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ED'S NOTE

Bear Brides and Grooms-to-be,

Welcome to this enchanting issue of our bridal magazine, where we once again bring you all the inspirations you need to plan your perfect wedding day, from start to end.

This quarter, we are thrilled to present an exquisite collection of designer and imported gowns that will make you feel like royalty as you walk down the aisle. For the gentlemen, our comprehensive guide to expectations for the best man and groomsmen ensures everyone knows their roles and responsibilities, making your day run smoothly.

Your beauty on your special day is paramount, so we've included key questions to ask your makeup artist to ensure you look and feel your absolute best.

Our exploration of incredible vineyard wedding venues, including the Editor's choice of a stunning venue in South Africa, will inspire your venue selection with picturesque backdrops.

No wedding is complete without the perfect ambiance. Dive into our feature on stage and lighting to create a magical atmosphere that will leave your guests in awe. As winter is upon us, we bring you 34 opulent winter wedding ideas for décor, flowers, and cakes, each designed to add a touch of elegance and warmth to your celebration.

For those dreaming of a luxurious honeymoon, we showcase two local destinations that promise to make your post-wedding escape unforgettable. And, to inspire you even further, our real wedding stories showcase the unique and beautiful ways other couples have celebrated their love.

Thank you for letting us be part of your wedding journey. We hope this issue fills you with ideas, excitement, and joy as you plan your special day.

Happy planning!

Maggie
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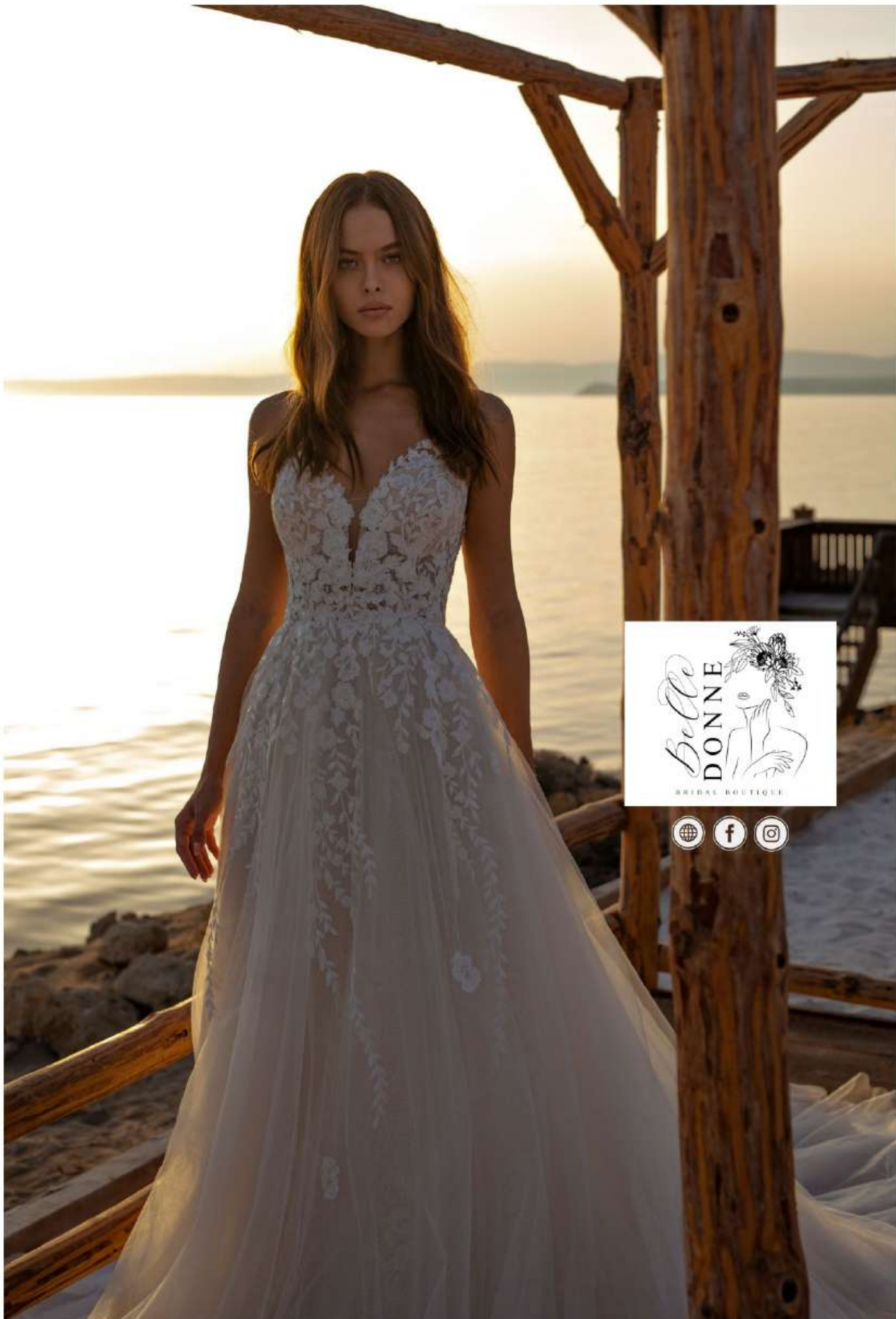

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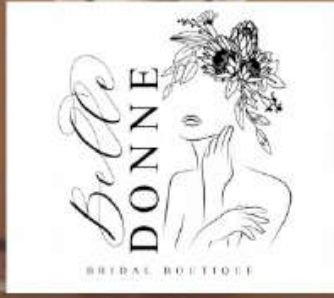




