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The Brief

Theme/Style

Romantic Safari Wedding

About The Couple

International relationship, met in South Africa, loves nature and wildlife, both grew up in the country and enjoy horse-riding, travel and wilderness adventures.

Important to Bride: Aesthetics.

Important to Groom: Entertainment.

Client Requests

Nature Oriented, Enchanting, Memorable



COLOUR *Palette*

Main Colours



Accent Colours

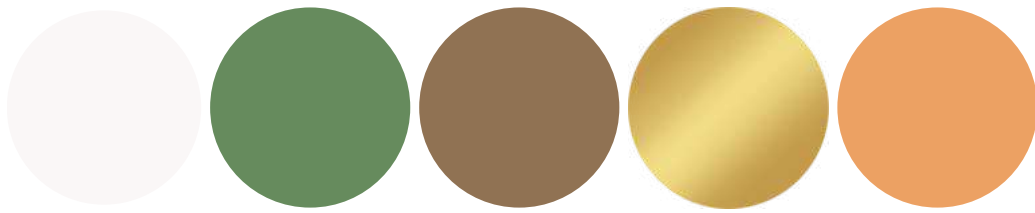


Why?

Natural & earthy tones are the base of this colour palette because they represent the clients strong bonds & connection to nature - which inevitably, is how they met. A hint of gold adds a sense of luxury and elegance to the wedding, complimenting the main colours beautifully, while subtle hues of peach was added to the palette to breathe warmth into the design.

CEREMONY

Conceptual Fantasies



The wedding will unfold in South Africa, at a venue abundant with diverse wildlife, which plays tribute to the reserve where the couple's love story began.

We've opted for an outdoor ceremony, set amidst nature, which will feature a combination of wild flowers, greenery, and roses (brides favourite flower), set to climb the tree bases at the altar. This eliminates the need for a traditional arbour, maintaining a natural and enchanting ambiance.

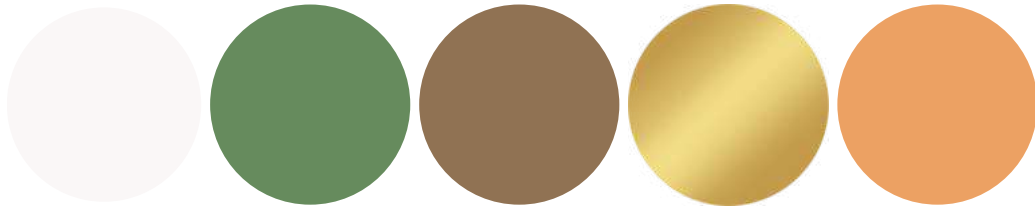
A neutral-coloured carpet runner will grace the aisle, providing a protective path for the brides gown, while floral arrangements, without visible trays, will dress the aisle edges, creating an illusion of organic presence.

Wooden signage and décor will seamlessly blend with the natural surroundings, while hay bales, reminiscent of the couple's country upbringing, will serve as guest seating. Hessian material, in lieu of the depicted green, will strategically drape over the hay bales, enhancing guest comfort and safeguarding their attire.



CEREMONY

Perfected Realities



These are real photographs taken on the wedding day, demonstrating how the concept design was transformed into this enchanting reality.

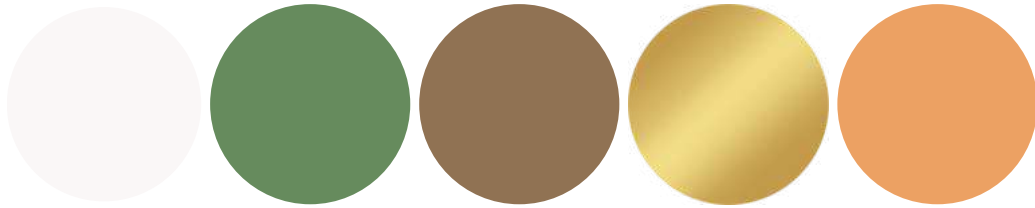
Additional Personal Touches: The bridal entrance song was a cover professionally recorded and sung by her little cousin, tailored especially for her wedding day, unbeknownst to the groom and guests until that moment. The Groom's beloved Staffordshire terrier was the ring bearer, and she trotted down the aisle perfectly on cue. The couple wrote their own personalised wedding vows. Curious giraffes roamed freely towards the ceremony site and witnessed the marriage. All signage was designed by Van Dev Weddings, including the custom water bottle labels.

