



THE GARDEN VENUE
WEDDINGS

2026 WEDDING GUIDE



WELCOME

I'M PROUD TO PRESENT THE GARDEN VENUE'S 2026 WEDDING GUIDE.

Year after year, The Garden Venue remains as the primary choice for hosting weddings in Gauteng, a testament affirmed by the numerous awards and accolades that we have achieved. Our journey to becoming the preferred wedding venue has been propelled by the unwavering support of our dedicated team and the exceptional loyalty of our cherished wedding clients. With 4 distinct newly renovated venues, we have played host to countless beautiful and unforgettable weddings.

In our commitment to staying ahead with the latest wedding trends, we recognise the importance of evolution. Recently, we revitalised our venues with extensive upgrades and renovations, introducing new elements such as koi ponds, new chairs, chic bar lounges, elegant marble floors, floating decks and additional bedroom suites for the convenience of our wedding guests. Our commitment to excellence is why The Garden Venue excels as the foremost trendsetting wedding venue of distinction in Johannesburg.

We are proudly recognised as one of the finest wedding venues with:

- 4 Wedding Halls
- 4 Gorgeous Outdoor Garden Chapels
- 46 Stunning Hotel Bedrooms and Honeymoon Suites

Set across 3 hectares, only minutes from the Northgate Dome, we enjoy an authentic country feel. Upon arrival it is undeniable that the most distinctive feature of our award-winning venue is our lovely landscaped gardens – idyllic, meticulously maintained spaces adorned with captivating water features. The Garden Venue's ability to bring the beauty of nature inside really differentiates us from other establishments.

Three of our event halls embrace a traditional thatch design, exuding a sophisticated and warm character, while 1 is loved for its contemporary, minimalist style. Regardless of their architecture, all these spaces are surrounded by magnificent greenery, punctuated by multiple water accents.

These incredible venues can host celebrations ranging from 30 to 450 guests per wedding. Accompanying the multiple reception and ceremony spaces are a range of services and packages, including catering and décor. Our team of wedding coordinators can present personalised solutions for an expertly coordinated, magical day.

Time after time, first-time visitors are at a loss for words, which is why we encourage you to visit and take it all in for yourself. I promise, you won't be disappointed!



Harold Horn
MANAGING DIRECTOR





THE GARDEN VENUE A PICTURE-PERFECT PLACE TO HOST YOUR WEDDING

We are proud to offer 4 exceptional wedding venues, catering for both intimate and large weddings. Each venue is uniquely situated on our property to present its own private wedding day story.

During your visit, you can choose the chapel and reception space that best resembles your dream wedding.

Couples who wish to have the entire grounds for themselves may also enquire about this exclusive option.

AS A LEADING WEDDING VENUE, WE OFFER FULL WEDDING PACKAGES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

- Venue
- Catering & Beverages
 - Décor & Flowers
 - Waiters & Bartenders
- Music, Audio Visual Equipment, DJ & Sound System
- Accommodation



HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR YOUR WEDDING

Boasting 46 hotel rooms, spread across our Apple Blossom Hotel & Garden Hotel suites, our exclusive rooms combine classic style with contemporary flair.

At The Garden Venue Hotel, each room enjoys a different design element. Guests can choose between either a deluxe or standard room including five honeymoon suites:

Our sumptuous English and continental breakfast presented daily by our chefs are not to be missed.

Wi-Fi is complimentary and all rooms include coffee stations. Airport transfers are available on request.



WEDDING COORDINATORS WITH A DIFFERENCE

My name is Thenjiwe Horn and I am proud to represent my team of passionate and professional wedding coordinators.

The Garden Venue team is a tightly-knit family from diverse backgrounds, with years of wedding and hospitality experience behind us. We have the capacity, flexibility and expertise to create a memorable day that meets all your requirements.