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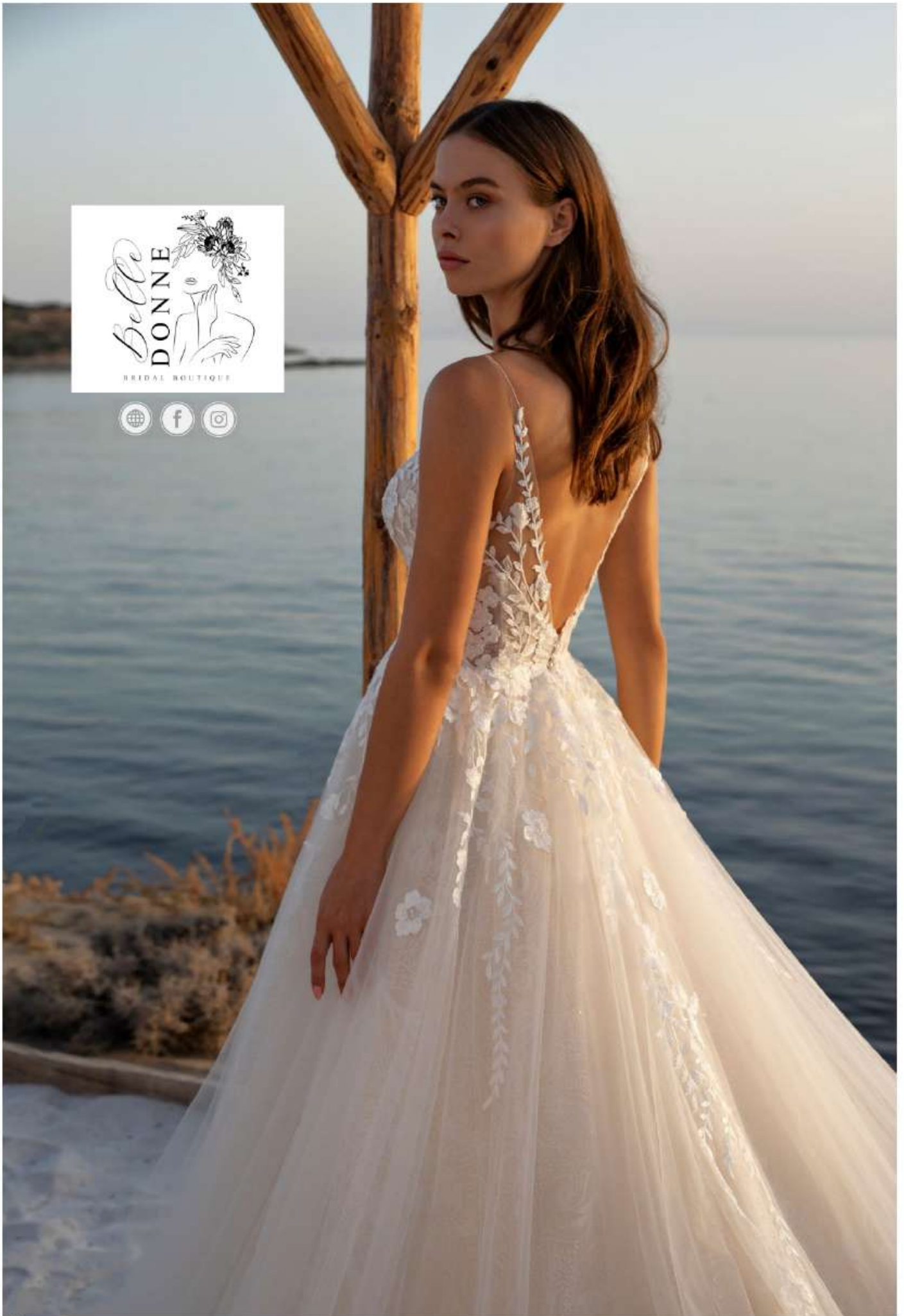






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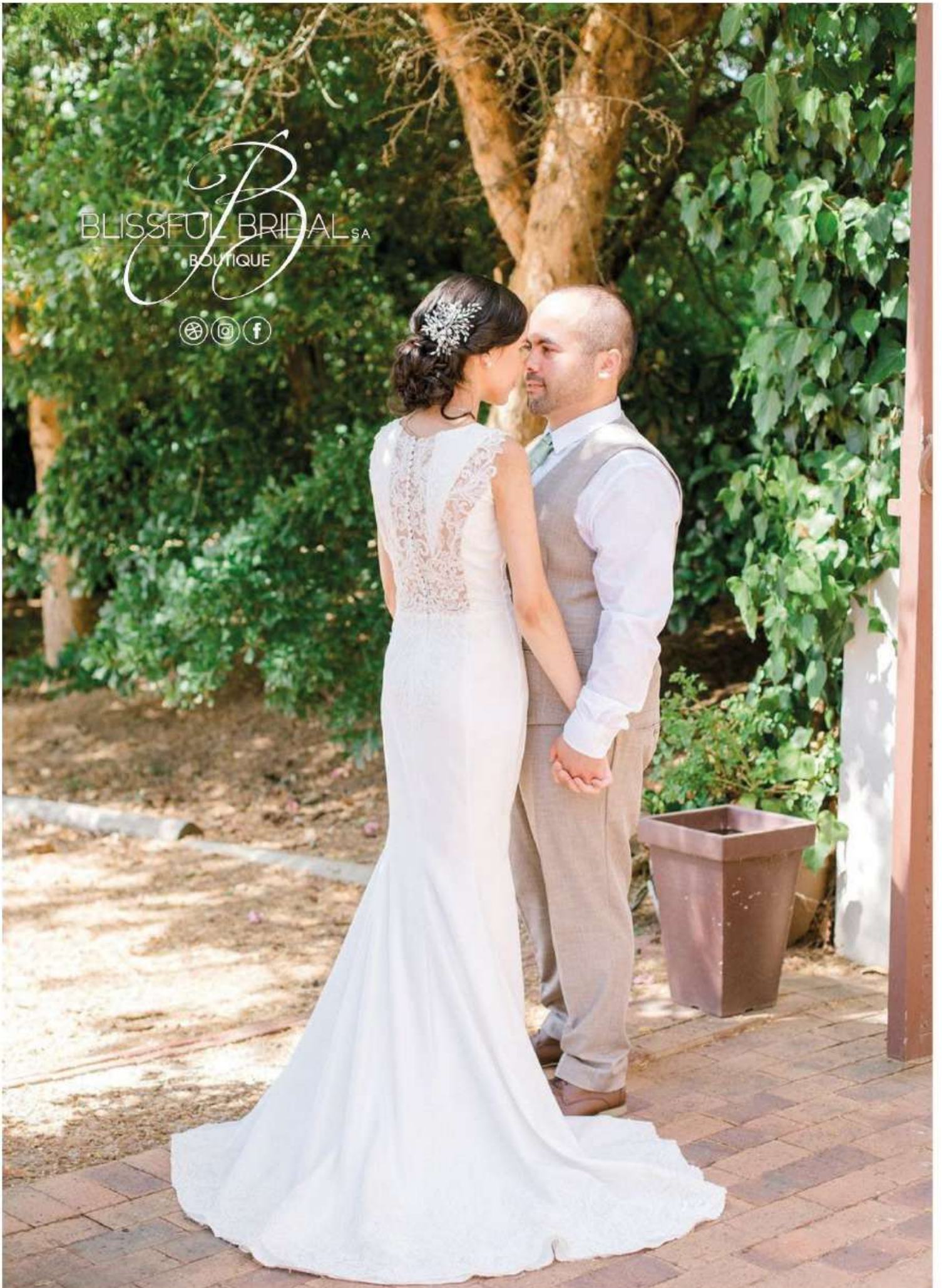


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Expectations for the Best Man and Groomsmen: A Guide



Choosing who to include in your wedding party can be a challenging decision. Beyond personal considerations like personality, availability, and interest in being involved, it's essential to manage expectations around the roles and responsibilities.

To help clarify the typical duties of the best man and groomsmen, we've created a comprehensive checklist. This guide will assist you in selecting the men you want by your side on your big day.

THE BEST MAN

The best man is usually your closest friend or a relative and plays a crucial role before, during, and after the wedding. His responsibilities, in chronological order, include:



- Helping the groom pick out suits.
- Organizing groomsmen's suit fitting sessions.
- Planning and hosting the bachelor party.
- Arranging accommodation for out-of-town groomsmen.
- Keeping groomsmen informed about any scheduling changes.
- Arranging a groomsmen's gift for the groom.
- Attending the rehearsal dinner.
- Preparing and giving a speech at the rehearsal dinner.
- Helping the groom get dressed on the wedding day.
- Ensuring the groom arrives at the ceremony on time.
- Managing payments on the day (e.g., officiant, cake baker).
- Ensuring the groom has the marriage license. **(NB : To apply for the marriage license, you must first register an intention to marry with the Department of Home Affairs and apply for a marriage certificate. Couples must apply for a Department of Home Affairs marriage certificate at least three months prior to the wedding date).** .
- Keeping the wedding rings safe until the ceremony.
- Organizing the couple's departure from the reception.
- Ensuring groomsmen look their best (checking boutonnieres).
- Handing the rings to the ring bearer, if applicable.
- Standing by the groom during the ceremony.
- Handing over the rings during the ceremony, if there is no ring bearer.
- Escorting the maid of honour down the aisle after the ceremony.
- Signing the marriage license as an official witness. Optional.
- Driving the couple to the reception, if no driver is hired.
- Organizing groomsmen for photographs.
- Standing in for necessary photos.
- Dancing with the bride and maid of honour at the reception.
- Helping the groom change clothes if the couple leaves for their honeymoon from the reception.





