

BRIDAL Bliss In Stellenbosch

For any bride-to-be, where they choose to tie the knot is of utmost importance and sets the tone and atmosphere for the ceremony. There are many beautiful areas in South Africa that make for great wedding locations, but Stellenbosch in the Western Cape is a picture perfect destination that should top everyone's list.

The reason Stellenbosch is such an ideal location, is that it offers everything that a bride-to-be may need. From stunning venues, catering options and accommodation, to luxurious spas and wellness centres, the historic and charming *Eikestad* (Town of Oaks) is geared up to deal with any wedding requirements.

From a wedding planner's perspective, Stellenbosch is considered an absolute paradise. The various facilities available in the area can match any style, theme or budget. Whether potential brides are looking for luxurious indulgence or rustic relaxation, Stellenbosch provides the setting for a spectacular start to

married life with breathtakingly beautiful scenery in the heart of the Winelands.

Some of the country's top wedding coordinators and florists are based in Stellenbosch and brides can take their pick from local jewellery designers, caterers, top notch wedding photographers and experienced hair and make-up professionals.

Venues and accommodation facilities can accommodate any wedding party from small, intimate affairs to lavish bridal extravaganzas. Accommodation options range from self-catering cottages on working wine farms to top hotels and intimate five-star guesthouses in and around

Stellenbosch. The Town of Oaks is ideally located with easy access to the Cape Town International Airport as well as the Cape Peninsula and its many tourist offerings.

The bridal party can look forward to the ultimate in pampering at any of the top Stellenbosch spas and wellness centres. From the gorgeous Lanzerac Spa in the breathtakingly beautiful Jonkershoek Valley, the serene WedgeView Country House and Spa on the Polkadraai Road to the seclusion of The Hydro tucked into the foothills of the Simonsberg mountain, you can be sure that there will be a spa to suit your personal preference.





The Lanzerac Hotel & Spa is listed among the most prestigious luxury hotels in the world and promises guests a rich heritage and the finest hospitality. Situated on a 200-year old country estate, it boasts a distinguished example of Cape Dutch architecture. The hotel offers 48 en-suite rooms and several potential wedding venues. The Lanzerac Spa & Wellness Centre has recently been nominated for the Spa of the Year awards and brides can expect sessions ranging from full body massages to the revolutionary Dr Fish spa treatment and the recently introduced sinfully scented hot wax wave massage.

Located in the tranquillity of the Stellenbosch winelands, you can find The Hydro, a world leader in its field and a heavenly escape. Established in

1972, The Hydro has a unique philosophy and holistic approach that allows nature to increase energy levels, develop a positive mental attitude and rejuvenate vital forces in body, mind and soul. The dedicated staff is committed to offering a personalised and friendly service, while the therapists offer world class treatments and services using only the best products available. The Hydro is the perfect place for a bride to unwind among vineyards and fruit orchards to escape the strain of wedding arrangements.

Nestled against the slopes of the Polkadraai Hills, you will find the charmingly elegant WedgeView Country House & Spa. This 5-star establishment offers luxury accommodation and its expansive gardens and Bedouin tent provides

the ideal backdrop for a fairy tale outdoor wedding. Special bridal and wedding packages are available, which include sensual spa treatments and even a stunning 1937 Vintage Chevrolet for wedding transport.

Meanwhile, the bridegroom and his best man can escape the hustle and bustle of wedding arrangements by heading out for a leisurely game of golf at any of the fabulous golf courses in and around the town or simply indulge in a wine tasting at any of the 150 members of the Stellenbosch American Express® Wine Routes.

For a complete list of potential wedding venues, contact Stellenbosch Tourism on info@stellenboschtourism.co.za, call + 27 21 883 3584 or visit www.wineroute.co.za. ■



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