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PURE COUNTRY BLISS

Shalwyn is conveniently located 45 minutes from Durban and only 20 minutes from Pietermaritzburg. Cradled among the lush sugar cane fields of the Tala Valley, this lovely wedding venue has all the charm of a country retreat where you just know your wedding will be a stress free success.

The venue is located on a working sugar cane farm and nursery. Indigenous gardens surround the main building attracting butterflies and birds aplenty. A large wooden, wrap around deck commands views over endless hills of sugar cane and in the distance, you can catch a glimpse of the dams abundant with duck and herons going about their business. In the late afternoon, the sun casts a golden glow over a picturesque jetty, ideal for those timeless photographs.

Despite this beautiful setting, the best thing about Shalwyn is its versatility. This potato shed turned elegantly rustic wedding venue can seat 50 to 300 people. Its high ceilings adorned with handmade wooden chandeliers lend an air of grandeur creating an impressive canvas where a bride to be can go to town on personalizing the venue to her own décor tastes. With the use of cleverly placed screens or drapes, unneeded space can be cordoned off to make the perfect setting for a more intimate wedding.

On a hot summers day, the stackable, concertina doors are opened wide to let the cool breeze drift in. Two large fireplaces in the centre of the room keep the cold at bay on chilly winter evenings.

The chapel overlooks the same views as the deck and can seat up to 200 people. For those who prefer a garden service, outside ceremonies can also be arranged, and more recently our enchanted forest has been rehabilitated. It is the most serene setting, accentuated by the stream that flows past...

Shalwyn is run by its owners who take great pride in the service they offer. Rob and Leanne together with the team from Hamblin's Catering, understand that this day is special and that it only happens once. To them, attention to detail is paramount and this enterprising team will walk you through the wedding process to ensure your wedding day is memorable and displays your personal touch. They are consummate professionals and no compromises will be made when it comes to service excellence.

Because it is situated out in the countryside, your wedding need not be cut short by a midnight curfew. It is completely up to you if you want to party the night away or get an early night before your much awaited honeymoon.

Now, all there is left to do is to give them a call to start the stress-free wedding planning process!

By: Melanie Rosettenstein

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WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER:

Venue hire is R10500 and an additional R60/head for more than 175 people

A surcharge of R2000 is payable for Sundays or public holidays to cover increased staff costs.

Including: A STRESS FREE WEDDING, planning, setup, clean up, on the day personal co-ordination and assistance until closing and all of the following unless otherwise stated.

CEREMONY

Chapel

Deck/lawn ceremony

Enchanted Forest (see details below!)

Chairs and white chair covers will be provided.

VENUE

Reception room seating 50 – 350 guests

30 Round 10 seater tables OR 15 whitewashed picnic style tables

Trestle Tables for - Main table, DJ, buffet and gifts

White plastic chair & white lycra covers

White Strip Draping (worth R5000 = FREE!)

Fairy lights ceiling, pots, pillars, back wall (worth R5000 = FREE!)

Seating easel frames

Fans and log fires

Outdoor gas heaters can be hired at R350/gas bottle used.

Standby generators, should we experience any Eskom problems

ENCHANTED FOREST

Brand new at Shalwyn. We have developed inside a forest on the farm. For tranquility that can't be manufactured... A wooden bridge leads into the forest over a natural spring, follow the path deeper into the idyllic woods to be greeted by the most gorgeous and serene setting, found only in fairy tales! Wooden benches for the guests to relax on while you say your I DO's. Afterwards, allow the visitors to linger a little longer with nature and enjoy a cold beverage under the trees.

COST R3500 or R35/person 100+, this will include a drink for your guests down in the forest (R5000 or R50/person 100+ for two drinks per person)

There is ample of parking nearby

CATERING & DÉCOR

Hamblins caterers are contracted to Shalwyn. Patrons are unable to supply their own caterers. Contact Melanie/Sherree 0333452009 info@weddingsa2z.co.za or sherree@weddingsa2z.co.za

Menu price will include:

White Embossed Table clothes and linen napkins (ask them about alternative colour clothes)

Waitrons

Cutlery & crockery

Cruet sets

Table numbers

Personal service and expertise.

Extra décor is also available from Muirheads Hiring, through Hamblins, make an appointment to view their showroom for a one-stop shop experience!

PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHER

There are various photographic sites available. These are to be arranged by the bridal couple, we can recommend:

Paul Henman – www.kznweddings.co.za, 0834408471.

Samantha Maber – www.samanthamaber.co.za 0763855853

Kevin Bender - www.kevinbender.com ,

Dean Demosthenous www.deandemos.co.za , 082 963 3906

Bright Girl Photography, Eileen Laubscher www.brightgirl.co.za , 082 565 6393

O'Toole Photography, Luanne O'Toole www.otoolephotography.com 084 708 7777

Videoccasions, Karen www.videoccasions.co.za 0833203711

BAR

Bar service is included in your venue hire. The bar will be fully stocked to your personal requirements. All drinks are for your account including welcoming drinks or cocktail punches etc.