Adverse Weather Contingency Plan: In case of adverse weather, the stunning on-site chapel would have provided a picturesque sanctuary for the ceremony. **The whimsical floral arrangements would have been artfully displayed within the chapel, creating the illusion of the chapel being reclaimed by nature.** While Plan B held its own allure, we are grateful for the radiant weather that supported the success of Plan A.



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Conceptual Fantasies



The meticulously chosen wedding venue features a cocktail area situated outside the main reception, overlooking a serene pool with unspoiled views of the surrounding reserve (pictured), seamlessly weaving the couples passion for wildlife and untamed landscapes into this event. To enhance the enchanting ambience of this space, rose petals and whole flowers, in the selected colour palette, will delicately float on top of the pool, adding a touch of ethereal beauty.

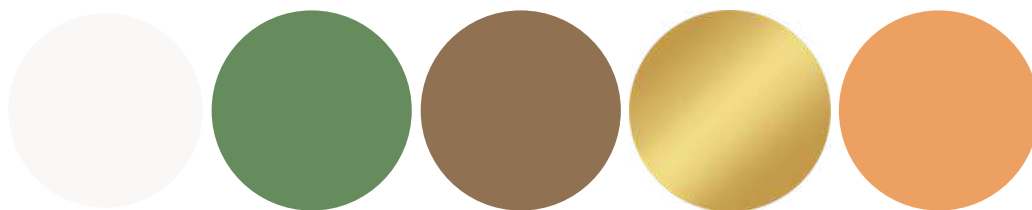
Strategically positioned shade umbrella's will shield guests from the summer sun, while the bar remains open to to keep guests refreshed. A visually captivating grazing station is also to be available to delight guests during this time.

The wedding cake is to be a fusion of the two pictured designs, featuring a three-tier round cake of decadent flavours, elegantly separated with a golden geometric spacer adorned with florals. Embracing the colour palette, the bottom tier will exude an enchanting olive green hue, while gold foil accents will be added to cohesively unify the tiers.



COCKTAIL HR

Perfected Realities



These are real photographs taken on the wedding day, demonstrating how the concept design was transformed into this enchanting reality.

Recognising the groom's profound appreciation for entertainment and music, we brought in a live musician duo to create a fun and engaging atmosphere. We meticulously planned for an extended cocktail hour, to ensure the couple were able to enjoy this live performance alongside their guests, before embarking on their second photography session.

During the couples absence, guests were treated to ample entertainment options, including the continued live music, deluxe grazing tables, captivating views of the surrounding landscape and wildlife, and the enchanting non-traditional heart frame guest book display, inviting guests to pen their heartfelt wishes to the newlyweds.

The opulent wedding cake was also showcased during cocktail hour, and the cake cutting ceremony took place during this time, featuring a knife of profound sentimental value to the groom, adding an extra layer of significance to this memorable moment.



This custom-designed cake topper serves as a symbol of the couple's differing nationalities and the beautiful journey that has brought them together. Laser-cut from wood to seamlessly blend with their décor, this exquisite piece reflects the depth and beauty of their relationship.



