top-notch and won't get bogged down by the small stuff, ensuring your big day goes off without a hitch. The benefit of ample accommodation on and around the venue also offered guests plenty of affordable options, so they could turn the wedding into a weekend of full celebrations.



"Mooiplaas was the first and only venue we physically viewed."



Photographers: Mighty Fine Videographer: Mighty Fine

Venue: Mooiplaas wedding venue

Wedding planner: Mooiplaas venue

Rings: Stonz diamonds

Wedding dress: Relove bridal Bridesmaids dresses: Poetry

Make up: @yr_makeup_artistry

Hair: @c_morr.hairaty

DJ: Sound Hatch Productions

Décor & stationary: lavieestbellewedding

Marriage Officiant: Gerrie Bodenstein



How long did it take to plan your wedding?

We had 10 months to plan our wedding and it really is MORE than enough time, obviously considering that the venue and photographers are available, also the most important thing to finalize as quickly as possible. Everything else is actually flexible and changeable around this.

Tell us about your Photographer?

When it comes to capturing our special day in all its glory, our team of photographers stands as the absolute best on the block, but like REALLY. With an unwavering commitment to artistry and a knack for storytelling through images, they transform each moment into a breathtaking memory that you'll treasure for a lifetime. From candid, emotion-filled shots to stunningly composed portraits, our photographers were masters at seizing the essence of our love story. This is one thing that we give A LOT of thought to because YES, IT IS A LOT of money. I promise promise promise you that it is worth EVERY cent!!!! (And yes, just flippin do the videographer too, I PROMISE you WILL NOT, EVER regret this – best best best money spent).

What food did you have?

At our wedding, we kept it simple and mouthwateringly basic, serving up deliciously hearty boerekos that was bound to leave everyone fully satisfied, EVERYBODY could not stop talking about it after. Think amazing capanes with biltong, cheese and fresh fruits, followed by ample main options with tender steaks, bees tong, wildspastei, pampoenkoekies, and some delicious dessert to wrap it all up. Accompanied by generous portions of salads, this feast was all about celebrating the delicious essence of South African cuisine. With a spread like this, there's no need for extravagant frills - just good, hearty food to enjoy and s

Any tips for brides to be?

Don't sweat the small stuff Decide on the wedding that YOU want and do exactly THAT.

Don't follow the standard, do something different if you'd like and don't just do things for the sake of doing because of wedding traditions.

Myself and my husband sat early when just engaged and each mentioned 3 non-negotiables or things that are really a big deal to us. This helped with being sensitive towards what is important for the other person and not shove away their ideas.

Excel sheets for the win, if you have everything organized on one sheet it really helps.





Experience the Cape in the heart of the bushveld.



Our venue is nestled deep within the Waterberg mountains, near Modimolle in Limpopo.

The bridal couple exchange vows under a beautiful big Wild Fig tree, against a breathtaking backdrop of Granadilla fields.

The reception hall, accommodating a minimum of 70 and a maximum of 300, then awaits guests with a mouth-watering feast.





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Kaja & Matt Budzisz

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'Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen' - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Tell us about your proposal?

Matt claims that he had been ready for a proposal, months before it happened. He did not want to do it in our home country, so he waited for the travel restrictions to ease in 2021. In late July of that year we got our first vaccine. Knowing the date for the second vaccine, we started looking for the perfect holiday. We were soo travel deprived that we wanted it all: food, weather, history, charm and nuisance of a place we've never been to before. It had to be Italy. The plan was to stay 4 days in Rome, go down south to Sorrento for 3 days and spend the rest of the journey in Naples. Couple of weeks before we departed for the holiday, Matt told me how excited he is, and how we won't forget this holiday forever. I had a cunning suspicion that he may propose, but I was trying to not overthink it and just enjoy the first trip after year and a half of being stuck in Ireland. We had the best time, discovering cuisine and history of one of the most romantic places we had ever seen. On the morning of the 5th day, he took me to the rooftop of our quiant bed and

What made you choose your venue?

