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ISSUE 32

*Marriage Contracts!*

*Photography Perfection*

*Inspiring Furniture*

*Gowns for all shapes  
& sizes*

*Magical Shoot @KATY'S PALACE BAR*

# Editor's Note - Spring Issue 32

“SPRING IS PROOF THAT LOVE,  
LIKE NATURE, ALWAYS FINDS A  
WAY TO BLOOM.”

As the world around us awakens in colour, so too do love stories — each one unique, beautiful, and filled with promise. In this Spring Edition of Wedding Collection Magazine, we celebrate renewal, romance, and the magic of saying I do beneath bluer skies.

Our breathtaking bridal editorial, styled by Forever & Veil Bridal and photographed by Picture Us at the iconic Katy's Palace Bar, captures the essence of whimsical spring glamour. With flawless hair and makeup by Beauty on Wheels, our radiant model LeeAnne perfectly embodies the joy of the season, surrounded by elegant touches from Inspire Furniture Rentals.

Inside, you'll find inspiration for every stage of your journey — from expert advice on marriage contracts to pages of dreamy wedding cakes and extraordinary South African venues that set the stage for unforgettable celebrations. We also shine a light on top wedding photographers, real love stories, and idyllic honeymoon escapes to Mauritius and the Seychelles.

So, pour yourself a glass of bubbly, find a sunny spot, and let our Spring issue inspire your own blooming love story.

With love,

Maggie Pretorius  
Editor, Wedding Collection Magazine



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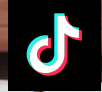
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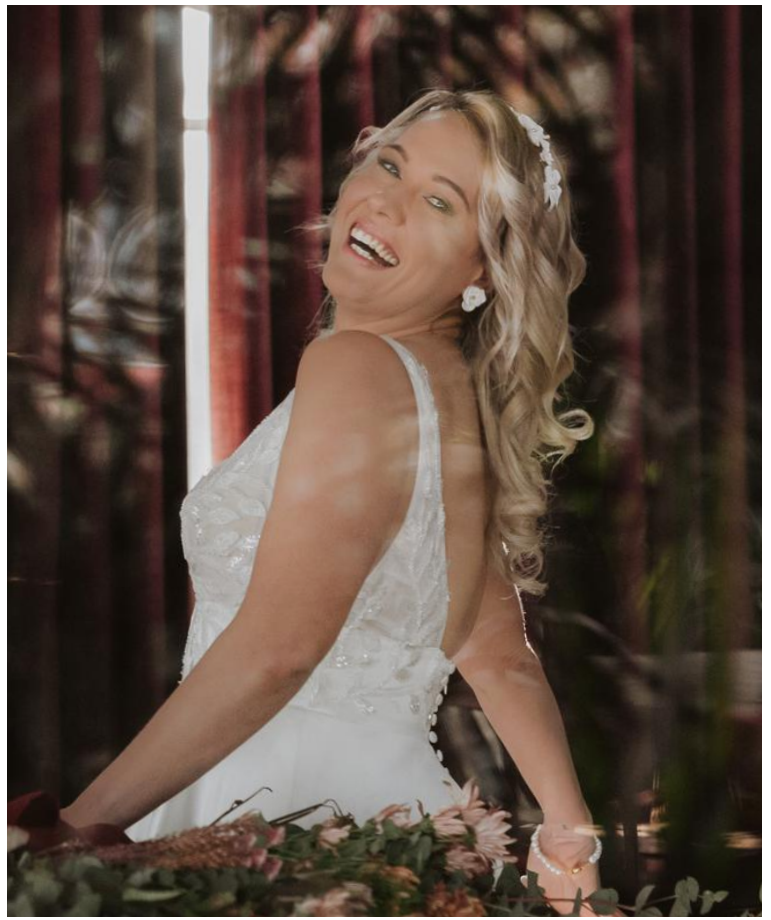
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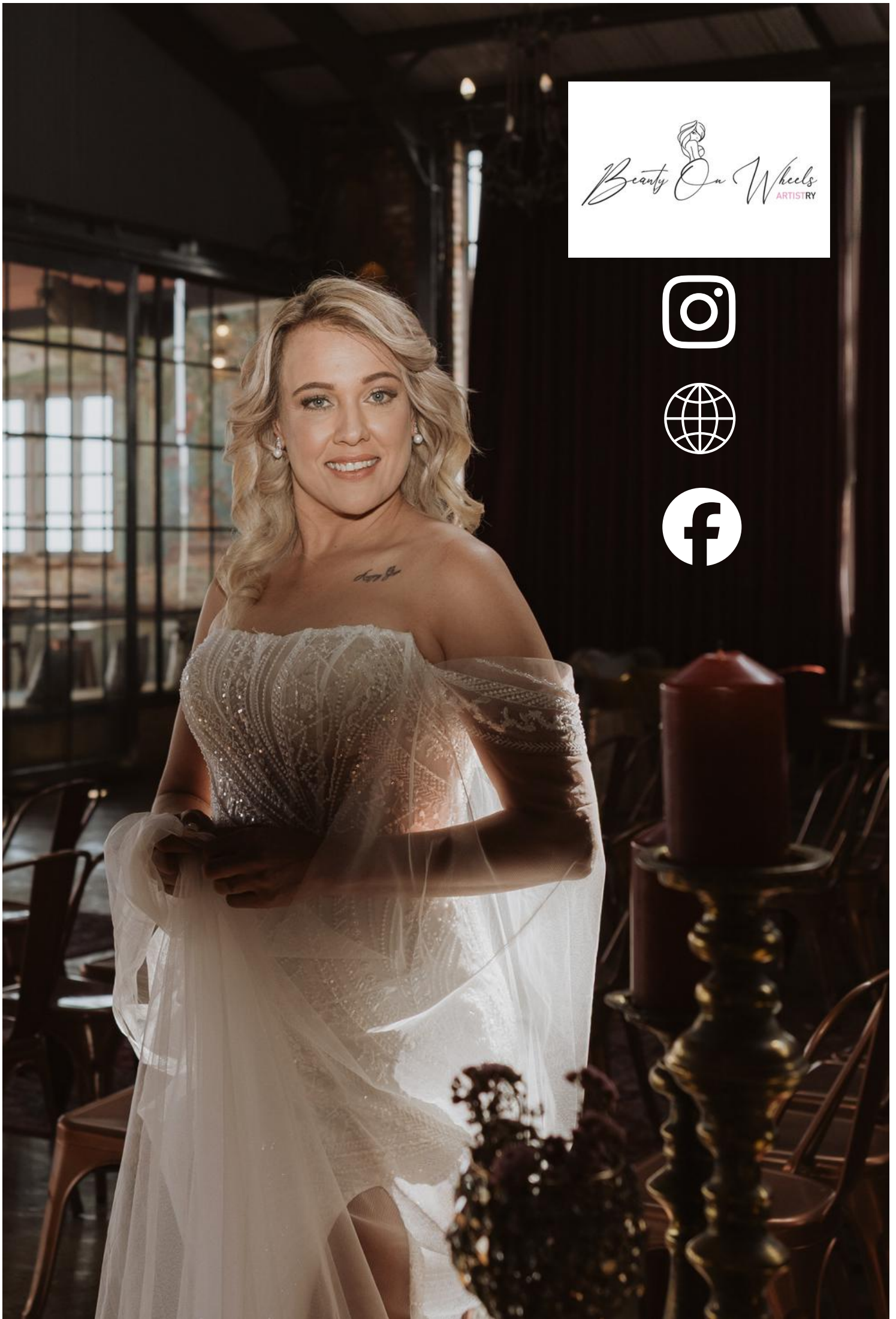


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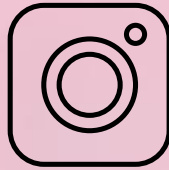