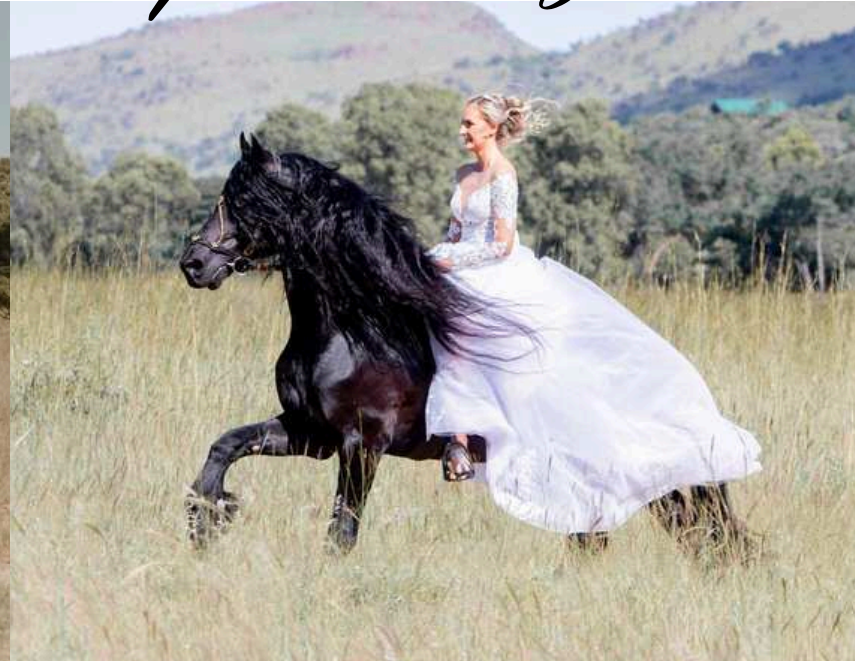
TRANSPORTATION



Conceptual Fantasies



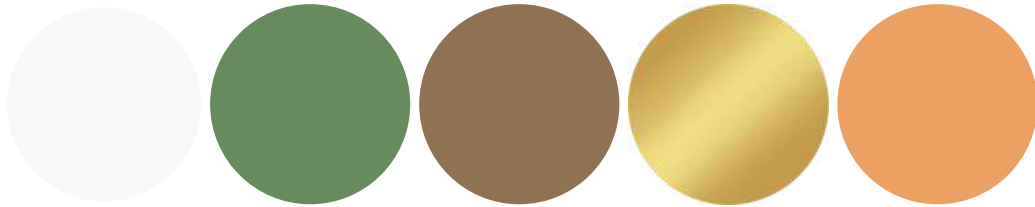
Perfected Realities



Guests embarked on mini safari's, transported to the different wedding locations via open safari vehicles, while the bride made a majestic entrance astride a Friesian stallion, demonstrating her and her grooms shared passion for horse-riding. Giraffes ran freely in the background, enhancing the ambiance of romance and grandeur, further elevating the enchanting 'Romantic Safari' theme.

RECEPTION

Conceptual Fantasies



A blanket of stars in the form of fairy lights will be fitted to the ceiling, transporting the natural world indoors, while the venue's extravagant chandelier (pictured) will be luxuriously entwined with flowers and eucalypt leaves, symbolizing the brides heritage and the country the couple now call home.

The white chairs (pictured) will be replaced with refined wooden décor, and the layout of tables and chairs will be set at an angle to ensure no guests will have their backs turned towards the couple during dinner or throughout the formalities.

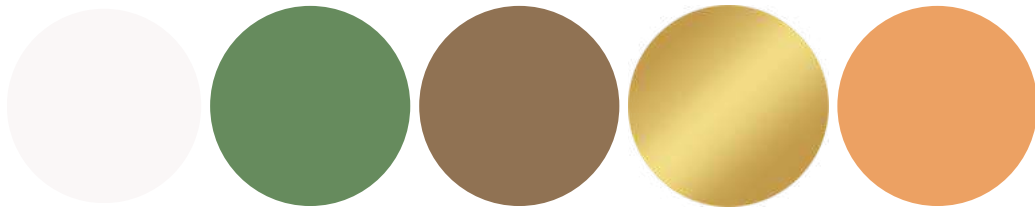
An enchanting table-scape encompassing a neutral-hued table runner, hosting an array of romantic candles and floral arrangements, reminiscent of those at the ceremony, will adorn each table. These arrangements will be elegantly displayed upon golden floral stands, artfully utilizing the airspace between the ceiling and the table.

Customised golden coasters, doubling as place cards will bring a sense of elegance to the table-scape, while olive-green linen napkins placed upon wooden underplates gracefully sustains the colour scheme, ensuring its seamless integration throughout the entirety of the evening.