Own wines and champagnes can be brought in, but will levy a R25 corkage/bottle opened

Bar will be stocked with all glasses and those for the table, including

Champagne flutes

Wine glasses

Beer, whiskey. High ball glasses

Bar account can be managed in many flexible ways:

Limit account payer places a monetary limit or a drinks preference on the bar, thereafter bar is cash

Open everything behind the bar is on account; this may also have a limit

Cash guests pay for their own drinks

Bar staff are included until 24h00 for afternoon weddings (14h30+ start) and 18h00 for morning weddings (up to 14h30 start), thereafter a surcharge of R900/hr or part thereof will be charged. Bar can remain open for as long as the bridal couple wish.

Bar and venue will be closed at Shalwyn management discretion.

PARKING

Wheelchair parking reserved for those requiring.

Secure guest parking within electric fence & automatic gate

MUSIC

A DIY DJ system (JB systems) is available to hire from Shalwyn @ R1000/day. Incl. 8-channel Amp, 2 x 15" speakers, mic, stands & cables. Bring your own laptop/iPod and manage your own sound...

DJ/Band/singers to be organized by the bridal couple, we recommend

DJ Jason Elkington 0824886247

Sound Mechanix – Sean 0825737924

Top Jocks Dave 0312660878 or 0827777389

Pierre the DJ 083 555 9575

Saxophonist/one-man band Chris Jensen 0827423662

Bands/singers, if a stage is required, it can be hired directly from Big Beat.

FLOWERS

Floral arrangements to be organized by the bridal couple.

We recommend Wendy Gillit 0832924945, wendy@inglebrook.co.za

SPORTS/CULTURAL

A 37" LCD with portable satellite dish and DSTV decoder can be organised for the viewing of sporting or cultural events that fall on the day of your function. This can work well for events that occur during the post ceremony photographic session as it does provide entertainment to guests during this time. This can be arranged at a charge of R1000. Speak to Leanne in advance to organise.

ACCOMMODATION

The lodge at Shalwyn is conveniently situated within walking distance to the Venue.

The lodge is an old stable, converted into two stylish and extremely comfortable cottages. Both provide en suite bedrooms, done up in neutrals and afro-chic décor, with colours highlighting Africa's ambience. Step into a space where tranquility prevails. The open plan kitchen-lounge and living space is light and airy and fully equipped for your self-catering stay with us. The self-catering facility offers flexibility & freedom from routine. The 4 cottages house 13 double En-suite, 3 twin en-suite, 2 triple en-suite & 1 single en-suite bedrooms, sleeping a total of 39 guests.

This prime-location accommodation will firstly be offered to the bridal couple for family, parents, bridal party, etc. Please note that we cannot block book or reserve rooms for selected guests, unless all rooms are paid for in full at the time of booking. If the rooms are not booked and paid for, they will become available to your other guests on a first-come first-served basis.

To book, we require a 100% non-refundable deposit. Rooms are charged at R350pps or R450single bed only.

All rooms which have not been booked or paid for in full, sixty days before your wedding, will become available to the other venues or sporting events in the area.

A mattress can be made up on the floor for children in the same room as their parents R150 will be charged for this. Babies/toddlers <3 are not charge for but guests are requested to supply their own travel-cots. Please inform us if you are bringing a baby, so we can let the other guests know.

When travelling with a nanny or carer, guests are required to book them into their own room, our standard rates apply.

Check in 2pm, check out 10am

Kick back, relax and enjoy the countryside.

For more Lodge information Please contact Leanne 0732968131 or stay@shalwyn.co.za

Please NOTE: We do not have credit or debit cards facilities available.

HONEYMOON SUITE

Enjoy the romance of your union in our tranquil surroundings...Chinook Cottage is situated on a smallholding overlooking a popular game reserve. Just 6km from Shalwyn, it is perfectly located for our bridal couples. This luxurious honeymoon suite is fitted with a large four-poster bed, fine linen, open-plan bath, kitchenette, as well as a large open-air double shower.

With fabulous views and quiet surroundings, the cottage makes a perfect honeymoon suite as it offers maximum privacy in a romantic setting. Champagne, fresh flowers, candles, toiletries and chocolate will welcome the newlyweds.

Bookings (a 100% non-refundable deposit is required to confirm bookings)

Option 1. Two people sharing, including honeymoon package R900/night.

Option 2. Bring the girls/boys. Spend the night before with those closest to you, four people sharing (two double beds). Prepare for the big day at Chinook, away from the wedding day stresses. Then spend the honeymoon night with us (option 1 above) R2000incl.

Option 3. 9am check in and prepare for the big day, spend the honeymoon night with us (Option 1 above) R1300incl.

Option 4. Two – four people sharing (two double beds), self catering, incl. all linen R400/person/night.

Check in 2pm, check out 10am.

Speak to Leanne for bookings and further information 0732968131

SWEETY BAR

Our unique, old-fashioned sweetie bar is a big hit with young and old! Available to hire from Shalwyn for R250. Bring your own sweets and paper bags to fill our various jars with treats for the guests to take home with them and add a bit of colour and interest to your décor. See our facebook page for pictures and ideas.