We are Polish living in Ireland for over 15 years. The two nations are quite different when it comes to how they celebrate weddings. We wanted a venue which would give us certain amount of creative freedom, be naturally beautiful and allow us for a 'house party' style reception. I know, we asked for a lot, but we wanted to keep our day informal and focus on spending this time with 15 members of family and friends who are closest to us. We had found the beautiful Inish Beg Estate located in West Cork quite early on and it felt like a dream come true. They had it all, the natural beauty, exclusiveness and allowed for BYOB. This was a wedding venue not to be forgotten any time soon.





Tell us about your photographers?

We felt so out of place searching for a photographer. Sometimes the process can be daunting and intimidating, until I saw one of Dee's photographs of a bride looking under the grooms kilt. I thought this is it! Her energy and passion showed through the photos of many happy couples and family members. After chatting with Dee for the first time I knew we made a right choice. She was the voice of reason, great director, talented photographer, and most importantly very fun person to be around. The photos speak for themselves and show our true selves in the process.

Tell us about your wedding dress?

I never wanted to spend much money on the dress, and so I avoided bridal boutiques like fire. The original plan was for my mother, who is a seamstress by trade, to make my dress. Before I asked her to make it, I ordered two dresses off the internet just to see which style I liked better. I didn't think much of if until the first dress arrived. It was off shoulder, cequined, and fit like a glove. Once I tried it on I knew that it was THE dress. I quickly cancelled the other order and asked my mother to remake the wedding dress into a top I can wear for years on end and she happily agreed. It was a win win situation.

What food did you have?

We were very lucky as our venue is a family run business and they were just opening a private dining space catered by well trained chef. We were presented with family feast style dinner full of delicious local produce cooked on the spot by amazing Ophelia. The dinner was set in a newly build sunroom, served at the candlelight setting. It felt like the most homely Sunday dinner and we were obsessed with it.

Did you go on honeymoon?

We had plans to go for our honeymoon in January/February following our September wedding, however we have managed to buy a house only two weeks after the wedding. Our honeymoon had to be postponed, but we both agree that spending next few weekends together, and working on our forever home will be just as magical. Once we get the house to a working condition we hope to go on adventure packed and exotic holiday. There's a whole beautiful world out there for my new husband and I to see.









Inkwenkwezi Game Reserve's prime location in the malaria-free Eastern Cape offers many unique opportunities, as it encompasses five different regional ecosystems and a tidal estuary.

This rich diversity of landscape offers unparalleled wildlife viewing. Inkwenkwezi Game Reserve is just five minutes from magnificent beaches and a short, convenient drive from the East London airport.

Weddings at Inkwenkwezi Private Game Reserve are as romantic and unique as the Wild Coast itself; as unforgettable as the love that brought you together.

Contemporary and yet, authentically African, the perfectly-appointed venue is the ideal mix of wild beauty and modern comfort.

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.







Inkwenkwezi Game Reserve is a world-class game reserve with an emphasis on luxury and thoughtful details.

Inkwenkwezi has three types of accommodation to offer you and your quests:

- Bush camp tented accommodation: Situated in the reserve.
- Bush Camp offers accommodation for 12 guests (sharing).

All tents have electric lights and twin beds with comfortable Cloud 9 mattresses. From the hilltop site the camp overlooks a valley and each safari tent is positioned on a raised timber deck offering you your own private viewing. Each tent has its own private bathroom resembling a cave.

- 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.

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

is needed for out-of-town guests. We will gladly assist you and arrange special accommodation rates at the 3* Bush Lodge, 4* Valley Lodge, 3* Chintsa Sands Guesthouse and 3*Umnenga Lodge.

Bookings must be made in advance in order to avoid disappointment, and all accommodation is subject to availability To take a Virtual Tour of Inkwenkwezi – Click on this link https://realbrides.co.za/inkwenkwezi-game-reserve/







Jenna & Oliver Cash



"Never love anyone who treats you like you're ordinary".

How special was your proposal?

Oliver's proposal was incredibly sentimental and impeccably planned. He took me to Bushman's River in the Eastern Cape over Christmas holidays last year. Oliver has been going to Bushman's his whole life and it was my first trip there. Unbeknownst to me, from a young age, he had chosen his spot to propose one day, and he stuck to his plan! He took me on a long walk along the beach to a spot called Kwaaihoek. On the walk I remember reflecting on moments over the last 6 months or so and it began to dawn on me that he may be proposing. This was the very first inkling I had... He led me up the rock face to a small cave that has a 180 degree view over the ocean, laid out a picnic blanket and as I turned around from taking a panoramic picture of the view, he went down on one knee and asked me to marry him. It was the easiest yes EVER!