RECEPTION

Perfected Realities

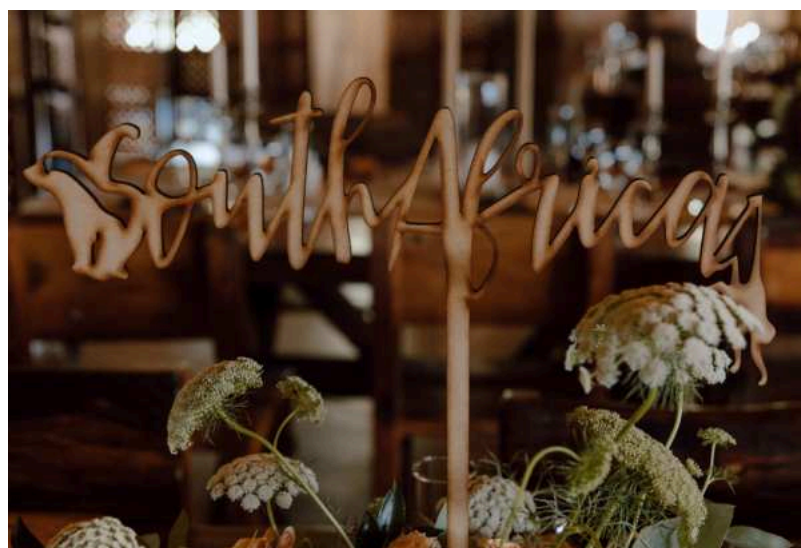


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To further highlight the international romance of the couple, and their love for travel and adventure, a world map, custom painted to match the wedding colour palette, acted as the seating chart, with each table named after a country that the couple have visited or wish to explore together. Each table name sign was designed to represent the couples love for wildlife by having the native animals of each country part of the design.

The wooden underplates at each place setting was hand-carved by the groom and his father, which added another personal touch to the table-scape and made for treasured guest keepsakes.

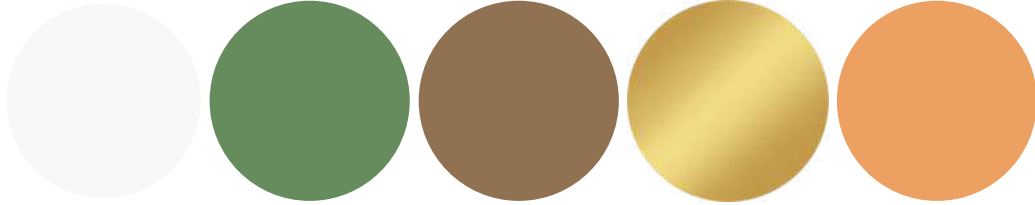
Children received personalised gold foil wedding activity books and coloured pencils to keep them entertained. These luxury books also acted as place cards for the children and elevated the wedding aesthetics.



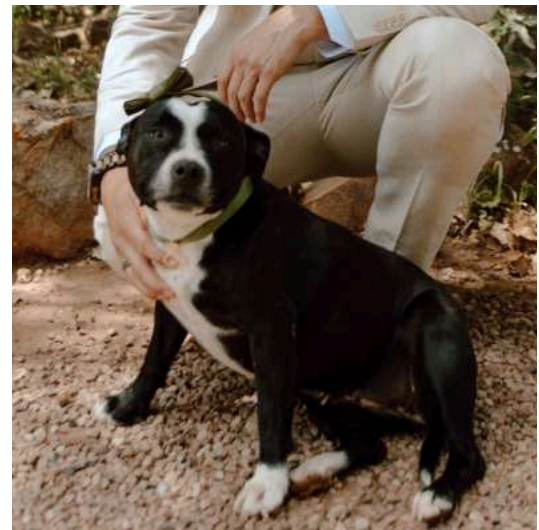


FINER DETAILS

Perfected Realities



Bridesmaids and ring bearer (staffy) were dressed in olive-green, while the groomsmen wore ivory shirts adorned with olive-green bow ties. The brides personalised jacket coordinated perfectly with the grooms suit, while all coat hangers featured individual names and titles. Bridal party robes were also personalised, with the flower girl's robe featuring floral accents.