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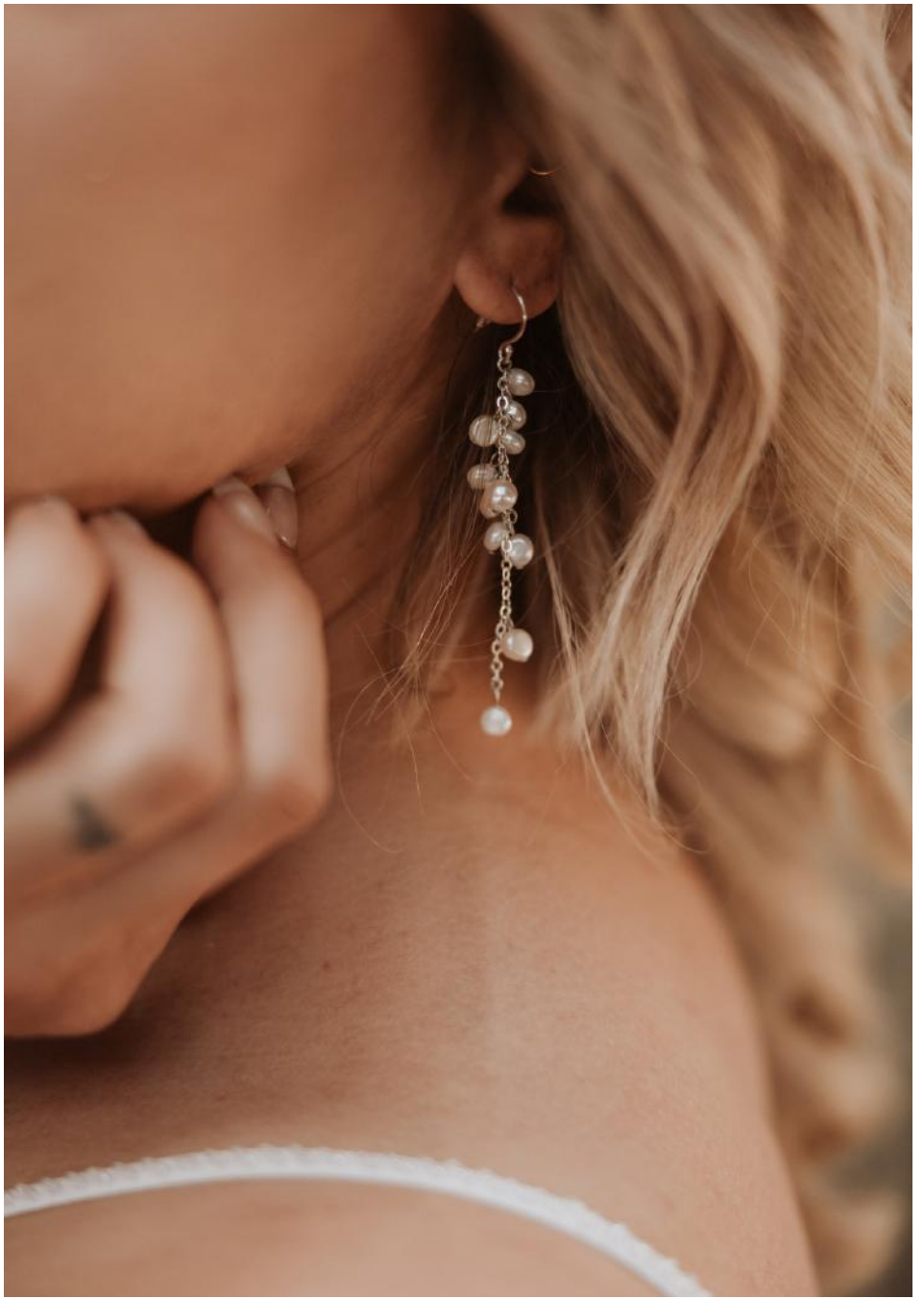
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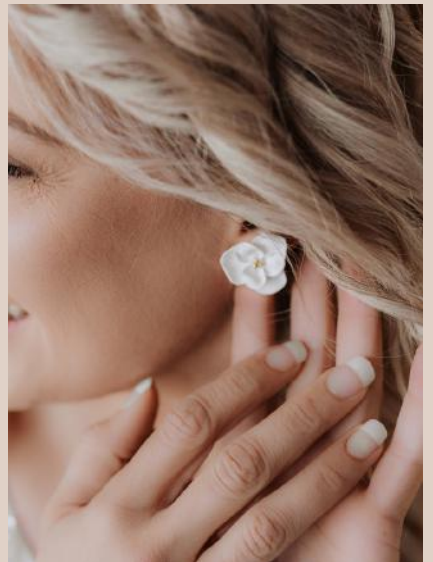


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# ACCESSORIES









# CONTRACTS



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PLANNING A WEDDING? FLOWERS? ✓ FOOD? ✓  
THAT KILLER PLAYLIST? ✓ CHECK, CHECK, CHECK.  
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE CONTRACT?



We know, it's not exactly the champagne-popping part of wedding planning, and yet, it's one of the most important decisions you'll make as a couple. That's where The Marriage Guys come in. We've taken a process that's usually complicated, stressful, and confusing... and turned it into something clear, simple, and yes – even a little fun.



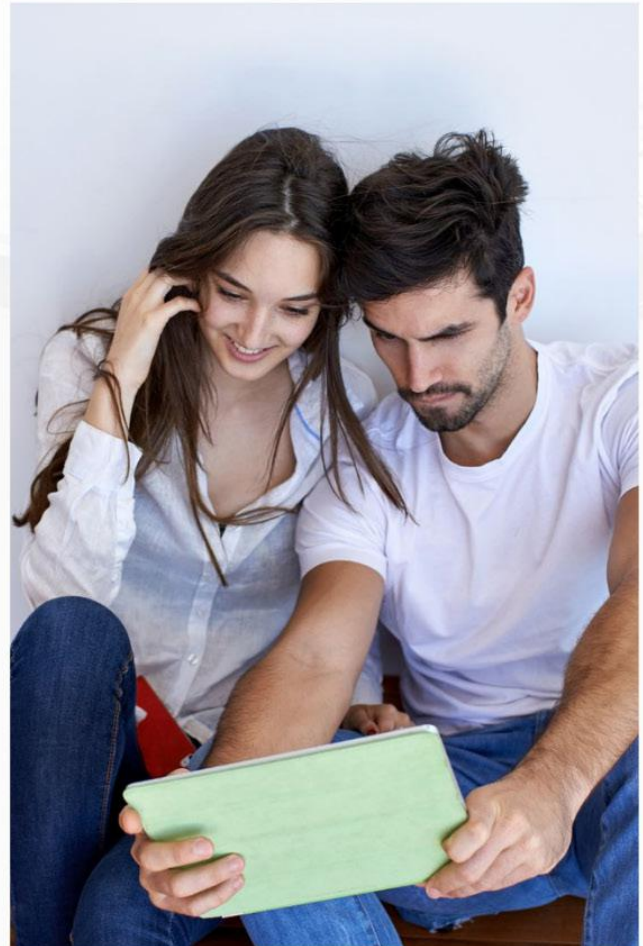
## WHO WE ARE

We're experts in marriage contracts (antenuptial contracts) who actually make sense. Our goal? Make this part of your wedding journey smooth, stress-free, and maybe even enjoyable.

## HERE'S WHY COUPLES LOVE US:

- After-hours consultations – because your leave days are for your honeymoon, not paperwork.
- From your own couch – coffee, tea, bubbly... whatever makes you happy.
- Plain-English explanations – no legal mumbo-jumbo, just clear advice.
- Nationwide service – whether you're in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban, or anywhere in between.

Think of us as your fun, friendly legal guides. We make sure you understand your options and feel confident about your choices, without the stress of long office visits.



## HOW WE MAKE IT EASY (& FUN!)

We've designed a process that's simple and flexible, so you can fit it around your life and wedding plans:

1. Quick online form – takes just a few minutes to give us all the details we need.
2. Pick a time that suits you – evenings, weekends... your schedule, your rules.
3. Online consultation – grab your favourite drink, get comfy, and we'll walk you through your options in plain English.
4. Document drafting – we prepare all your paperwork electronically so you can review it at your own pace.
5. Final signing – a quick online meeting makes everything official.