Our wedding coordinators can assist with the following:

- Selection of the Most Appropriate Venue
- Menu Selection & Refinement
- Beverage Selection, Including Food & Wine Pairing
- Accommodation & Transfers for Guests
- Room & Table Décor and Themes
- Entertainment & Music Recommendations
- Flowers
- Wedding Cake Recommendations
- Wedding Programme
- Photographer
- Minister

We offer a full complement of staff. Your experience starts with a sales consultant and then you are allocated a senior wedding coordinator who will look after you from the beginning of your planning process to the end of the wedding.

A second coordinator is also allocated who will manage all the practical responsibilities including coordinating our waiters, bartenders and cleaners on the day.

Each bride enjoys the benefit of a chaperone who acts as their personal assistant on the wedding day.

We also offer a complimentary, romantic one-night stay with dinner to celebrate your one-year anniversary.

Your wedding is important to us, no matter how big or how small. We are here to help you make your special day as exquisite as possible, so please feel free to contact us for a wedding consultation.



Thenjiwe Horn
WEDDINGS DIRECTOR





WEDDING PACKAGES

At The Garden Venue our experienced wedding coordinators assist bridal couples in selecting the best wedding package to suit their needs. We offer 3 wedding packages, which include the following, but may vary according to your chosen package, venue and number of guests:



RUBY WEDDING PACKAGE

Begin your journey into the realm of wedding dreams with our captivating Ruby Wedding Package. Designed as an entry point to our esteemed selection of wedding packages, it includes award-winning wedding venue, hotel suites and a wedding menu to delight.



EMERALD WEDDING PACKAGE

Experience our lavish and sophisticated Emerald Wedding Package, offering a captivating journey with exquisite venues, enchanting selection of garden chapels, boutique style hotel rooms and mesmerising menus. Further enjoy our impeccable service from our dedicated staff, ensuring an unforgettable day.



DIAMOND WEDDING PACKAGE

Introducing our unparalleled Diamond Wedding Package, an extraordinary fusion of garden wedding chapels, banquet halls, hotel suites and a remarkably lavish menu. This, our most elite wedding package, indulges both you and your esteemed guests, to an unforgettable dream wedding.

OUR PACKAGES INCLUDE:

I. Venue Offering

- Garden Chapel
- Banquet Hall
- Canapes & Welcome Drinks Area
- Garden for Photos
- Serving Station
- Bar

II. Staff Compliment

- Wedding Coordinator
- Floor Manager
- Bride's Chaperone
- Waiters
- Barmen

III. Complimentary Honeymoon Suite & Hotel Accommodation

IV. Complimentary Beverages

V. Menu



WEDDING DECOR PACKAGES

Your wedding coordinator will assist you in choosing additional aspects to be added to your wedding package. These are aspects over and above our standard settings that are automatically included in our venues:

Extra hotel rooms | Wedding cake | Groomsmen's bar tab | DJ | Sound system | Lights | Smoke machine | Décor & flower selection

At The Garden Venue we proudly offer 3 Décor & Flower Packages, which are added onto the Ruby, Emerald & Diamond Wedding



STANDARD WEDDING DÉCOR PACKAGE

Celebrate your special day with our superior Standard Wedding Décor Package. Being our entry level package, it is most impressive. Decorate your venue in elegance and romance with exquisite floral arrangements, enchanting centre pieces and lavish embellishments, creating an unforgettable ambiance that will leave lasting memories for all.



DELUXE WEDDING DÉCOR PACKAGE

Elevate through pure luxury and take your wedding décor up to the next level with our Deluxe Wedding Décor Package. Decorate your venue in opulent flower arrangements, exquisite centre pieces and captivating accents. Create cherished memories of elegance and refinement, turning your special day into a timeless masterpiece.



BESPOKE WEDDING DÉCOR PACKAGE

The Bespoke Package is curated to fulfill every wish. Immerse yourself in the splendour of our extraordinary Bespoke Wedding Venue, Table Décor and Flower Packages, where the epitome of wedding décor luxury and customisation awaits. Dare to dream, and we will surpass your expectations, transforming your wedding visions into a spectacular reality.