The Brief

Theme/Style

Rustic Elegance

About The Couple

They enjoy spending time in nature and hanging out with their two pets. They also share a passion for motorbike riding and appreciate good views.

In regards to their wedding day, they hold a high reverence for culinary mastery, music, photography and guest experience.

Client Requests

Elegant, Fun, Classy

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COLOUR *Palette*

Main Colours



White



Champagne

Accent Colours



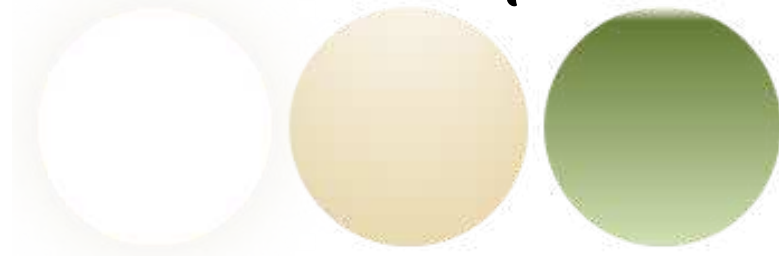
Green

Why?

This colour palette is made up of crisp white tones for a clean & classic look, complimented by champagne hues to add elegance & sophistication. The addition of green represents nature & will be displayed through deep green foliage throughout the design, adding a touch of rusticity to the aesthetics.

CEREMONY

Conceptual Fantasies



The wedding will take place at a luxury Gold Coast venue and the ceremony will be held on a grassed area encompassing stunning valley views, which acknowledges the couples appreciation for nature and admiration of breath-taking scenery.

As music and guest experience is of high importance to this couple, a solo harpist will perform during the ceremony. The harp will create an elegant and ethereal ambiance, elevating guest experience, and setting the tone for the remainder of the evening.

Native flowers (brides favourite) are to be placed in water-pegs outlining the aisle. This technique is wind resistant (important for this location) and creates the illusion of flowers organically springing from the earth, embodying a modern and sophisticated approach to ceremony design. White ceremony chairs will be evenly spaced on both side of the altar, while champagne-hued frames adorned with white native flowers and lush greenery will elegantly frame the couple.

Upon arrival, each guest will receive a personalised umbrella bearing the couples monogram, providing both shelter from the elements and a cherished keepsake to enhance their experience. Elegant mirror signage will be displayed throughout the wedding to welcome guests.



COCKTAIL HR

Conceptual Fantasies



To take guests on a musical journey through different stages of this wedding, a string quartet will entertain guests during cocktail hour while the couple and wedding party are on their photography session.

The bar will be open to guests and signature cocktails, named after the couples beloved pets will be served. The use of wine barrels as cocktail tables will enhance the rustic elegance theme and the occasional high bar tables, styled in crisp white fabric, illuminated from beneath by fairy lights, will set a classy and elegant tone. The elegant glow of fairy lights will seamlessly carry on throughout the reception area, cohesively tying each section of the event into one.

To ensure guests are well entertained, croquet will be set out for guests to enjoy. An outdoor lounge area with a beautiful white and champagne lounge set will accompany the croquet game, providing viewers a place to sit and watch, or for wedding guests to simply admire their natural surroundings.

As the bride enjoys painting, having a live wedding painter present is meaningful to the couple and will also enhance guest experience as guests can watch the artwork transform into a masterpiece. This is a very elegant and “classy” form of entertainment