GROOMSMEN

Groomsmen are typically close friends and family members. Future brothers-in-law are often included to help them feel more involved. Consider factors such as the length of your relationship, your closeness, and their reliability.

Typical groomsman responsibilities include:

- Attending all suit fittings.
- Helping the groom choose wedding suits.
- Helping plan and pay for the bachelor party.
- Participating in wedding traditions.
- Attending wedding rehearsals.
- Arriving before other guests at the wedding.
- Greeting and seating guests at the ceremony.
- Escorting the mother of the bride/groom to her seat.
- Escorting bridesmaids down the aisle before and after the ceremony.
- Helping make the reception enjoyable for guests (e.g., talking and dancing with unaccompanied guests).
- Providing practical assistance with gifts.
- Helping with any unforeseen complications.
- Dancing with bridesmaids at the reception.
- Loading honeymoon suitcases into the car if the couple leaves from the reception.
- Decorating the getaway car for the bride and groom.

With these responsibilities in mind, you can better determine who among your friends and family will best suit your needs and enjoy the process. This list will help ensure everyone knows their roles and make the wedding day smooth and enjoyable!



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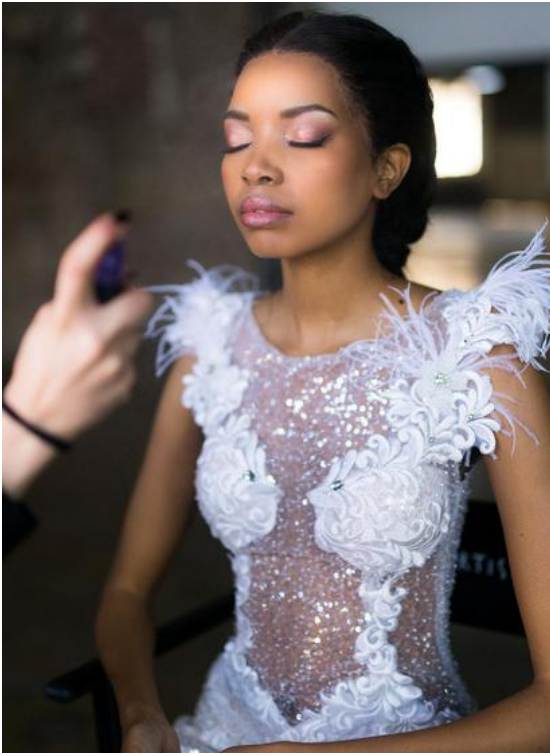
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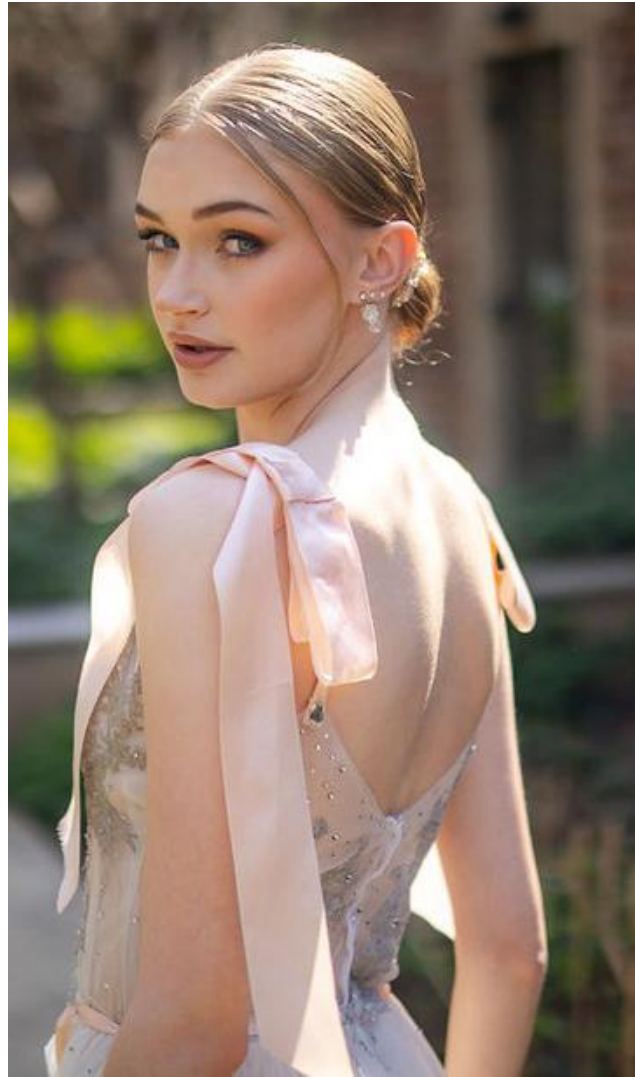


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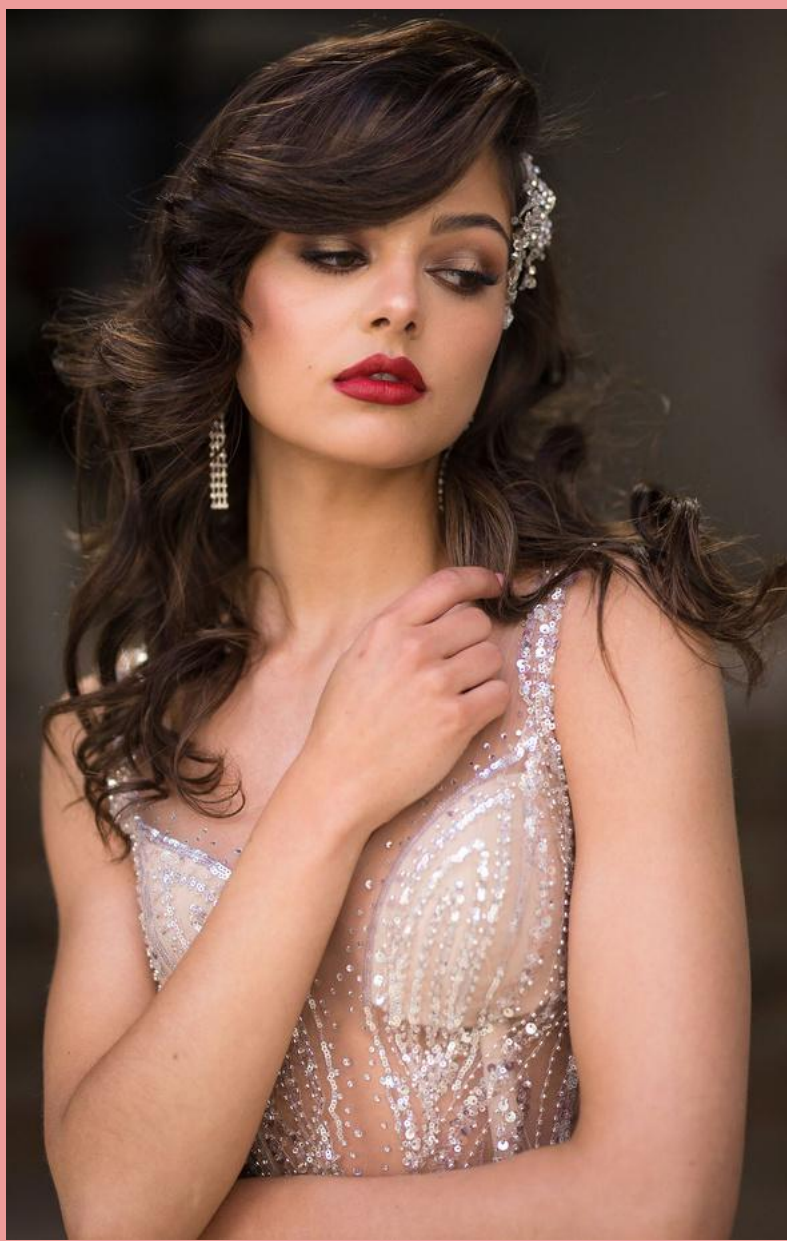
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10 key questions to ask your makeup artist