How did you settle on a wedding date?

We were both adamant on a Durban winter wedding, and waiting a whole year and a half wasn't going to cut it for us. We were both so excited to get the ball rolling as soon as possible. Collisheen was the first venue we visited, we fell in love with it, cancelled appointments at all our other venues and settled on 14 July 2023.

What made you choose your venue?

From the moment we set foot in Collisheen, it just felt perfect. I lack the vocabulary to articulate exactly how we both felt. The only thing I can liken the feeling to is walking into a house and knowing it is going to be your home.

Did you go on honeymoon?

Yes, we did! We went to Makhasa Game Lodge in the Munywana Game reserve. We had the most spectacular few days in the bush, with unbelievable sightings each day. It was the perfect wind-down after the wedding mania. We were treated beyond measure by the staff, and we ate and drank to our hearts content!





Tell us about your photographers?

My photographer is one of my dearest friends from school, and I knew many years ago that she would be my person on our wedding day. Having somebody who knows all my quirks, oddities, discomforts (and comforts) and my heart so well, was totally irreplaceable. Christy bought in to all the wild and fun ideas we threw at her and helped us create moments that represent exactly who we are as a couple, a family and friends. I treasure the moments we had together on my wedding day, and the calming, supportive, nurturing and loving energy she consistently poured onto both Oliver and I. (Christy & Co.)

Tell us about your wedding dress?

I was never one of those girls that knew exactly what her wedding dress would look like one day. Soon after the proposal I started looking at different options and being the decisive person that I am, made my decision pretty quickly. I tried on many dresses but nothing came close to what I had envisioned. My mother-in-law helped bring my vision to life by creating the dress of my dreams! It was made up of features of most of the dresses I had tried on, but with a twist... I had a bodysuit top, with a bridal skirt which I replaced with shorts during the reception to turn the look into a bridal jumpsuit (mostly for the ease and comfort of squeaking as much tekkie as possible)!

Who were all involved with the planning?

Our wedding deviated slightly from a conventional wedding in many ways. One of which was to have as many of our people and family involved in the build-up and on our day. We are fortunate to be surrounded by an army of people who love and support us, and we really felt the impact of this throughout the planning. Collisheen was our wedding venue, Christy Mulder our photographer (Christy & Co.), and the décor and flowers were lead and done by my best friend's mom (and second mom to me). My mother-in-law made my dress and friends took on the roles of make-up artist, wedding officiator, cake maker, DJ and live singing. Having our people fulfil these roles created the exact atmosphere we hoped for, intimate community.

One of the biggest bonuses of having people who know us so well on our team as part of the planning process, was the fact that I could trust them implicitly with the roles that they took on. It allowed me to delegate and completely hand over responsibility knowing that my day and the jobs to be done were in the best hands.





Happily ever after starts here

Our recipe for success at Collisheen, is that we combine top quality food and service with our beautiful function venues, with the added advantage of privacy and flexibility that our magnificent estate offers. We are fully equipped with secure parking, a state of the art kitchen and excellent staff, ensuring that your Collisheen experience is peaceful, private, professional and perfect. Our beautiful estate is set amongst the most magnificent old trees, open fields and glorious views.







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Vredenburg Manor House is a top four-Star Guest House, set in the heart of the Cape Winelands – the perfect setting for your dream wedding.

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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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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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.

Roxy & Byron Maree



The best things in life are the people we love, the places we've been and the memories we make along the way.

How special was your proposal?

Byron is not usually one to be romantic; however, he outdid himself when it came to the proposal. This along with the planned day, was both a surprise and a dream come true. He had arranged a hotel stay and started the day off by booking myself for a lovely full-body massage, on completion he took me to the room we were staying in to get ready for dinner, upon entering the room was filled right up until the bathroom with the most gorgeous red roses and red rose petals, chocolates and champagne. He opened the sliding door and in big illuminating signs were the words "Marry Me", this is when he got down on one knee and proposed.