No stuffy offices, no confusion, no stress. Just clarity, convenience, and a bit of fun along the way.

## WHY COUPLES CHOOSE US

Couples love that we make legal stuff:

- Simple and stress-free – do everything online and after hours.
- Understandable – no confusing legal jargon.
- Empowering – you feel confident in your choices.

We want this part of your wedding journey to feel positive, empowering, and even a little enjoyable, so you can focus on the fun bits - tasting cake, trying on outfits, or just celebrating together.

## READY TO GET STARTED?

Getting your marriage contract with The Marriage Guys is easy:

6. Fill in our online form.
7. Pick a date and time that works for you.
8. Sit back, we'll handle the rest.

The Marriage Guys - taking care of the serious stuff, so you can focus on the fun stuff.



## The importance of an antenuptial contract by Serishka Moodley

Often when people hear the words “antenuptial contract” (or prenup as it is more commonly called), they often think that they are going to be cut off from their spouse’s assets. In reality, it is the opposite. While antenuptial contracts can exclude certain assets upon the dissolution of the marriage, it can also gift you with certain assets and protect your own assets in turn from being shared.

ANC’s also protect you in cases where your spouse has taken out a loan or made some poor financial decisions. It can protect you from the creditors of your spouse which is beneficial, especially if you have kids and want to protect their future income and generational wealth.

It is important to remember that the ANC will not dictate what happens in your marriage. In most cases, the contract, once registered, ends up laying in the back of your cupboard, and will only get thought of on death or divorce. People often fright that the contract will rule over their marriage, when in essence, it will not even play a significant role. How you choose to live with your partner/spouse is entirely up to you. The contract will not be hanging over your head, telling you what to do and how to do it. In most instances, it will only come into play when parties choose to get divorced or one of the spouses passes on.

Apart from the protection against creditors above, an ANC also affords you the protection from the consequences of being married in community of property. A marriage in community of property means that both spouses share equally in the estate. In other words, what’s yours is mine and what’s mine is yours. It also means that your capacity to contract will be limited in that you will have to obtain your spouse’s permission to enter into any contract, or your spouse will have to co-sign any agreement that you enter into.

Whereas, with a marriage out of community of property, you can specifically exclude any assets that you do not want forming part of the joint estate and you have financial independence in the sense that you will not need your spouse’s permission to enter into contracts for a loan, etc.

It is also a reality that in today’s time, the divorce rate is much higher than it was in the past. And as in love as we may be with our spouse/partner, we also need to be aware of the realities that we face. Having an ANC in place is important to ensure that, in the event of a dispute regarding any asset, it can be settled easily by having regard to the ANC. Divorces are already hard enough without having the added burden of having to fight over objects. An ANC can help ease this burden and assist in the smooth finalisation of the divorce.

At Moodley and Associates, we will assist with the drafting and registration of your ANC. We will also come to you and your partner for a consultation, making it easy and convenient.





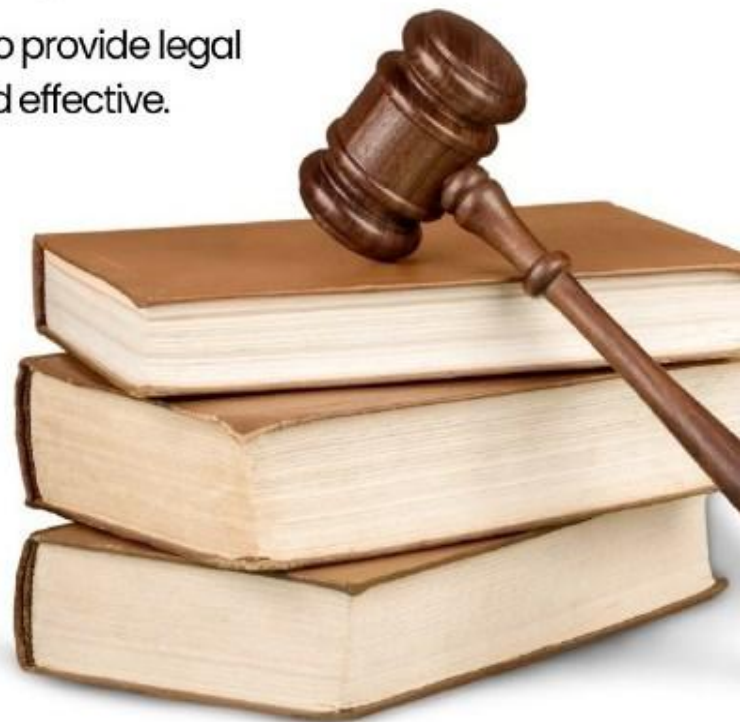
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# CAKES



# The Big Dayz

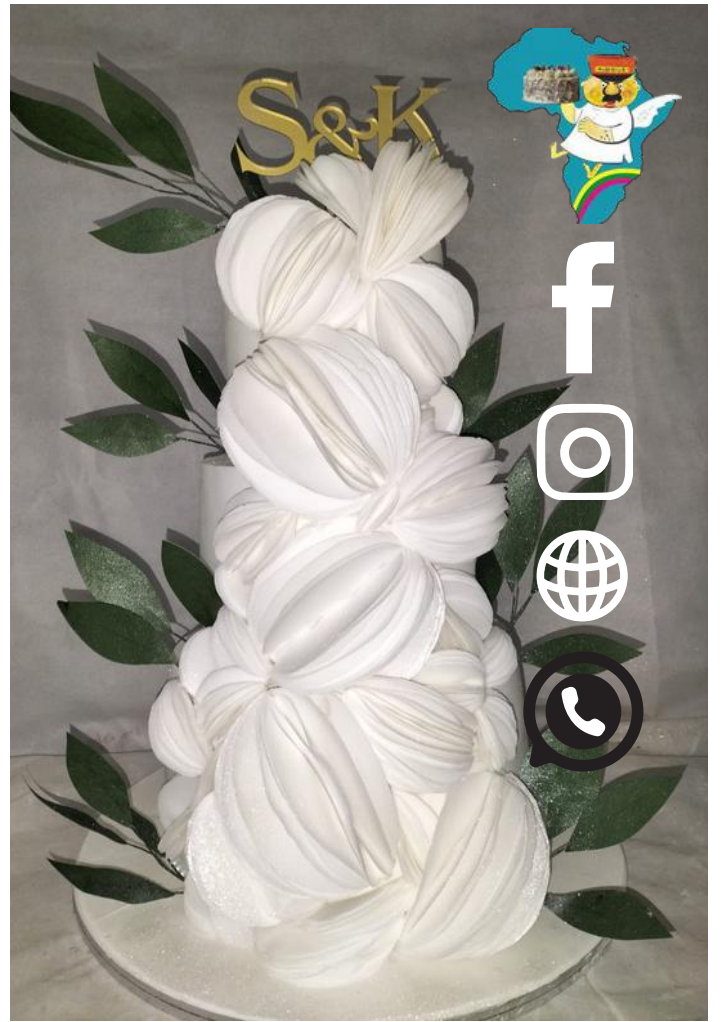
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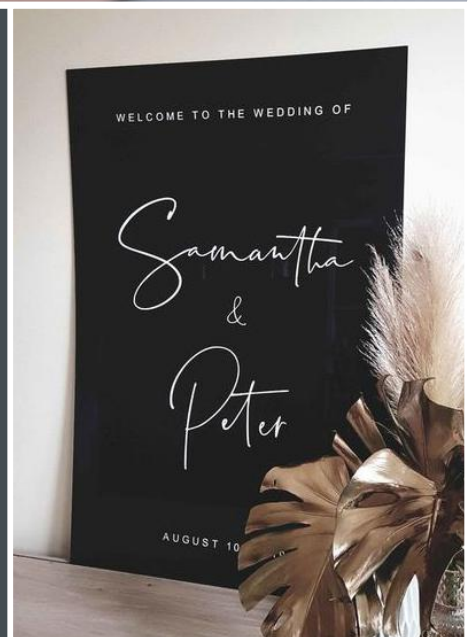
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# VENUES





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*Say 'I do' with a pretty Joburg view!*

Planning your big day can feel overwhelming — but it doesn't have to be. Say 'I do' at Sandton's most magical wedding venue and let the stress melt away.