When consulting a makeup artist about getting a bride ready for her big day, it's important to cover a variety of topics to ensure everything goes smoothly and the bride looks her best. Here are some key questions to ask:

01. Experience & Style:

- How long have you been doing bridal makeup?
- Can I see a portfolio of your previous bridal work?
- How would you describe your makeup style?
- Do you have experience with different skin tones and types?

02. Services Offered:

- What services are included in your bridal package?
- Do you offer a trial session, and what does it include?
- Can you provide makeup services for the bridal party as well?

03. Consultation & Trial:

- How should I prepare for the makeup trial?
- What should I bring to the trial (e.g., photos, inspiration, etc.)?
- How many looks can we try during the trial?

04. Products & Tools:

- What brands of makeup do you use?
- Are your products suitable for sensitive skin?
- Do you offer airbrush makeup, and what are its benefits?

05. Preparation & Timing:

- How should I prepare my skin before the wedding day?
- What is your timeline for the wedding day? How long will the makeup application take?
- Can you accommodate early morning or late evening weddings?

06. Customization & Flexibility:

- Can you customize the look to match my wedding theme and personal preferences?
- How do you handle last-minute changes or emergencies?
- Are you available for touch-ups throughout the day or for a second look for the reception?

07. Cost & Payment:

- What is the cost of your services, and what is included in that price?
- Do you require a deposit to secure the date?
- What is your cancellation or rescheduling policy?

08. Logistics & Coordination:

- Will you travel to my location on the wedding day? Are there additional travel fees?
- How do you coordinate with the hair stylist and other vendors?
- What happens if you are unable to make it on the wedding day?

09. Skincare & Maintenance:

- What skincare routine do you recommend leading up to the wedding?
- How can I ensure my makeup lasts all day?
- Do you provide a touch-up kit for the wedding day?

10. References & Reviews:

- Can you provide references from past brides?
- Do you have any reviews or testimonials I can read?

These questions will help ensure that you choose the right makeup artist for your wedding day, leading to a beautiful and stress-free experience.



WEDDING

Invitations



I Do to You





After All
a Party without an Invitation

is just an empty room.

Will your guests be attending a picnic or a black-tie affair? Your invitations set the tone for your entire wedding, so let's make sure they tell the right story. If there's one occasion that calls for something uniquely tailored to you and your partner, this is it.

Generic, cookie-cutter invitations aren't your style. You have a once-in-a-lifetime love that deserves something extraordinary. Impress your guests with an invitation they'll want to display on their fridge long after the cake has been eaten and the flowers have wilted.





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Flowers & Cakes



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Flowers, Decor & Cake Ideas

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

Here is your ultimate guide to winter wedding flowers! From enchanting red roses to delicate white lilies and rich-hued amaryllis, our collection of winter wedding flower ideas adheres to an aesthetic color palette that captures the season's romance and elegance. Whether you envision a classic, snowy white affair or a bold, crimson-themed celebration, these floral inspirations will transform your wedding into a true winter wonderland. Discover the perfect winter floral arrangements that will forever grace the pages of your love story.





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Welcome to 10B's Connection House

10B's Connection House is a dynamic Event Media Management & Equipment Hire Company, dedicated to delivering exceptional event experiences since 2014



Founded by Thembelihle Buthelezi, 10B's Connection House is the culmination of her passion for technology, business, and empowering young women in sound engineering. With a background in business consulting and a deep-seated love for creating immersive event environments, Thembelihle has established herself as a hands-on Managing Director. Her journey is rooted in a vision to inspire and uplift through memorable event experiences.

Our Expertise

At 10B's Connection House, we excel in crafting unforgettable events through our team of passionate tech-heads and creatives. We specialize in managing diverse media needs across various event types, including weddings, concerts, corporate functions, church services, parties, conferences, and workshops.

Services We Offer

- Sound System Hire and Setup: Delivering crystal-clear audio experiences tailored to your event's needs.
- Lighting Hire and Setup: Enhancing atmospheres with expertly designed lighting solutions.
- Event Effects: Elevating events with special effects that captivate and engage audiences.
- Stage Hire and Roof Structure Setup: Providing robust stages and structures for seamless event hosting.
- LED Indoor & Outdoor Screen Hire: Displaying vibrant visuals to amplify event impact.
- Audio Visual Equipment Hiring and Setup: Ensuring seamless integration and operation of AV solutions.

Wedding Specialization

At 10B's Connection House, we understand that weddings are more than just events—they're cherished milestones filled with love and dreams.



With our dedicated event expertise, we transform wedding days into unforgettable experiences. From setting the perfect ambience with ambient lighting and magical fog effects to personalizing dance floors and showcasing treasured memories with LED screens, we specialize in creating moments that resonate forever. Trust us to bring your wedding vision to life with creativity, precision, and a commitment to excellence.

For weddings, we go above and beyond to create magical moments:

- Parcans and Ambient Up Lights: Setting the perfect mood with a spectrum of colors.
- Nimbus Low Fogger: Enchanting first dances with a mystical cloud effect.
- Cold Sparkle Machines: Transforming dance floors into shimmering wonderlands.
- Customizable Stages: Featuring black and white or white stages to highlight the bride and groom.
- LED Dance Floors: Personalizing the dance floor to match the couple's unique style.
- TV Screens and LED Banners: Showcasing cherished memories with visual displays.
- Sound Systems and DJ Services: Providing high-quality audio and professional DJ expertise.



VENUES

Including Winelands Venues



Image- Cherry Glamping

THE Hawthorn

BOUTIQUE HOTEL



Cherry Glamping



Founded in 2015 as a mobile glamping business, and upon finding the ideal piece of land, the venue soon evolved into a permanent establishment. This led to the creation of two permanent camps and event venues, perfectly nestled in a picturesque setting.

Describing the venue in a single word, it would be "unique." It offers several stunning spaces for ceremonies and receptions, including a glass-enclosed venue with panoramic views of a dam and the surrounding mountains, a Bedouin-covered deck set within a serene pine forest, and an expansive open field perfect for long-table receptions.