How did you settle on a wedding date?

With our proposal having taken place in September, we wanted to stick with the month and have the wedding in September. We looked at dates and settled on the 24th of September; it is a public holiday and would allow us to celebrate every year with no hesitations or limitations.

What made you choose your venue?

Upon entering Pheasant Hill, the grounds were absolutely breath taking. The array of fauna and flora were what fairytales are made of. Pieter sat us down and talked us through all that would take place and how it would be done, he was incredible from day one and we just knew that between the enchanting grounds and the personnel that this would be our magical venue.

Tell us about your photographers?

Our photographers were exceptional, so well organized and unbelievably professional. Chris Anderson Photography is definitely a photographer to make use of for your special day. They knew exactly what they wanted to do, how they wanted to do it, as well as the placements around the venue. We couldn't have asked for better photographers and all-round phenomenal people.





Tell us about your wedding dress?

My wedding dress was absolutely beautiful, from the moment I tried it on I knew this was my dress. It had a low cut back with a beautiful embellished front, it had beads, small diamantes and pearls, followed by a figure-hugging bottom and a beautiful lace train. It hugged my curves in all the right places and made me feel like a princess.

Did you go on honeymoon?

We decided to do our honeymoon a short while after the wedding, we are looking so forward to it as we are going to Australia. We cannot wait to share our first overseas trip together and to make more lifelong memories.

Tell us about your service providers?

Ubella was the make-up artist who transformed us ladies into perfection; Alecia is in a league of her own in terms of make-up and was so professional, she stuck strictly to her time schedule, ensuring all of us ladies were made over and make-up ready in time. She really was a pleasure to work with and so unbelievably talented.

Hair by Jenna did all of our hair. Jenna and Rochelle truly are the best, the styles were shown to them, and they mimicked them down with perfection. They had all of us ready with some time to spare and are magicians at what they do. They express immense talent and are such fantastic ladies to work with. I would definitely recommend them a million times over.

Q Projects were used to do our music for both the ceremony and reception. Cindy was on top of everything, and CJ fulfilled every music expectation. He played all relevant music catering to both the older and younger generations and had everyone on the dancefloor the whole night long. Their organization is unmatched, and they provided excellent service.

Sharon from Con Congrazia Live Music was the saxophonist who created a beautiful atmosphere and ambience while canapes were taking place. She set the mood for the rest of the wedding and played with such elegance and poise.

C S Bothma is a florist like no other. The flowers and arrangements created were beyond stunning. They were eye-catching, right from the bouquet to the arrangements placed on the tables as well as the main table and for décor. They were a major highlight in creating our dream wedding, and along with the assistance of Pieter from Pheasant Hill, they totally outdid themselves.





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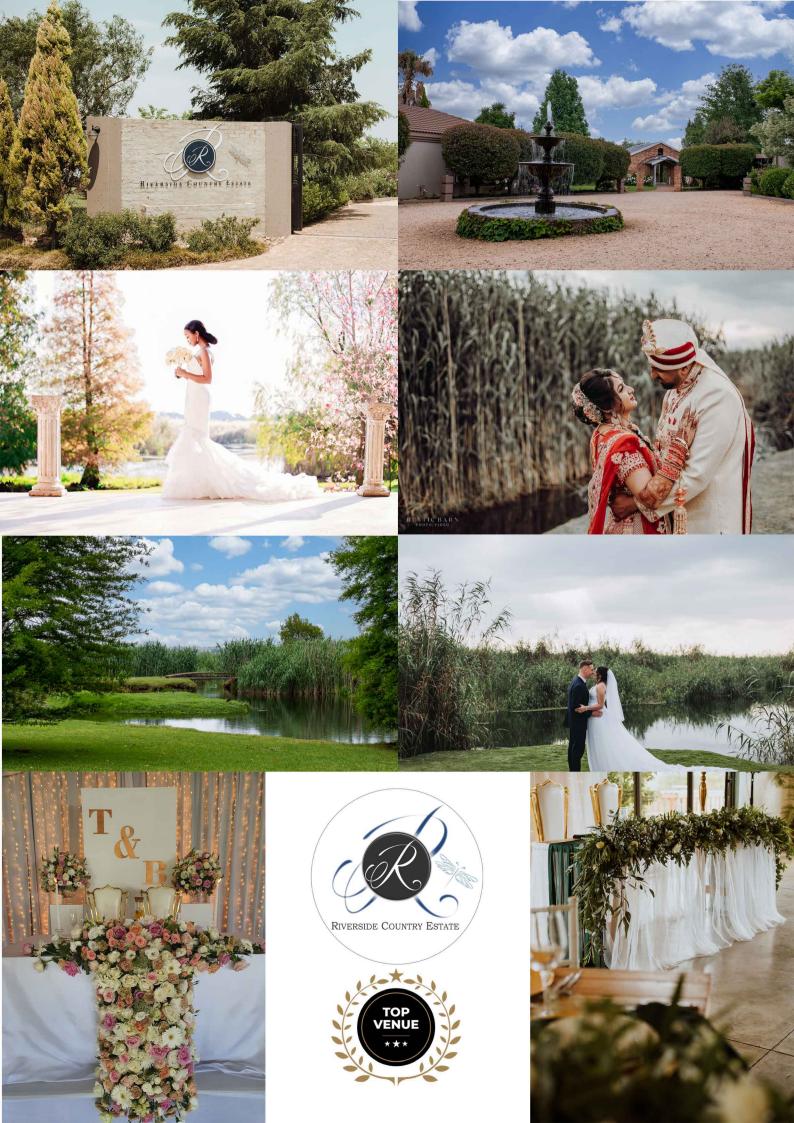