WEDDING VENUES

Each wedding typically consists of an elaborate and well-orchestrated 3-part event.

- Wedding Ceremony
- Canapés and Welcome Drinks
- Wedding Reception Banquet

As such, we at The Garden Venue, have designed our wedding spaces to allow for the optimal expression of each of these fundamental wedding components.



RECEPTION BANQUET HALLS

Choose from 5 elegant banquet halls:

- The Garden Arena Hall | Seats 150 to 450 Guests
- The Forest Banquet Hall | Seats 150 to 350 Guests
- The Elephant Banquet Hall | Seats 80 to 140 Guests
- The Olive Tree Hide | Seats 50 to 80 Guests



GARDEN CEREMONY CHAPELS

Each banquet hall seamlessly twins with a wedding ceremony space:

- The Garden Arena Cascades Pavilion
- The Forest Lily Pond Amphitheatre Chapel
- The Kol Pond Pavilion
- The Lawn Terrace Chapel



ARRIVAL CANAPES & DRINKS SPACE

While the bridal couple are taking photos in our gardens, the wedding guests may enjoy canapés and welcome drinks:

- The Garden Arena Bar
- The Forest Piazza
- The Elephant Bama & Decks
- The Pot Cascade





THE GARDEN ARENA

CAPACITY: 150 TO 450 GUESTS – IN A BEDOUIN TENT OR MARQUEE

OR

CAPACITY: 150 TO 280 GUESTS – IN THE GARDEN ARENA HALL

Punctuated by 3 Spaces:

• The Garden Arena Hall • The Garden Arena Bar • The Garden Arena Cascades Chapel



The Garden Arena Venue is our largest wedding venue. Set in a grand, beautifully landscaped garden, it is ideal for those who are planning a big wedding.

Three distinct landmarks punctuate The Garden Arena. On the far end we have The Garden Arena Hall, then The Garden Arena Cascades Chapel cantilevering over a kol pond and lastly the outdoor Garden Arena Bar. All three spaces fit together seamlessly, allowing for welcome drinks and canapés, the ceremony on a stage over the kol ponds and the reception in the banquet hall.

Steel architectural accents exude a contemporary, minimalist feel, in contrast to our other venues that boast a traditional thatch style.

The highlight, of course, is the verdant scenery and cascading ponds. The informal gardens display a striking abundance of palms and lush tropical plants, juxtaposing the modern buildings. A series of dramatic pot cascades salute the

arrival area where guests are welcomed, while raised berms make the space uniquely private.

The one-of-a-kind outdoor chapel allows for a spectacular outdoor ceremony. Steady flowing water features animate the left and right of the stage which seems to float above the water, all enveloped by the green landscape. To reach the stage, the bridal party walks over the bridge that crosses the water surrounding the stage.

At the far end of The Garden Arena sits the covered bar. With plenty of rolling lawn in between, your special occasion is given a blank canvas – the sky is the limit. Bridal couples may choose to hold their wedding in The Arena Hall or beneath the open skies in a marquee or Bedouin tent. A highly versatile space, it allows for almost any storyline to play out.

With its light-grey colour palette and stylish edge, this sumptuous event space with sprawling lawns can host large weddings, accommodating anything from 150 to 450 guests, banquet style.





THE FOREST HALL

CAPACITY: 150 TO 350 GUESTS

Punctuated by 3 spaces:

- Forest Banquet Hall • Forest Piazza • Lily Pond Forest Chapel Amphitheatre

This phenomenal venue, nestled below towering trees with expansive rolling lawns, lends itself perfectly to the chemistry required for a fairy-tale wedding.

Our Forest Banquet Hall consists of three newly renovated spaces. While ceremonies can be held amongst the tall trees of the Lily Pond Forest Chapel Amphitheatre, pre-reception drinks and canapés can be relished on The Forest Piazza and sumptuous banquets can be hosted inside The Forest Banquet Hall with its noteworthy high thatch roof.