For ceremonies, couples can choose from a variety of beautiful locations, such as a tranquil forest area, a lone tree atop a hill, a covered deck, or a charming chapel at the neighbouring Paul Clüver Family Wine Estate.

No venue fee is required, and guests have exclusive use of all facilities on the farm.

To ensure that every aspect of the wedding is taken care of the venue provides a preferred planner and coordinator. However, couples are welcome to bring in their own planners if they wish. Robust contingency plans are in place for adverse weather conditions, including a covered deck in the forest and a weatherproof glass enclosure, ensuring that the celebration can proceed seamlessly regardless of the weather.

The beautiful and spacious Bell tents are permanently set up among the trees and can accommodate up to 80 people, with the possibility of adding more tents if needed.

Additionally, there is a secluded cabin, ideal for the wedding couple, featuring a wood-fired hot tub and kitchenette.



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THE Hawthorn
BOUTIQUE HOTEL



The Hawthorn Boutique Hotel distinguishes itself with a captivating blend of contemporary amenities and timeless charm. Guests can't help but rave about the hotel's distinctive décor and enchanting ambiance

This hotel is a George landmark which dates back to the 1940's. The hotel was formally known as the Hawthorndene Country Inn but became dilapidated due to various reasons.

The Hawthorn experience includes much more than just a function space, with 39 beautifully decorated guest rooms, an on-site restaurant, The Forester, and a fully licensed bar, Pronk. The Grand Old Dame offers a magnificent ballroom, capable of seating up to 120 guests, as well as a majestic outdoor setting in our gardens for an intimate ceremony.

The expert chef and dedicated kitchen team provide culinary excellence, whether guests are seeking bespoke set menus, exquisite canapés, or traditional buffets. Tailored culinary delights are sure to leave guests raving.

A weekend wedding at the Hawthorn Boutique Hotel is perfect for couples and guests traveling from other provinces or abroad.

The exclusive wedding packages include accommodation for up to 78 guests, ideal for those planning their weddings in the Garden of Eden.

The property is centrally located, just a 10-minute drive from George Airport, making it a convenient base for exploring all the Garden Route has to offer, from world-renowned beaches to the Karoo or local golf courses.

For those who prefer to stay in, the on-site bar and restaurant allow guests to wine and dine without leaving the property, while enjoying the beautiful swimming pool and magnificent views of the forest and Outeniqua Mountains.

What tips do you have for brides-to-be for hosting a successful weekend wedding?

1. Plan ahead: Start planning early to secure the desired venue and vendors.

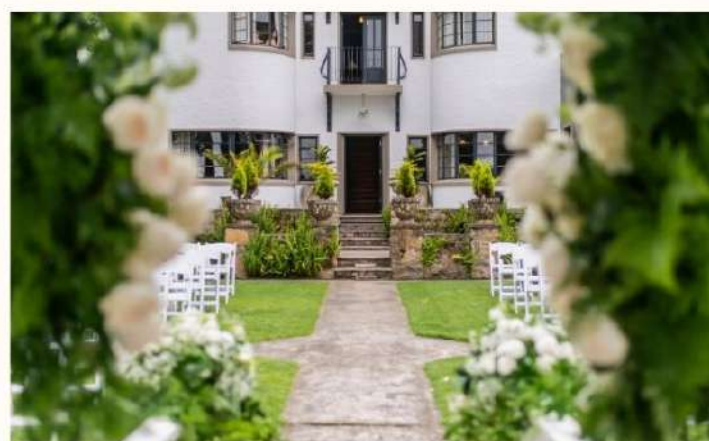
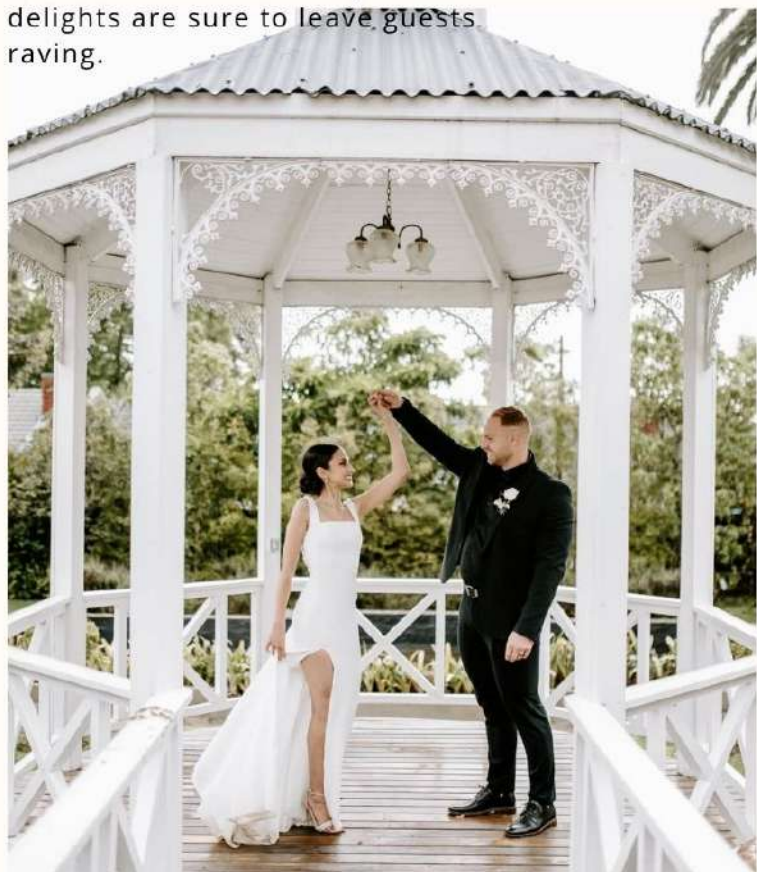
2. Keep guests informed: Provide guests with a schedule, local activities, and other relevant information so they know what to expect from the fun weekend.

3. Rehearsal dinner/ welcome party: Kick off the weekend with a welcome dinner or cocktail party so guests can mingle, catch up, and prepare for the main event.

4. Have a weather contingency plan: Ensure there is a PLAN B for outdoor ceremonies or receptions, especially along the Garden Route.

5. Special touches: Place personalized favours in guests' rooms to welcome them and thank them for their attendance.

The Hawthorn Boutique Hotel was voted the "Best of George 2023" in the Best Bed & Breakfast category.





Eikenhof

ESTATE



Set against the sloping hills of Stellenbosch Farms, Eikenhof Estate is a 3km scenic drive along Fischers Road, just off the Bottelary Road.

Centrally located between Stellenbosch, Brackenfell and Kuilsriver, the Estate is easily accessible, yet tucked away just far enough from the busy main road to make visitors feel like they have arrived at their own private and peaceful hideaway.

Remote from the hustle and bustle, Eikenhof is more than just a venue, it's a destination. The Estate is a hidden gem specializing in creating bespoke experiences. We have managed to achieve the marriage between elegance,

contemporary and a little bit of a rustic flair. All encapsulated by the rolling hills engulfed with vineyards.

The Eikenhof Team as a collective, takes a personal approach to each wedding and pride in attention to detail to guarantee a magical memorable experience.

As a boutique venue, Eikenhof offers opportunities for exclusive use of the Estate. We strongly do not believe in 'copy paste' weddings. Couples are unique in their own special way. The memorable day should be indicative of their personalities, flair and showcase who they are as a couple.