From flowers to food, décor to dress, every detail plays a part in creating your dream celebration.

Our dedicated team of wedding experts is here to make the journey joyful, effortless, and truly unforgettable. We'll go the extra mile to ensure you feel calm, confident, and cared for as you prepare to walk down the aisle at this enchanting garden venue in the heart of Sandton.

# *Le Pommier Wine Estate: A Rustic Vineyard Wedding in the Heart of Stellenbosch*



**Nestled in the scenic Banhoek Valley near Stellenbosch, Le Pommier Wine Estate blends vineyard charm with warm hospitality—an idyllic setting for a romantic Winelands wedding. With sweeping views of the Simonsberg and lush surrounding vineyards, the estate offers two stunning venues:**

### **The Vineyard Barn**

Ideal for up to 150 guests, this elegant barn features 180-degree glass doors that flood the space with light and open to panoramic views. Its mix of rustic charm and contemporary elegance suits any wedding style.

### **The Granny Smith Venue**

Perfect for intimate celebrations of 50–70 guests, this cosy venue—complete with chandeliers and a fireplace—offers a warm, inviting atmosphere, ideal for winter weddings.

Couples can say “I do” beside the pool or among the vines, then celebrate in either venue for a seamless experience.

## Accommodation

The estate offers a variety of luxury accommodation options. The Vineyard Suites include six units and a self-catering cottage with a private pool and a braai area. The Country Rooms, near the restaurant, offer seven additional rooms and a garden-view cottage. All include modern comforts like aircon, WiFi, DSTV, and 24/7 security.

## Wine & Dining

Le Pommier's award-winning wines and curated pairings enhance any celebration. The on-site restaurant offers plated or buffet-style menus crafted with fresh, local ingredients to suit each couple's taste.

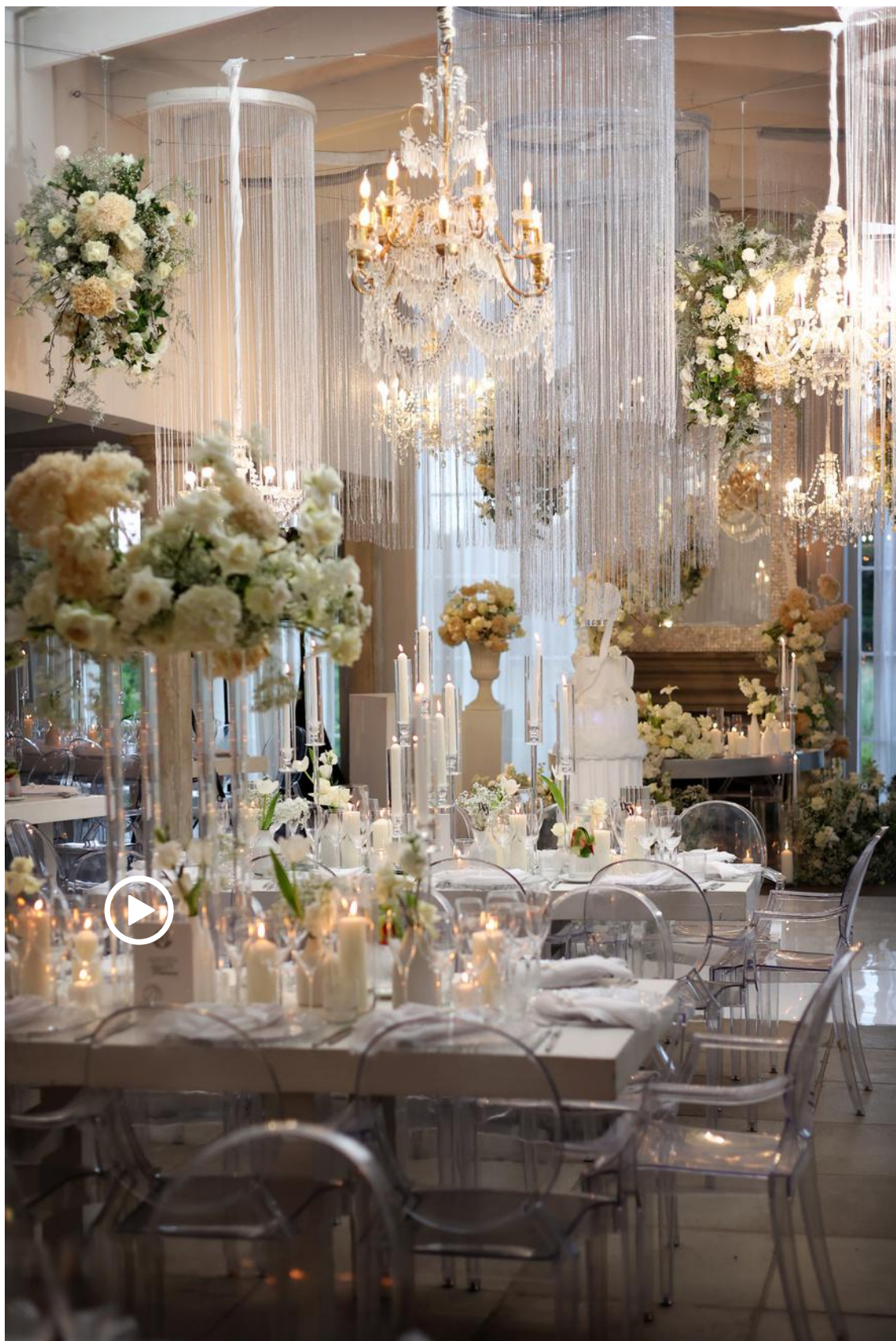
## Stress-Free Planning

An in-house wedding coordinator ensures every detail—from the ceremony to the last dance—is flawlessly handled. Backup indoor options are available for any weather.

**At Le Pommier, every wedding is a celebration of love, fine food and wine, and the natural beauty of the Cape Winelands—truly the perfect place to begin your forever.**



# The Forum



The Forum

# THE FORUM WHITE LIGHT

## TIMELESS ELEGANCE IN THE HEART OF LANSERIA

Nestled in the peaceful Lanseria countryside, just a short drive from Johannesburg, The Forum White Light offers couples and their guests a wedding destination that feels both stylish and serene.

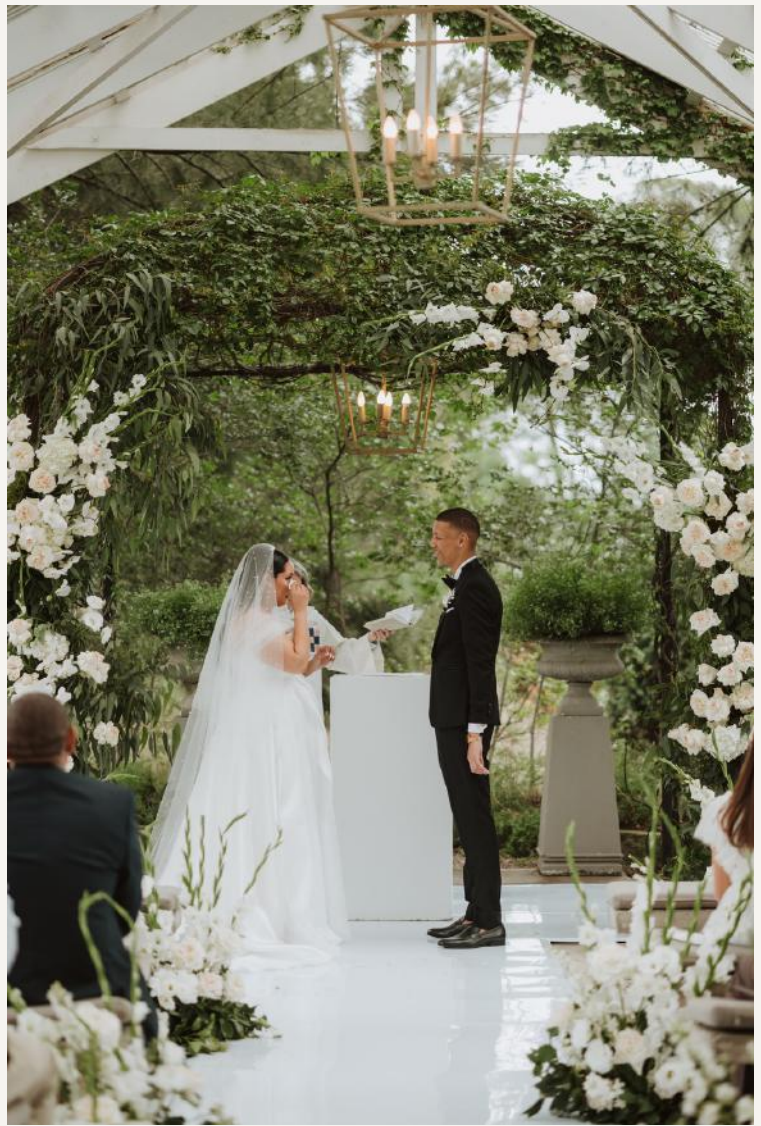
True to its name, the venue celebrates natural light, creating an atmosphere of effortless elegance. The main reception hall is bathed in a soft, radiant glow, with sweeping views of lush greenery that blur the line between indoors and out. It's a versatile setting, perfect for an intimate daytime ceremony or a magical evening celebration beneath the stars.

