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-- Planning Your Winter Wedding --

People always talk about getting married in summer or spring when the sky is clear, the sun is warm and flowers are in full bloom. Nobody truly considers a winter wedding. If you are a winter bride – we compiled a list of a few things you should keep in mind when planning your winter wedding.

1. Venue

Instead of waiting a year to get your perfect date during the peak summer and spring months – book a winter wedding and get it much sooner. However, when choosing your winter wedding venue – always keep in mind what it will look like during winter. We all know winter to be quite a dull month but that does not have to apply to your wedding. Choose a venue that is both stunning in summer as well as in winter. Consider a venue that has flowers that bloom also in winter as well as contributing to that snug, warm and intimate winter feeling.

On the plus side – most venues are relatively cheaper during the quieter winter months and you would be able to dust of a few pennies for other aspects of your winter wedding.



At Die Wildevy with this beautiful lavender lane the lavenders are in full bloom when the mountain has its winter grey clothes on.

2. Flowers and decor

Consider fairy lights to add that feeling of warmth. Create ambience with antiques and vases and candles in different heights. You can even incorporate dried features like decorated pinecones, branches and wood. For the rustic winter brides – consider hessian and twine wrapped around vases and candles. Also incorporate it into your

stationery to keep to your natural theme.

Here is a list of flowers in bloom during the winter months of South Africa - iris, daisy, gladiolus, tulip, camellia, hyacinth, daffodil, azalea, dahlia, lavender, corn flower, strelitzia, fynbos, azalea, freesia, phalananopsis orchids and delphinium. You can also consider wild grass and rustic woods and barks.



3. Temperature and weather

Unlike most other countries, winter months in South Africa are cooler but not so unpleasantly cold and wet. On the plus side – your expectancy of rain is very low. Most brides dread the possibility of a wet summer wedding. With the colder dry temperatures during the winter months, you can even incorporate a bonfire outside. Just a note from our side – before planning a winter wed-



ding; have a look at the maximum and minimum temperatures of the area.

Also consider knee blankets for your guests. There is something romantic about snuggling up with the one you love in cold winter weather.

4. Food, drinks and overall menu

Think of comfort and warmth when considering your menu. Even comfort foods with the right twist can be sophisticated. Think about pies and steaming hot bowls of soups with warm toast and light pates as starters. Remember hot plates of steaming stews from your childhood as mains. Even dessert can be a warm wintery feast with different desserts served with hot custard.

Tea, coffee and milo stations are a must at any winter wedding. Also consider white and dark hot chocolate as a welcome drink or a more traditional sherry fountain.



5. Colour theme

While most brides choose softer and brighter colours for summer and spring weddings, you should rather have a look at your richer and warmer colour tones for a winter wedding. Consider, perhaps, something like burgundy, midnight blue or emerald green or perhaps if you should choose an icier winter look – play around with light blue and purple. Warmer colours are romantic and sophisticated and give your wedding that elegant feel; incorporated correctly and they will give you a magical night all your guests will remember.



Also remember that colour has more impact than you can imagine. Everyone is born with an inclination towards certain colours. When you plan your wedding, keep your favourite colour in mind and you would feel at home and comfortable.

6. Never forget romance

Just imagine the soft sounds of a crackling fire in the background, with upbeat contemporary music and steaming hot bowls of food being served throughout the night – your wedding will be bursting with romance and charm. Creating just the right atmosphere with a winter wedding is just what your family and friends need during the cold winter months.



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