WINELAND WEDDING VENUES

Eikenhof has been blessed by the delightful offerings presented by our ever so popular chef Renshaw Adams. Cap Classique boasts beautiful chandeliers, recessed bulkheads, under cover patio, open lawn areas and a wooden pergola for the ceremony. Our classic wooden tables require only basic décor to transform the venue into the fairy-tale destination.

The big day belongs exclusively to the Bridal Couple. So, it must be owned by them. Their dreams and aspirations should be showcased during the entire day, from cuisine, décor through to the formalities.

Finding your perfect destination is most certainly a daunting task. From the get-go we recommend that a budget should be established and from there venues should be shortlisted. When you walk into a venue and it shouts THIS IS US, this is where we want to start our journey as husband & wife, stop looking. There will always be a unique element from another venue that you wish you could have incorporated. The estate has two luxurious villas

The Château is a four-bedroom Villa complete with en-suite bathrooms, open plan kitchen and dining room. A large lounge with a fireplace. Patio with an undercover braai and a jacuzzi.

The Manor House offers five-bedroom with en-suite bathrooms. Common areas include a Lounge, Dining Room and an undercover braai area on the open patio. The Manor House overlooks the estate swimming pool.





BOSCHENDAL

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Boschendal is one of South Africa's oldest wine farms, with a rich cultural and historical legacy dating back to 1685. Surrounded by the majestic Groot Drakenstein and Simonsberg Mountains, deep ravines, and spectacular views of the Franschhoek Wine Valley, Boschendal Farm offers a blank canvas to create your perfect wedding from small intimate celebrations to showstopper weddings.

Boschendal is ideally situated in the heart of the Winelands, only a stone's-throw away from Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl and a 40-minute drive from CT International Airport.

We offer an authentic, working farm experience, with world class service and a dedicated team of experts ready to meet every need. Our offering includes a range of wedding venues to choose from that can be tailored to suit a variety of functions, large or small.

Our Werf precinct with iconic manor houses and buildings sits at the heart of our farm and provides a gateway connection to the 1800ha of farmland through our two Soil to Fork Dining Restaurants, Wine Tasting and Cellar Door, Picnics, Farm & Homeware Shops and Art Gallery.

We offer an exceptionally high standard of world-class service, experiences, and personalisation. All our facilities make creative use of centuries-old buildings that have become an integral part of our guest experience.

Our offering includes a selection of luxury wine farm accommodation, much of it converted from old farm buildings steeped in history, with an emphasis on stylish simplicity and contemporary country living. We have accommodation ranging from our historical Herbert Baker-designed Cottage 1685, to beautifully restored farm cottages in the Orchards, Retreat and the Werf, and Mountain Villa, a spacious and luxurious spoil, with sweeping vistas

Boschendal is the perfect place to celebrate your special day with five breath-taking venues to choose from and a dedicated functions team to make sure all your dreams come true. Each beautiful space on our farm brings with it the opportunity to make lasting memories with the ones you love most.

Our dedicated team is there to meet your every need, remove



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Guests and bridal couple can enjoy luxurious, farm style accommodation on our farm, as well as dining and picnic options, a Gallery, Wine Tastings and pairings, Farm Shop & Butchery and Homeware Shop and additional experiences for the wedding party and guests to enjoy, including mountain biking routes, walking paths and horse riding.

Our dedicated team is here to meet your every need, remove any stress and to welcome you and your guests to experience exceptional farm living and hospitality.

What tips do you have to our brides-to-be for hosting a successful winelands/weekend wedding?

Think of a weather back-up for outdoor weddings as the weather can be unpredictable in the Winelands.

Consider having an "On-site wedding" – it will greatly simplify

the planning process as the venue will provide everything from food to chairs and tables. A wedding coordinator can help make the day run smoother and assist you and your vendors with arrangements.

Account for pre-wedding events. Consider wedding venues that are not just a venue but provide activities that your guest can enjoy before the big day. At Boschendal our special pre events options including wine tasting and braai/spit braai options.

Tips:

Our venue can accommodate 166 guests which allows more of a stress-free environment and provides guests the chance to spend more family time together and enjoy all activities that our farm has to offer.



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YOUR LUXURY *Wedding Destination*

Vivari Hotel & Spa is a luxurious and unique venue situated in a picturesque leafy valley in Johannesburg, near the Cradle of Humankind and Muldersdrift, the wedding belt of Gauteng. This venue offers a tranquil and serene atmosphere, making it an ideal location for a wedding. With its breathtaking all-glass venue and Forest Garden for outdoor ceremonies, Vivari provides a picturesque setting for your special day.

What sets Vivari apart from other venues is its exceptional offerings. As Africa's first hotel and spa, aesthetic clinic, and state-of-the-art hospital, Vivari provides a holistic approach to wellness and beauty. The hotel's 48 luxury rooms and suites blend seamlessly into the natural surroundings, providing guests with a tranquil and respite-filled experience. The Vivari Spa has won the prestigious international World Spa Awards for two consecutive years, offering trendy and modern treatments.

For bridal couples, Vivari offers a comprehensive wedding package that includes a wellness journey with a glowing beauty bridal package, skincare, healthcare, and event planning consultations. This personalized service ensures that every detail is taken care of, making your wedding day truly unforgettable. From intimate gatherings to grand celebrations, Vivari's experienced team will work closely with you to create a customized wedding package that suits your style and preferences.

To host a successful and unique wedding, Vivari recommends incorporating elements that tell your story as a couple. Consider non-traditional venues that offer intimate

areas for photos and family gatherings. Choose a boutique venue like Vivari that provides a luxurious setting and exceptional service. Don't be afraid to add personal touches, such as special decorations, music, or rituals, to make your wedding day truly reflective of your love story.

In addition to weddings, Vivari is an ideal destination for romantic getaways, proposals, couples' spa treatments, kitchen teas, and bridal showers. With its luxurious setting and exceptional service, Vivari creates magical moments for all your special celebrations, providing a serene escape from the city's hustle and bustle.

Vivari Hotel & Spa is truly a hidden gem that offers an extraordinary experience for wedding couples and guests alike. With its unique offerings, personalized service, and luxurious setting, it is the perfect venue for your special day. Whether you're looking for an intimate gathering or a grand celebration, Vivari's experienced team will work closely with you to create a truly unforgettable experience.



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TIMELESS WEDDINGS

From sacred vows to stolen intimate moments...
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Exclusive of:

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A Luxury Villa in the breath taking Waterberg

Escape to The Kingfisher Villa Suites, offering an unparalleled and exclusive luxury safari experience in South Africa's Waterberg region. Situated just two hours from Johannesburg in the **Mabula** Private Game Reserve, our private suites are perfect for couples seeking a romantic and secluded getaway.

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Personal Review

Our stay at Kingfisher Villa Suites in Mabula Game Reserve was nothing short of spectacular—I'd give it a 20 out of 10! This place is an absolute dream. Upon arriving at the gates of Mabula Game Reserve, we were greeted by our escort, who guided us to Kingfisher. The moment we entered, we knew we had arrived at a very special place. The grand wooden door opens into a large, pristine marble foyer, with a beautiful round bar straight ahead. Beyond that, the breath-taking view of the deck, infinity pool, and a small dam—inhabited by a hippo and crocodile—stretched out before us.