A celebration at White Light often begins in the open-air chapel, surrounded by tranquil landscapes. Guests then gather on the manicured lawns for pre-drinks and canapés, setting a joyful and relaxed tone, before moving into the light-filled reception space for dining, dancing, and unforgettable memories.

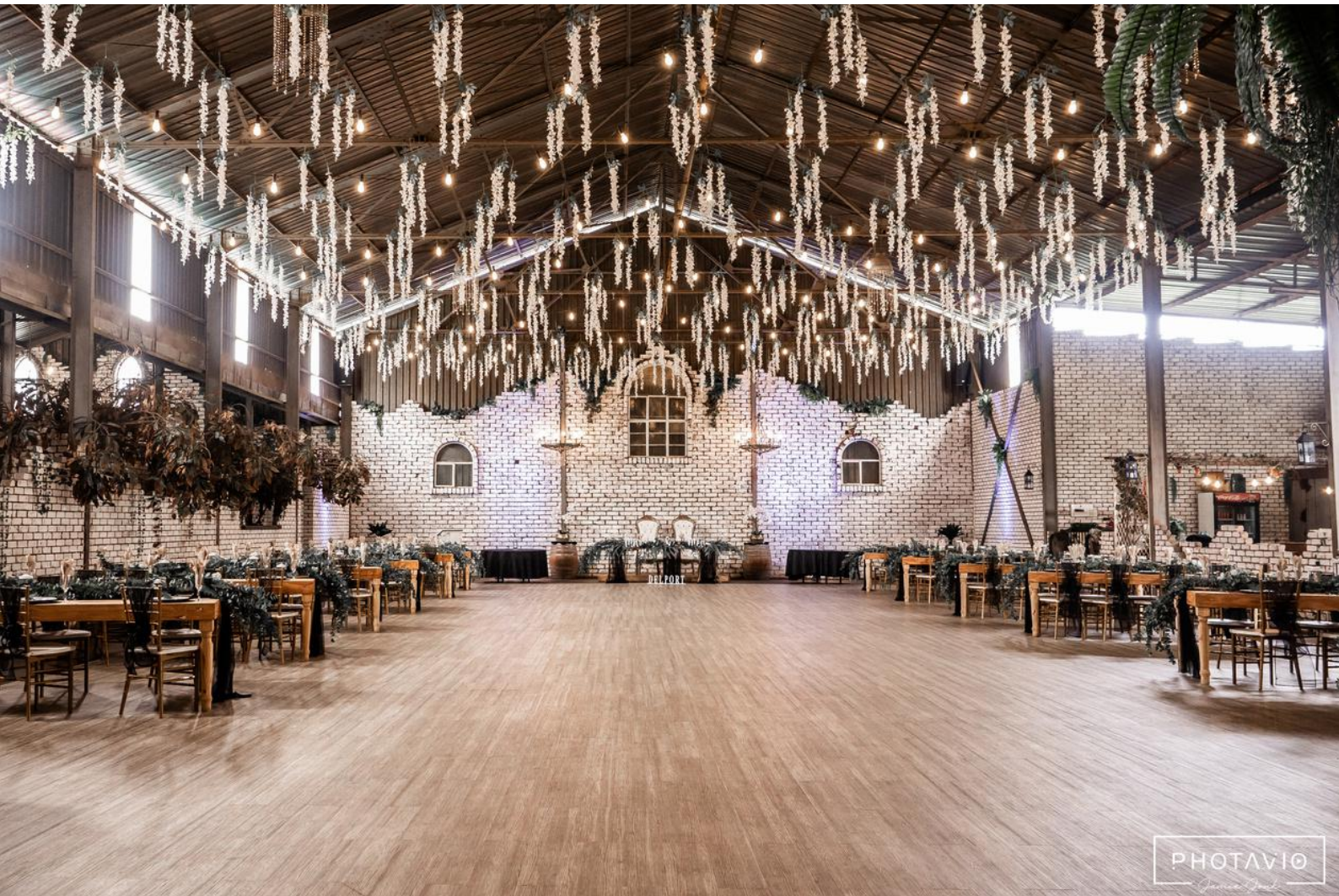
Food lies at the heart of the White Light experience. Renowned for its award-winning menus, The Forum showcases fresh, seasonal ingredients with a signature touch of artistry, ensuring every dish is as beautiful as it is delicious.

For those who wish to linger longer, twelve elegantly appointed suites provide on-site accommodation, allowing bridal parties and close family to stay together. This intimate feature adds warmth, convenience, and connection to the occasion.

At The Forum White Light, every detail is thoughtfully considered and seamlessly executed by an experienced team dedicated to creating extraordinary celebrations in an extraordinary setting.







# A One-Stop Venue for Your Special Day

**Tarlton Gardens Venue offers couples and families a truly unique and intimate setting for life's most memorable celebrations.**

The story began in 2018 with The Windpomp—a charming farm-style venue that can host up to 80 guests. Its standout feature is a beautiful chapel, creatively transformed from an old farm dam, bringing rustic character and charm to every ceremony.

The venue's crown jewel is The Shed at Tarlton Gardens. Once a working farm shed, it has been thoughtfully reimagined into a modern rustic masterpiece. With its unfinished whitewashed walls, striking chandeliers, and lush greenery, The Shed provides a fairy-tale atmosphere that blends seamlessly with nature—ideal for weddings, milestone birthdays, and other intimate celebrations.

What truly sets Tarlton Gardens apart is the passion and dedication of its owners, Susan and Louis. Together with their team, they bring each client's vision to life through exceptional service and meticulous attention to detail. From catering and floral design to custom cakes and décor, they offer a full range of services to ensure every event is unforgettable. On-site accommodation for family and close friends completes the one-stop experience.

With Susan's culinary expertise and Louis's eye for perfection, Tarlton Gardens Venue ensures that every occasion is as seamless as it is memorable. More than just a venue, it is a place where love, joy, and celebration come together in the most enchanting way.





An outdoor dining table set with wooden chairs, white plates, and blue and yellow decor. The table is covered with a dark blue cloth and has several white plates, blue glassware, and yellow napkins. The chairs are made of light-colored wood with a woven seat. The background is a lush green garden with trees and a stone path. The text "PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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Our story started in high school, where we fell head over heels for each other from day one. After countless adventures and some years of laughter and growth, we finally tied the knot—better late than never, right?

Lelani's love for the arts began with a passion for drama and directing, leading her to a natural talent for capturing people's stories through a lens. Tristan joined her not long after they said "I do," and he quickly discovered his own love for photo and film.

Together, we bring a bit of magic, a splash of fun, and a touch of (okay, maybe more than a touch of) drama to every session.