RECEPTION

Conceptual Fantasies



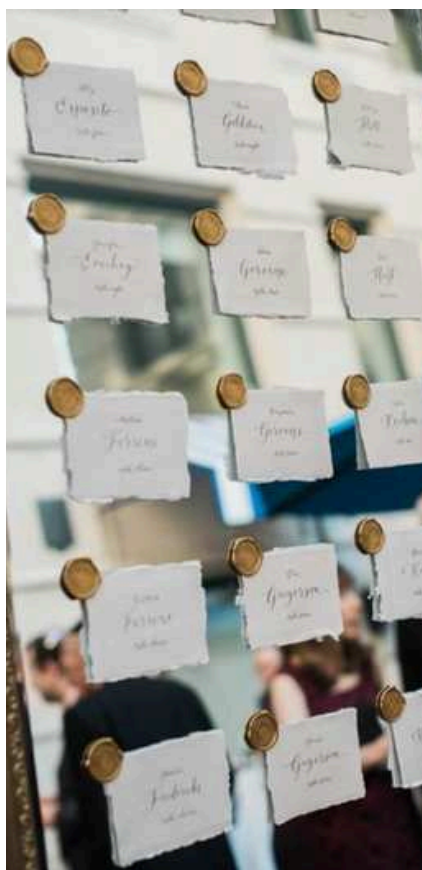
The venues glass marquee will serve as the reception location and fairy lights cover the ceiling. A five-piece band will entertain guests, increasing energy as the night goes on, until a total party vibe after all formalities.

The cake is an elegant and sophisticated work of art, incorporating clear spacers full of twinkle lights, between each tier which enhances the aesthetics and seamlessly ties into the surrounding reception décor beautifully.

As this colour palette is inspired by champagne, a champagne tower is to be on display, which the couple are to pour upon their grand entrance into the reception.

Continuing with the colour palette, white chiffon table runners and greenery line the centres of the tables, while an abundance of candles in assorted sizes adds a touch of romance to the evening. Champagne coloured cutlery and clear beaded charger plates add to the overall aesthetics, while a mirrored escort wall exudes sophistication.

In lieu of a conventional guest book, the incorporation of a motorbike helmet symbolises the couple's mutual love for riding, infusing their celebration with a distinctive and deeply personal touch.



The Brief

Theme/Style

Coastal Luxe

Client Requests

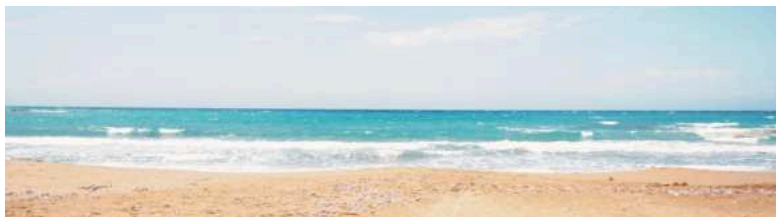
Fun, Memorable and Contemporary

Soft Creamy Colours

Colour Palette

This colour palette features a base of soft whites and ivory; teamed with subtle glimpses of blush, peach and burlap; complimented by neutral browns and deep green foliage.

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The Brief

Theme/Style

Celestial Enchantment

Client Requests

Unique, Magical, Romantic, Intimate

The Vision

Ceremony to take place at dusk where fairy lights will line the aisle, followed by an intimate reception dinner. Lighting will be used to create a magical and romantic ambience, while fireworks and dry ice over the dance floor will enhance guest experience.

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The Brief

Theme/Style

Timeless Romance

About The Couple

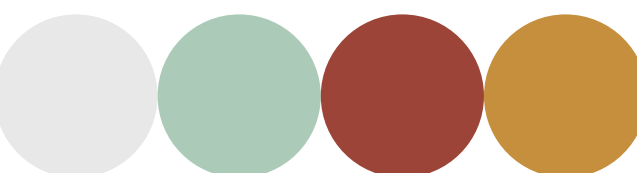
They enjoy bright colours, fine dining and spending time with friends and family.

They are religious and wish for a traditional wedding, yet infused with a modern twist.

The Vision

The wedding will take place in a White Chapel where guests will be seated on traditional timber pews. Vibrant bursts of colour will grace the whimsical floral arrangements, imbuing them with a modern yet timeless allure.

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The Brief

Theme/Style

Romantic Garden Wedding

Client Requests

Elegant, Romantic, Lots of Flowers

The Vision

The outdoor ceremony site will be adorned with a lush carpet of rose petals lining the aisle, complemented by a lavish arrangement of flowers and graceful arbour draping, evoking an atmosphere of pure romance. At the reception, hanging floral instillations and crystal chandeliers further elevate the romantic ambiance, while blush bridesmaid dresses add to the allure.

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