The tour of the property revealed five exquisite waterside suites with luxurious amenities, each with opulent high ceilings. Every room is elegantly designed with premium finishes, featuring large king-sized beds (providing one of the best nights of sleep I've ever had), a seating area, flat-screen TV, desk, and a fully equipped bar complete with a Nespresso machine and a Smeg kettle. No expense was spared in creating these exquisite spaces!

The bathroom was another pleasant surprise, boasting a large bath, twin sinks, and a spacious shower. If luxury is your thing, then the Kingfisher Suites will be right up your alley. The wrap-around porch, filled with various seating areas, comfy couches, and porch swings, is perfect for relaxation. Upon arrival, I sat on the porch swing with a delicious cup of coffee, watched the buck drinking water at the dam, and enjoyed the serene silence—take me back!

The game drives were exceptional. Each seat had a blanket, hot water bottle, and a bottle of water. Our knowledgeable ranger took the time to teach us about the wildlife and nature around us, enhancing the experience. We were fortunate to see elephants, rhinos, buffalo, and a pride of lions.



We also encountered a very old giraffe named Scarface—his name is quite self-explanatory. The ranger's efforts in setting up coffee, drinks, and snacks during our stops on the game drive were commendable.

The service we received throughout our stay was world-class. Special mention goes to the food—the quality and quantity were amazing! Even lunch and breakfast consisted of at least two courses. Needless to say, we went on a diet the second we got home, but it was worth every bite.

If you're looking for a relaxing getaway where you'll be treated like royalty, do yourself a favour and head over to Kingfisher Villa Suites. This place is truly a gem!







PACKAGES



SAFARI'S TRANSFERS MEALS STAY

Safari Plains:

	Safari Suites	Luxury Suites
Sharing	R6,186.00	R6,805.00
Single	R9,279.00	R10,207.00

Inclusive of:

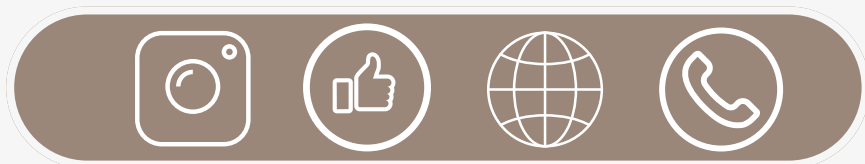
Accommodation, three meals and selected beverages (soft drinks, water, beer, selected wines & spirits), two safaris daily and VAT at 15%.

Exclusive of:

Transfers, premium brand beverages and conservations fees (currently R365 per vehicle & R900 per coach per stay) which are payable directly at the lodge upon departure. Subject to increase in 2024 without prior notification.

A Warm Welcome to the Plains of Africa

Set against the backdrop of the magnificent Waterberg Mountains in the Limpopo Province, Safari Plains proudly welcomes guests to relax and rejuvenate in the tranquillity of the African bush. The exquisite beauty of wide-open savannahs, abundant wildlife and spectacular vistas mark this as a truly majestic wilderness destination. Safari Plains redefines luxury in the bush. With its high ceilinged dining room, elegant lounge, impressive bar and relaxing spa, we are proud to offer all our guests, be they seasoned travellers, bushveld connoisseurs, families or first-time African explorers, an unforgettable experience.



Personal Review

We took a short drive from Johannesburg to Mabula Game Reserve, filled with excitement and anticipation for the days ahead. Oh boy, we were in for a treat, and we had no idea!

Upon our arrival at Safari Plains, we were greeted by friendly faces and warm towels to clean our hands. The staff made us feel instantly welcome and took us on a tour of the bar and pool area before escorting us to our “tent.” I say “tent” because this place is glamping at its finest!

The entrance to the tent features a beautiful little porch with comfy seating and romantic candles, which they light in the evening. The “tent” is fully equipped with a small bar fridge and all the amenities, including a stunning big bed, air conditioning, and the bathroom of your dreams! The bathroom has a luxurious bath in the corner where you can relax while taking in views of the surrounding wildlife.

The days at Safari Plains begin and end with a game drive led by one of the best rangers we've ever met, who goes the extra mile to make the visit unforgettable. Before the morning game drive, we enjoyed a nice warm cup of coffee accompanied by a rusk, and then we were off on the hunt for wildlife! A sighting of a cheetah on the first morning was a true delight. During the game drive, we were treated to a stop with a beautiful setup coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks.

After the drive, we returned to Safari Plains for a delicious breakfast and a lazy day reading by the pool, not to mention the back massages at the hotel spa. Lunch is served around 1 PM, and the food is honestly first-class. Following lunch, there's more time to relax before afternoon tea and the sunset game drive.

There is nothing quite like driving through the open plains on a safari, watching the sun set, and breathing in the fresh air. It's the best way to rejuvenate the soul and reset the mind. Of course, on the evening game drive, we also stopped for some drinks and beautifully presented snacks. We then returned to the lodge for dinner, and few meals will ever come close to this! The food at Safari Plains is truly out of this world.

We were so thankful for the attention to detail and the welcoming staff at Safari Plains – anyone who chooses to visit this place will never want to leave.





REAL LIVE

Wedding Stories





THE MOST PERFECT DAY EVER!

SANDRA & HENDRI

Bride's Gown: Besters' Bridal

Bridesmaids Gowns: Bester's Bridal

Wedding Venue: Hawthorn Boutique Hotel

Groom & Groomsman Suits: Amigo Mens Fashion

Brides Hair & Accessories: Ansune- Hair Features

Brides Makeup: Kayla Thirion Make-up

Rings: Maurice Pitol

Décor: Fancy Functions

Flowers: Lily & Lime - Sandral

Photographer: Shavaunne Grobler

Videographer: The Garden Route Creative - Ilse

Cake: The Harvest Table

Music/entertainment: Rhino & the Raste Band & DJ Wesley





How did you and your hubby meet and how did he propose?

Our love story started as a first love, 15 years ago in grade 9, in Outeniqua High School. We both excelled in athletics and used to train together in the afternoons. We first became best friends and then fell in love. After school we kept contact, we always liked each other, but only got together officially in 2021. Hendri planned a romantic picnic at the game reserve at Botlierskop, in Kleinbrak, where he proposed between the wildlife. Hendri is currently playing Rugby in France, while I work and live here in George as a short term broker. We will be commuting for the next two years, and plan to settle in George.

What made you fall in love with your venue?

Hawthorne Boutique Hotel offers a romantic and stylish setting at the foot of the Outeniqua mountains, next to a forest, which enhances its ambiance. The hotel perfectly complemented the style of the wedding I envisioned.

What word/s would you use to describe your wedding day?

The most perfect day of my life. Everything was flawless, from the venue and the food to the guests, the atmosphere, and my dress.





Briefly describe your relationship with your husband?

We are best friends who complement each other in various aspects of life

How did you set the tone for your wedding?

I envisioned a classic wedding from the start. The dress code was formal, and the venue naturally set the tone for the event.

Did you have a theme or vision for your wedding day? How did you make it a reality?

Yes, I had a clear vision for a timeless and classic wedding with a gold, white, and green colour scheme. I worked with vendors who understood my vision and helped make it a reality.



Please discuss your choice of flowers and décor, etc

The hotel's beauty meant we didn't need much décor. We used mostly white flowers, primarily roses, and greenery on the tables. The tables featured gold cutlery, underplates, and candles. A fairy light wall behind the bridal table added a romantic touch. The tables were arranged in a U-shape with the dance-floor was in the middle of the tables.