The Lily Pond Pavilion is a seemingly floating room set on and adjacent to the largest of our ponds. The covered pavilion cantilevers over the water and is accessed by walking across a six-metre-long wooden bridge. The walkway to the ceremony area is utterly majestic. A broad wooden deck at the top of the hill descends to the ponds, drawing all eyes to the bride. Captivating rock pool features flank the left and right of the stage, framed by an abundance of palms and tropical plants.

This inspiring outdoor space has an amphitheatre-style design with three terraces to facilitate viewing. With a eucalyptus forest backdrop, The Forest Lily Pond Pavilion is a breathtaking chapel.

While the Lily Pond Pavilion with its garden amphitheatre can seat up to 500 guests cinema style, the Forest Banquet hall can accommodate from 150 to 350 guests, banquet style.



THE ELEPHANT HALL

CAPACITY: 80 TO 140 GUESTS

Punctuated by 3 spaces:

• The Elephant Hall • The Elephant Boma • The Kol Pond Pavilion



The Elephant Hall, trumpeting loudly as The Garden Venue's very first wedding hall, was recently refurbished and upgraded.

With all its sentimentality intact, the architecture and light marble tiled floors delight in a neutral colour palette, ensuring The Elephant Hall is sufficiently versatile for any wedding style. It is light and airy with large windows enjoying magnificent garden and pond views. In addition, the space has been redefined with a modern bar area and a separate banqueting service station.

It can cater for up to 140 guests under roof, banquet style.

Guests who use The Elephant Hall typically host their ceremonies on the extraordinary Kol Pond Pavilion, adjacent to the hall. The exquisite outdoor space with decking pavilions,



cantilevers over the kol ponds where schools of gold and orange Japanese koi fish add an exotic touch to this already remarkable space – the ultimate venue for unforgettable weddings.

During the ceremony, guests are seated on decks surrounding the ponds with all eyes on the bride as she makes her way down the stairs and walks over the boardwalk to meet the groom. A lush landscape with tropical palms and indigenous trees surround The Kol Pond Pavilion.

While welcome drinks and canapés can be savoured here, many couples choose the intimate Elephant Boma below the hall for serving beverages and appetiser while the bridal party takes photos in the designer gardens.





THE OLIVE TREE HIDE

CAPACITY: 50 TO 80 GUESTS

Punctuated by 3 spaces:

• The Olive Tree Hide • The Lawn Terrace Chapel • The Pot Cascade

The Olive Tree Hide is a thatch hall in an enviable position, nestled under a grand old indigenous olive tree which seems to be growing out of ancient rock boulders. Typical of a hide in the bush, this wedding venue is private and tucked away, blending seamlessly with its surroundings.

A meandering pathway leads through the trees to a rock cascade and raised wooden deck. The magical and intimate venue at the far end of the Lawn Terrace can cater for up to 80 guests, banquet style.

Our Olive Tree Hide was expanded and refurbished. A separate bar lounge area and an impressive serving station now punctuate this glamorous venue, complete with marble tiles. Giant glass windows lend a captivating view of the rich foliage below the olive tree canopy, while the hippo rock cascade tucks the senses with gently flowing streams. Welcome drinks and canapés can be served adjacent to The Pot Cascade at the entrance of this captivating venue.

The entire hall is surrounded with an abundance of plants, creating a magical setting.

The Lawn Terrace Chapel sits at the far end of The Olive Tree Hide by a robust and majestic Paperbark Tree, a quintessential African tree is ideal for intimate ceremonies. This outdoor chapel – with its sandstone tiles and planter boxes filled with formal lollipops and iceberg roses – is dramatic indeed! Pot cascades frame the left and right of the stage and the branch canopy of the Paperbark Tree forms the ceiling. If you are looking for a stirring garden wedding, then look no further!

Rolling lawns and immaculately landscaped gardens make this beautiful space truly memorable and at the right time of the year the Jacaranda tree in the middle of The Lawn Terrace scatters an innumerable amount of glorious purple-blue flowers.





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