We're all about capturing love in all its forms: couples, engagements, weddings, and families celebrating the big and small moments alike.

We're down-to-earth, funny, and just a little melodramatic, and we live for real conversations about life, love, and everything in between. When you work with us, you can count on a fun experience with no dull moments and memories that truly reflect you.

Can't wait to capture your story!

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*Your memories are important. Your love story should be documented as it is, uniquely yours, unscripted and genuine. Intense emotions, unrepeatable moments and details on your wedding day will only become more special and have more value as years go by. The only tangible memories you have left at the end of it all are those captured on camera. Therefore choosing to invest in your photographer for your wedding is one of the most important decisions you will make. As wedding photographers we get to share in a really big part of your life and capture each moment for you to savour. We hope to create a legacy for generations to come!*



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BETWEEN EMOTIVE AND  
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*We are storytellers, partners in life and in art, dreamers, coffee and wine-lovers and night-owls. We are two unique individuals who share a mutual love for photography, art, poetry, travel, jazz, old movies and the beauty behind every story.*

*But most importantly we love each other and get to share our passion and purpose together. We pour all of our experience, hearts and souls into creating something that will be a testimony of authentic romance.*

*Drawn to an authentic, emotive, poetic and cinematic atmosphere, stories are what inspires us and the way we see photography, life and love. With a strong focus on authenticity, a sense of adventure and an eye for detail, our goal is to capture the real and raw moments of life.*

*The laugh until you cry moments, the happy tears, the quirky gestures, the inside jokes, the sweet silent whispers, the kiss on her forehead, the way your fingers intertwine - the whole thing!*

*We are framing your story in heartfelt photos and film which will remain timeless for years to come.*

*We create photographs and films for the heart!*

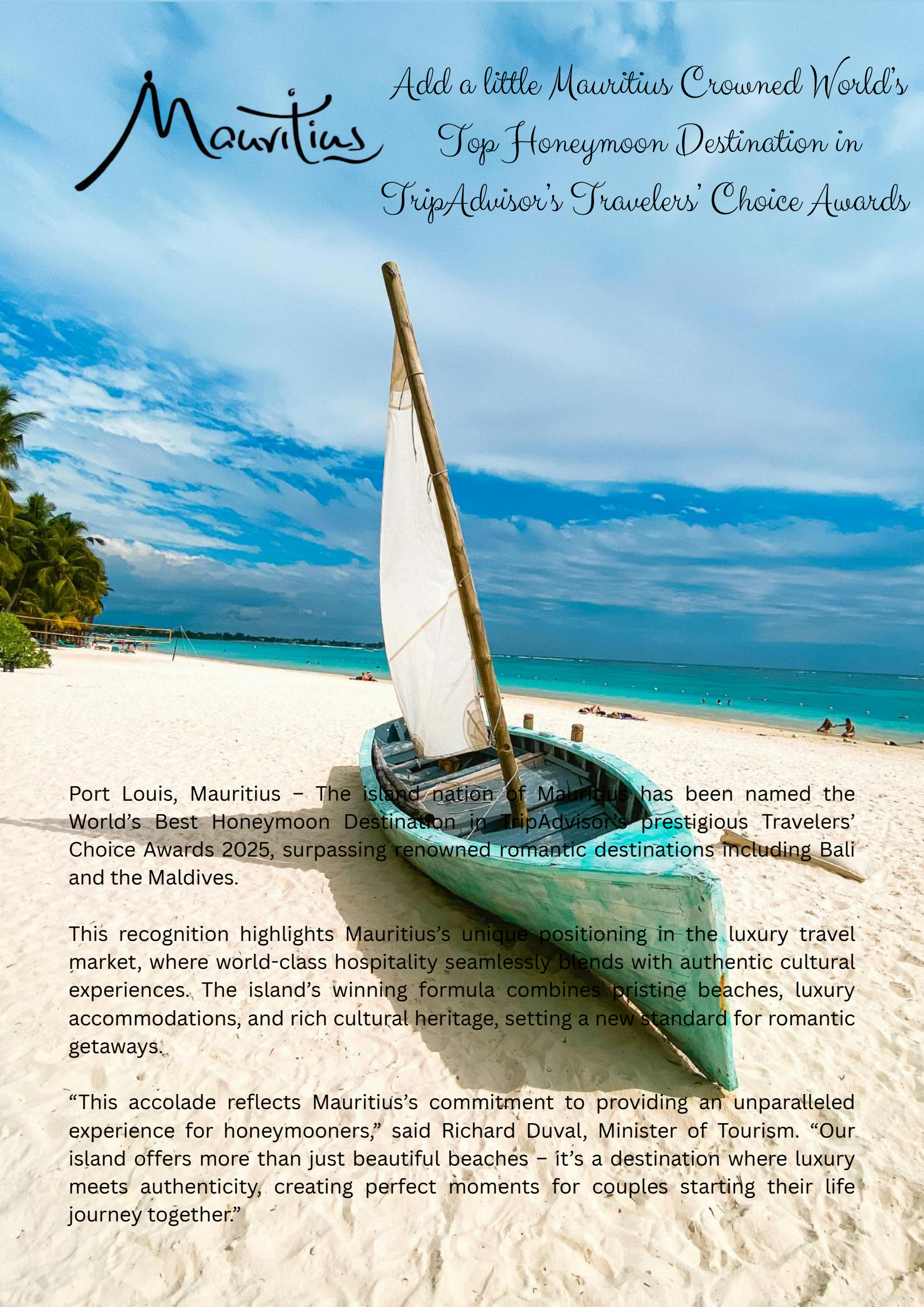
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# HONEYMOONS






# Mauritius

Add a little Mauritius Crowned World's  
Top Honeymoon Destination in  
TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice Awards

Port Louis, Mauritius – The island nation of Mauritius has been named the World's Best Honeymoon Destination in TripAdvisor's prestigious Travelers' Choice Awards 2025, surpassing renowned romantic destinations including Bali and the Maldives.

This recognition highlights Mauritius's unique positioning in the luxury travel market, where world-class hospitality seamlessly blends with authentic cultural experiences. The island's winning formula combines pristine beaches, luxury accommodations, and rich cultural heritage, setting a new standard for romantic getaways.

"This accolade reflects Mauritius's commitment to providing an unparalleled experience for honeymooners," said Richard Duval, Minister of Tourism. "Our island offers more than just beautiful beaches – it's a destination where luxury meets authenticity, creating perfect moments for couples starting their life journey together."



Key Highlights of Mauritius as a Honeymoon Destination:

- Luxury resorts offering world-class amenities and service
- Year-round pleasant climate with temperatures rarely below 20°C
- Unique natural phenomena including the underwater waterfall illusion at Le Morne
- Rich cultural heritage blending Indian, African, French, and Chinese influences
- UNESCO World Heritage sites including Aapravasi Ghat
- Diverse activities from dolphin watching to exploring Black River Gorges

The full top 10 honeymoon destinations are:

- Mauritius
- Bali
- Maldives
- Seychelles
- Phuket

# Honeymoon in



Exclusive, pristine and secluded – the islands of the Seychelles were naturally designed with romantic getaways in mind. As a beautiful blend of blissful beach escapes and adventure, honeymoons in Seychelles are perfectly geared for a range of couples. Whether you envision days spent swimming in turquoise water and reclining in a hammock with a good book or embarking on hikes and venturing out for some snorkelling, the Seychelles can do it all.

Fortunately, as a year-round destination, the best time to visit Seychelles is when you're ready. While the rainy season sees showers, the Seychelles near-equatorial position ensure it's still tropical and paradisaical. If you have already done the classic debate between Mauritius vs Seychelles vs Maldives and find yourself intrigued by a luxury honeymoon in Seychelles, feel free to peruse our advice on moving forward.

Tips On How To Book A Seychelles Honeymoon:

## 1. Select The Perfect Island

The Seychelles is a stunning collection of islands, with bigger and more well-known options like Mahé and Praslin as well as private islands like Cousine and Denis. Ultimately, the decision will come down to what you hope to experience on your honeymoon; whether the allure of exclusive luxury and ultimate privacy calls to you or the vibrant energy of an award-winning resort on a bigger island is right up your street. Whether you're looking for the top Seychelles honeymoon resorts or a more simple beach stay, there is something to suit every taste and budget.