Tell us how you achieved your wedding look?

I always envisioned a halter-neck dress with pearls. Venessa at Bester's Bridal brought this vision to life with a beautiful dress. My shoes had pearl embellishments, and I wore pearl earrings Hendri bought during a trip to France. The pearl theme was also incorporated into the décor, including the wedding cake and guest book.



Was anything different, fun, special about your wedding?

The speeches at our wedding were particularly special. My brother toasted my grandmother, the only surviving grandparent from both sides. My father's friend, who delivered me, spoke about my parents. Hendri's dad's best friend of 30 years toasted them, and my father, with whom I share a close bond, toasted us. Hendri's speech was a highlight as he isn't typically a public speaker, but his heartfelt words moved everyone.

Were there any surprises?

Our day was perfect, even with the pouring rain and mist on the mountain, which created a special, romantic atmosphere with fireplaces and a warm ambiance enhanced by a duo band.

Briefly list or describe your wedding highlights?

The first reveal with my father was very special, as was Hendri's emotional reaction when he saw me walking down the aisle. The band created a fantastic atmosphere, and the speeches were meaningful to us. Our MC contributed to the overall ambiance, and the food and service at the hotel were excellent, thanks to Vandri ensuring everything went smoothly.'

What made your wedding special or unique?

Every aspect of our wedding day was special, from getting ready with our bridesmaids and groomsmen to the ceremony officiated by my nephew. The canapés with the band, the speeches, the main course, and the party were all memorable. Most importantly, it was the time spent with our closest loved ones.

Do you have any wedding ideas or advice to share with us?

Have a clear vision for your wedding and work with experienced vendors known for their excellence in the industry. Use checklists to stay organized and ensure everything is on track.





NATURAL, AUTHENTIC & UNFORGETTABLE

Brides Gown: Chantal Fraser from C&C Clothing
Wedding Venue: Cherry Glamping
Wedding Planner: Bianca & Kelly from Stark Events
Brides Hair & Accessories: Juliette Carroll
Brides Makeup: Juliette Carroll
Décor: some hired items from 4 Every Event
Music/entertainment: NSE music Juan Olivie
Photographer: Loume Visserr
Cake: Jasmin Fortuin

**CHASE &
EMMETTE**





How did you and your hubby meet and how did he propose?

We met at Uni orientation week in 2017 in Cape Town. After years of studies, long distance and a pandemic, I formally moved to Zimbabwe end of 2021. November 2022, he proposed during the most beautiful sunset on the mountain top of his family farm. My mom had sent him my grandmother's ring, I was named after her, but she unfortunately passed away before I was born and this made it so special and sentimental.

What made you fall in love with your venue?

The view of the rolling Elgin hills at the ceremony site! Otherwise, the Glamping aspect and wildlife were so us and the perfect setting to bring our families together to celebrate. We loved that we could use it for more than one night and that way we had plenty time to catch up with all of our guests.

What word/s would you use to describe your wedding?

Natural and authentic. Spectacular and unforgettable

Briefly describe your relationship with your husband?

We are both organized people and like things neat and in their place, we have appreciation for finer things in life like dressing up, luxury items and travelling. We love food and spend a lot of time together in the kitchen (me cooking and him snacking on everything) but we also love the outdoors, camping, bonfires and boat rides on the dam are our favourite weekend activities.

We have two Australian Shepherd's and they are our everything! We both value our families tremendously. He has certainly helped me find myself, taught me how to relax and be more spontaneous. I'd like to think I've helped him become gentler and a better communicator.





How did you set the tone for your wedding?

We had a wedding website for guests to find all the information in one place. I designed all our stationery, invites and signage myself.

Did you have a theme or vision for your day?

We wanted no fuss and earthy/rustic with elegance, colours we went with burgundy, champagne, nudes and touches of dusty blue.

To achieve this; hours and hours spent on Pinterest, sourcing tons of quotes for different elements, having things made, like our arch handmade by my dad and lastly, I could not have done it without the support of my mother.

Please discuss your choice of flowers and décor, etc.

I wanted to stay away from soft delicate flowers that will wilt and be tossed. We also didn't want to spend a fortune on single use or rental items, we supported local charities and 2nd hand stores for table décor pieces and our table florals and centre pieces were all dried & naturally collected foliage.

Our bouquets and arch pieces were arranged by my godmother and most of that came from her own garden, we just purchased Proteas (my favourite flower) and one or two other stems that completed the look.

A family member made all of our candles which was incredible because we could have extra-large custom pieces done too.



Tell us how you achieved your wedding look?

I am nothing if not picky and set in my ways, so I knew achieving my dream would be difficult. But the woman that all had an input made it a huge success. My dress was custom made to incorporate every element I wanted, like the low cut back and pearl straps. My MUA left me feeling beautiful but still like myself, I didn't have time for a trial and yet she nailed it. For my other pieces I wanted to support local small businesses and sourced mostly through social media accounts. I had a very set idea for my bouquet, and it was exactly what I envisioned, with a very special bracelet attached with pictures of our loved ones lost to honor their lives and impact they had on our lives.

Was anything different/fun/special about your wedding?

Our crazy groomsmen didn't have to try hard, from washing their shoes with ice to delivering the shortest speech ever, they always had everyone laughing. Our ringbearer came down the aisle with a croissant and proceeded to fall asleep on my train during the ceremony, he was the cutest and stole all the attention!

Did you have any special and fun ideas for your wedding favours?

I was so pleased to find a local business that makes seed paper, it was perfect for the place cards and could double as gifts for guests to take home and plant. The handmade paper with a touch of ribbon suited our theme perfectly.





Were there any surprises on your wedding day?

The weather! Now I know it's said to be a blessing to receive rain on your wedding day, and so we fully embraced it. But it was our biggest disappointment on the morning of, realizing the incredible sunny weather we had expected had completely changed. Luckily Cherry Glamping has alternative spots available at their venue and the covered deck was beautiful, we felt like we were right in the forest without the elements causing havoc.

Briefly list or describe your wedding highlights?

Too many to list! Honestly having so many of our family members and closest friends together, from all around the world, that will forever be my favorite part.

He says "my wife walking down the aisle" Our guests all agreed the food was incredible and the DJ had everyone on the floor all night.

Cherry Glamping was perfect, it was comfortable, and our guests loved that they could walk straight back to their tents and didn't need to drive.

In a short paragraph, please describe what was special about your wedding?





This was actually our third time getting married! In July 2022 we secretly eloped to court and a year later to the day had our marriage blessed surrounded by our Zimbabwean community.

Finally we reached our final and I'd say most incredible wedding. We envisioned having our loved ones as part of the day more than just as guests.

My uncle was our officiant, his uncle was the MC, my nephew was our ringbearer and we both had our siblings and some cousins in the bridal party. Many family members created something for the day and helped set up.

Please share any of your most unique wedding ideas and advice with our readers?



Stay authentic and represent yourselves and your love, this day is about you two. It's so easy to be manipulated by others' ideas and wishes, feeling obligated to invite everyone and all the distant relatives can be overwhelming. Set your budget and what you really want, then invite accordingly, not the other way around.

Find a venue that has most of your needs in one place, having to hire every single element and then plan transport and accommodation can cause chaos. We will forever recommend Cherry Glamping thanks to its beautiful setting, organized and assistive admin and unique space so easy to complement with any theme.





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