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Tell us about your love story?

We met back in 2018 through church. We both believe in the Lord, and we are guided by him in everything that we do. We were in a relationship for 5 years. Feels like we just met yesterday though. We are good friends, we believe in each other, trust each other, and do everything together. When we met, we were both still hustle, trying to make it in life career wise. We grew together He got a permanent position while I was with him. I changed Jobs and I was almost retrenched, but he was still with me. From buying my 1st car and upgrading it he was here with me. On the 31st of December 2022 he proposed, and I said yes with a huge smile on my face. It came as a surprise though because I thought we still have a way to go little did I know God had other plans for us. February 2023 the letter came where he asked for a date to meet with my family for negotiations. My family accepted the invite they all agreed to meet in March the 27th 2021. All went well and we set the marriage date for the 09th of April 2023. I got married on the 9th of April 2023 to my best friend. I wouldn't ask for a better partner. We thank God each day for being with us, guiding us and protecting us daily.

How many venues did you consider?

We had a couple of venues in mind, especially for our photo shoot as well as lunch. We then decided we would do everything at church but would only book a venue for pictures, and that's exactly what we did. The name of the venue for photoshoot was the secret garden which is in Heidelberg. Their contact number is 0837042989. We choose to also have the ceremony at our main church in Zuurbekom. We wouldn't have had it any other way as this was part of the church protocol and as believers, we had to follow this protocol.

What made you choose your venue?

We chose this venue because of their beautiful garden we saw that we will have the best pictures if we go with this venue. It was also convenient as I was based in Heidelberg.







Tell us about your wedding dress?

I had the BEST wedding dress if I have to say so myself:D the dress was designed by Cherries bridal situated in centurion. The lady is one of the best in the industry. Her contact details are as follows 072 457 1117. You can also get hold of her on Instagram as @cherriesbridal.

Tell us about your photographers?

My photographer was Tumelo. I used the same guy on my lobola day, and I was in love with His work, so we did not hesitate to hire him on our wedding day. The guy is so professional and very friendly. Delivers a great quality of pictures and he is very reasonable price wise. His contact details are as follows 071 918 5914. You can also follow him on Instagram @Don_Graphics1.

What food did you have?

We had a choice of two starches which was rice and Samp. We had vegetables: beetroot and pumpkin and we also had two salads. We had two choices of meats which were beef and chicken. We also had cold drinks.

Any tips for brides to be?

The day only comes once unfortunately make sure you have the best day of your life. This will forever be your memorable day. Take time to plan, do your research and do not compromise. Go for what you love and make sure you see everything before your wedding day this includes your dress, the décor, Photographers work, makeup artist etc. On your wedding day, smile and be happy there's nothing more attracting than a happy bride.





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