## 2. Location, Location, Location

While Seychelles island honeymoons are bound to be special no matter where you stay, it's important to factor in any specific activities or locations you wish to experience. For example, Seychelles is home to some of the world's top diving spots, complete with reefs, wrecks, and countless sea creatures. There are fascinating land-based wildlife to discover on walks or hikes. No matter your preference, there is no shortage of places to visit in Seychelles.

## 3. Discover Local Culture & Cuisine

Thanks to influence from Asia, Africa, and Europe, the Seychelles has developed a unique identity, especially in terms of cuisine. Whether exploring local markets or dining at a resort restaurant, explore different dishes and experience the Seychellois culture.

# *the Seychelles*



# REAL WEDDING & E



# ENGAGEMENT STORIES



A photograph of a white building with a window and a potted plant. The window has a dark green frame and a white grid pattern. A white pot with a green plant sits on the ledge below the window. A vine with green leaves climbs the wall to the left. In the foreground, there is a large bush of green plants and a patch of grass. The text "Andre & Lee" is overlaid in a cursive font in the center of the image. On the right edge, a person in a white dress is partially visible, holding a bouquet of white flowers.

*Andre & Lee*

# A LOCKDOWN LOVE STORY

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When the world slowed down during Covid, love found a way. Andre and his bride first connected on Facebook, where she appeared as a friend suggestion thanks to mutual acquaintances and their shared high school. A casual chat quickly turned into late-night conversations, and within just two days they had their first date. From then on, they saw each other almost every day.

Ten months later, their love story took a beautiful new turn when Andre asked her to marry him.

### **The Proposal with Sunflowers and Tears**

Andre planned a proposal that perfectly reflected their love story. He chose a lookout point that was special to them—it was the same spot she had taken him to on their second date, where they had spent hours talking in the back of the car. Surrounded by the most important people in her life—her daughter, her mom, his parents, his brother, and a close friend—each person handed her sunflowers, her favourite flower, while sharing heartfelt words. Andre then gave her a three-page letter, and as she finished reading, she turned to see him on one knee, already in tears. Overcome with emotion, she said “yes” instantly. The couple then celebrated their engagement with a weekend away at Sun City.

### **Finding the Perfect Venue**

While the couple initially loved Klein Kaap, it was outside their budget. Thankfully, they discovered a venue that captured the same warm, elegant atmosphere but at a more budget-friendly price. It became the perfect backdrop for their special day. 55 Tulbagh wedding and events venue was simply perfect at the right price!!





## **A Wedding Defined by Emotion**

If one word could describe their wedding, it would be emotional. Tears of joy flowed freely throughout the day—not only from the couple but from their guests as well. The love, authenticity, and emotion they radiated touched everyone present.

Opposites Attract (and Complement Each Other). Their relationship is a true balance of opposites and similarities. While Andre is an exceptional cook, she jokes that her skill lies in happily eating everything he makes. She thrives on cleaning and organising, while he always ensures there's something for her to tidy. More importantly, they share the same foundation: a deep faith in Jesus, which has carried them through every challenge over the last five years.

### **The Bride's Look: Custom Elegance**

Her dream gown was custom made by Engela of Lily Fields Dressmaking, who guided her not only in designing the dress but also in creating her overall bridal look. When her hair and makeup artist, Rica from Beauty by Rica, finally saw the gown, she instantly understood the inspiration behind the elegant styling choices.



### **Minimalist Black & White Elegance**

The couple chose a simple, minimalistic black-and-white theme for their wedding. From the stationery to the overall design, everything followed the same timeless palette, creating a cohesive and stylish aesthetic. Guests were even asked to dress in black, creating a striking contrast to the bride's white gown and florals.

### **The Flowers and Décor Vision**

The bride had always envisioned an abundance of white roses and baby's breath for her wedding flowers. Décor decisions were more challenging, but by sourcing inspiration and finding suppliers who could match the vision, she achieved a look that was predominantly white with elegant black accents.

## Special Moments, Music, and Surprises

The couple added personal and unexpected touches throughout the day. Their wedding cake was a small creation they shared privately during their couple session—a moment of fun and intimacy. Their daughters, who served as flower girls, shared a special first look with Andre before the ceremony. The bride also had first-look moments with her mom, bridesmaids, and parents-in-law, making each reveal deeply meaningful. For their first dance, she surprised Andre with a song from his favourite band, Spoegwolf's Slapende Honde. As an extra surprise, she arranged for Danie from Spoegwolf to record a personal video message for him, which he received on the wedding morning. Of course, not everything went perfectly. As she waited behind the closed doors before walking down the aisle, they accidentally swung open too early—not once, but twice! Instead of dampening the moment, it became a funny and unforgettable memory.



## Wedding Highlights That Will Never Be Forgotten

Some of the most treasured moments included the bride's final look before walking down the aisle, seeing her daughters in their dresses, and the emotional walk toward her soon-to-be husband. She remembers looking around at the wedding set-up and thinking proudly, "I did this." Heartfelt speeches, her children's joy, and the intimacy of the day made it unforgettable.



## A Celebration of Intimacy and Love

What made their wedding truly unique was its intimacy. Only the couple's closest friends and family attended, ensuring every moment felt deeply personal and authentic.



## Advice for Future Brides

The bride encourages others to stay true to themselves when planning their weddings. "Do what you want, not what others think you should. People will always have opinions, but you can't please everyone. Keep it small and intimate. Ask for help if you need it—or hire a planner if it's too much. Most importantly, be in the moment. Things will go wrong, but that's okay."





A person with dark hair, wearing a white button-down shirt, is shown from the back and side, looking towards a large, colorful abstract artwork. The artwork features a prominent yellow circle with a black semi-circle inside, set against a pink background. Other elements include green rectangular shapes and yellow and black geometric patterns. The scene is lit with soft, natural light.

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**Some love stories begin quietly, while others spark with instant connection. For Carly and Anru, it all started on the 27th of December 2020 during a beach holiday that neither of them could have predicted would change their lives forever.**

Carly had invited a group of friends to join her, and one of those friends brought along someone she had never met before—Anru. She had no idea who he was or where he came from, but the moment they met, sparks flew. Within just a week, Carly and Anru knew that what they had found was something truly special.

### **The Proposal**

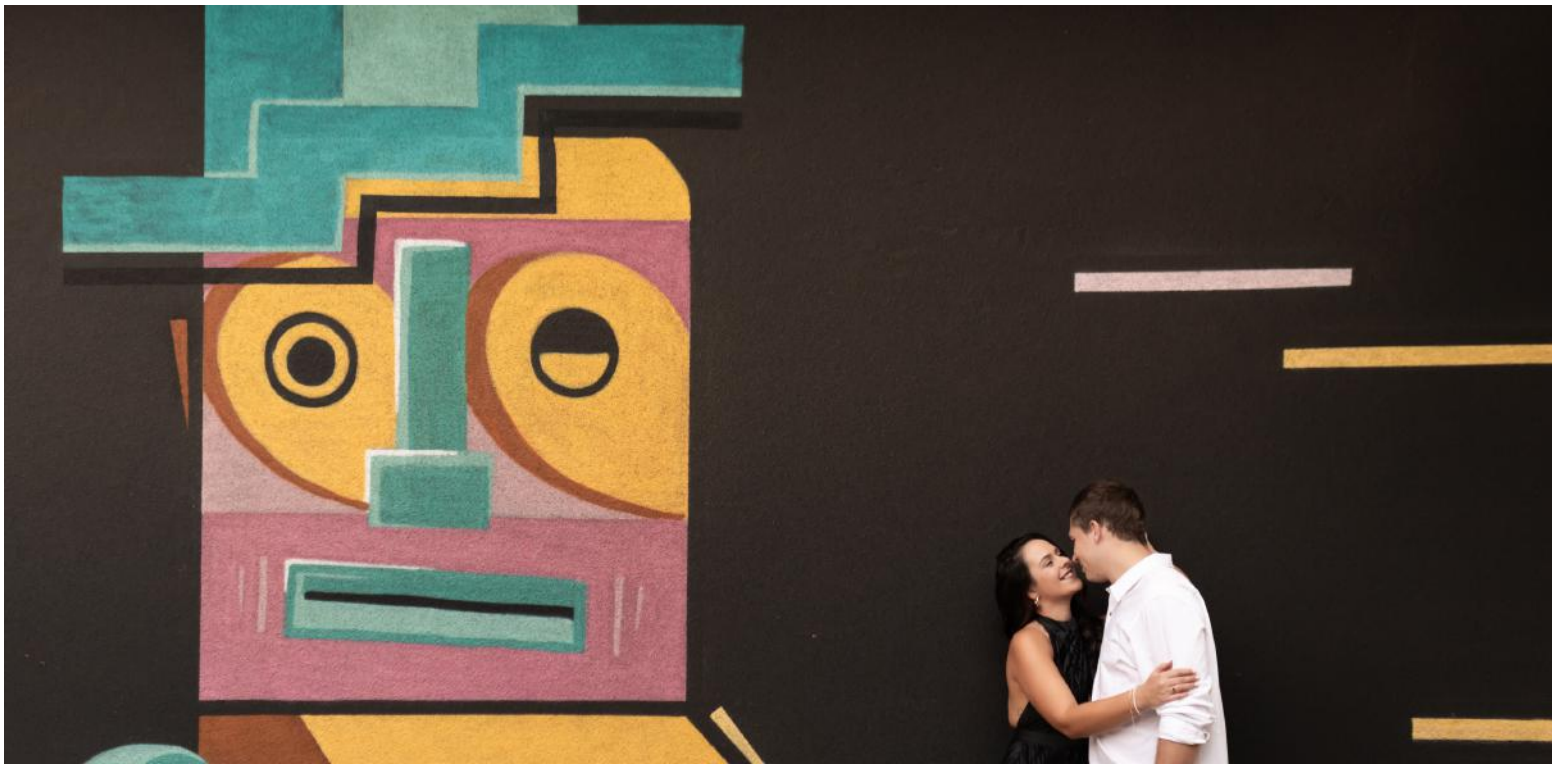
Exactly four years later, on a warm summer's day in December, Anru surprised Carly with a romantic weekend away in the bushveld. Surrounded by their parents, roses, breathtaking views, champagne, and happy tears, he asked her to marry him.

In the most meaningful full-circle moment, the couple then returned to the very same beach house where they had first met—and where Anru had asked Carly to be his girlfriend.

### **The Wedding Plans**

Carly and Anru will celebrate their wedding on 25 April 2026. While the date itself carries no particular significance, they both loved the season and how it felt just right for their celebration.







The couple chose iDullies in Dullstroom as the venue, a place that holds countless memories and a special place in their hearts. “It’s somewhere we can return to every year to celebrate our marriage,” Carly shares. They also felt that the venue perfectly reflects their personalities, making it the ideal choice. With iDullies taking care of every detail, the couple decided not to use a wedding planner. “They’re already making sure we have everything we need,” Carly explains.

### **Capturing the Day**

When it came to photography, Carly and Anru chose Picture Us Photography, run by the talented duo Marli and Wynand. Their natural, timeless style and the comfort they created made the couple feel instantly at ease.

### **Their Wedding Vision**

Rather than becoming consumed by décor and details, Carly and Anru’s vision for the day was simple yet profound: to be fully present and celebrate their love with family and friends. “We want the day to be about the promise we’ve made to God and each other,” they share. “It’s all about love, laughter, and joy.”

### **The Honeymoon**

After their wedding, the couple plans to escape to the idyllic shores of Mauritius, the perfect destination to begin their life as husband and wife.

### **Looking Forward**

As Carly and Anru look ahead to marriage, their aspirations are rooted in faith, respect, and friendship. “We want a Godly marriage, full of love, respect, and laughter,” Carly says. “It’s an incredible gift to marry your best friend, and we can’t wait for our friendship to grow even more.”

From a chance holiday meeting to a beautiful proposal and now the promise of forever, Carly and Anru’s story is one of love, destiny, and faith—a reminder that sometimes the best things happen when you least expect them.

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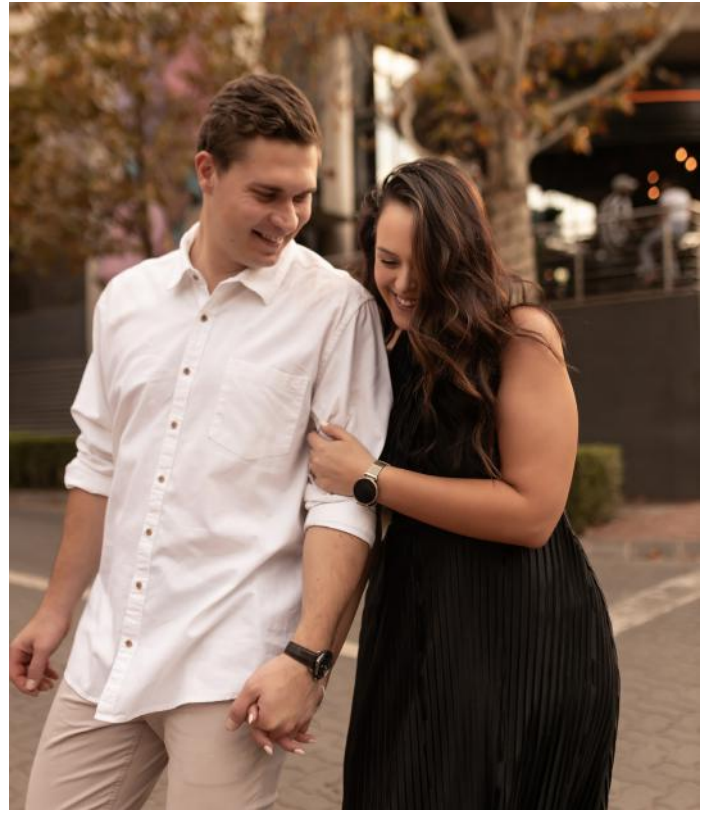
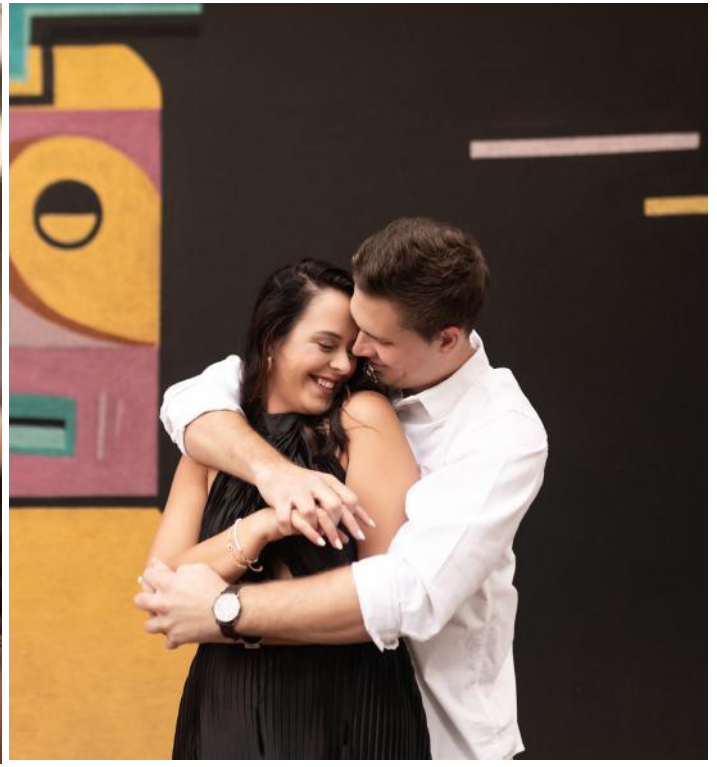
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