Speak to Leanne to arrange. 0732968131

Shalwyn Terms and Conditions

1. PAYMENT TERMS

1.1 Deposit

- 1 To secure and confirm the booking of the venue, a R7000 deposit is required.
- 2 The outstanding balance for the venue hire is payable a month prior to the function.
- 3 A Refundable deposit of R2000 is payable a month prior to the Function for any damage or breakages of consumables that belong to Shalwyn V&C, these include amongst other things: wine glasses @ R30 each and beer, whiskey glasses @ R10 each, fire extinguisher refill R400, glass jugs R30.

1.2 Cancellations

- 1 In the event of a cancellation:
 - i.) Six months or more before the function date - R2000 of the paid deposits/monies will be refunded from Shalwyn V&C. This is not negotiable.
 - ii.) Four months or more before the function date - R1500 of the paid deposits/monies will be refunded from Shalwyn V&C. This is not negotiable.
 - iii.) Less than four months before the function date - NO deposits/monies will be refunded from Shalwyn V&C. This is not negotiable.
- 2 Shalwyn V&C reserves the right to rebook the cancelled date, if possible.
- 3 Cancellations must be done in writing to Shalwyn V&C.
- 4 Once cancellations are made, the reserved date will become available to the public once again.

1.3 Payment

- 1 Cheques are not acceptable.
- 2 All moneys must be deposited directly into the bank account referred to hereunder.
- 3 A function will not commence until full payment is made.
- 4 The R1000 deposit for damage or breakage will be refunded as soon as the bill has been settled.
- 5 Credit/Debit card facilities are not available.

1.4 Prices

- 1 All prices quoted herein are correct at the time of print and are subject to change without notice.
- 2 A surcharge of R2000 is payable for Sundays or public holidays.

Banking Details

Account Name: LEANNE RIDGWAY
Bank: ABSA CHATTERTON (Savings)
Branch Code: 632005
Account Number: Please contact for details *****4334
Reference: Name & Function Date

2. FINAL APPOINTMENT

A final meeting (during office hours) will be scheduled a week prior to the function to confirm:

- 1 Final numbers, procedure for the wedding day, final bar payment, any special requirements

3. CATERING

- 1 **All** catering is arranged by Shalwyn V&C. ONLY Hamblins catering services are used
- 2 No food is permitted to be brought onto the premises.
- 3 Due to health and safety reasons, food can only stay in the heated unit for a maximum of two hours and therefore chefs have no alternative but to take the food from the hot buffet two hours after the requested serving time.
- 4 Should you wish to use your cake as part of your dessert, you shall need to use an approved supplier as arranged by caterer. Any other cakes may be supplied but may only be used if served with tea/coffee after ceremony or at end of meal with tea/coffee
- 5 A non refundable deposit of R6000.00 is required to confirm your catering date with Hamblins and a R2000.00 refundable deposit for last minute changes or damages. Please pay Hamblins catering:
Account 4056873312, Absa branch code 632005, Reference: Shalwyn and date of wedding.
Email proof to info@weddingsa2z.co.za
- 6 By booking at Shalwyn you are agreeing to Hamblins caterers standard terms and conditions which are available from Hamblins on request

4. FOREST

- 1 While every effort will be made to keep the ceremony in the forest, we cannot guarantee the weather and reserve the right to change location of the ceremony if we deem necessary
- 2 In the case of bad weather, the fee for the forest is unfortunately not refundable. The guests will still receive their drink as per in the forest.
- 3 Drinks in the forest will include a mix of, beer, cider, trufruit, water, appletiser. The breakdown for guests will be for the bridal couple to decide
- 4 This is a natural setting; we are not liable for any injury that may arise from visiting there.

5. **BAR**
- 4.1 **Bar**
- The following is not permitted unless prior arrangements are made
- 1 No alcohol may be brought onto the premises by patrons
 - 2 No alcohol may be removed from the function venue or consumed in the parking areas
 - 3 No alcohol may be sold or served to any person under the legal drinking age of eighteen
 - 4 No alcohol may be purchased for any person under the legal drinking age
- If any patrons are found contravening any of the above, they will be requested to leave the premises immediately and the liquor deposit forfeited
- 4.2 **Bar Service**
- 1 Shalwyn V&C require to be briefed at the final meeting (2.2) regarding bar requirements.
 - 2 Any special requirements must be done in writing.
 - 3 Prices are subject to change without prior notice.
 - 4 In the case of an open bar service the bar limit must be paid in full a week before the function date.
 - 5 The liquor deposit is to be signed and paid at the final meeting.
 - 6 Should the bar limit not be fully utilised, the outstanding amount will be reimbursed with the breakages deposit (1.3)
6. **DECOR**
- 5.1 **Service Providers/coordinators**
- In the event of outside wedding coordinators and service providers the following is applicable
- 1 Décor and props must be removed by 10h00 the morning after the function, unless by prior arrangement
 - 2 Should breakdown be necessary after the event, falling into overtime, this will incur the usual overtime rate (6.1)
 - 3 Shalwyn V&C are not liable for any damage or loss to property hired, bought or borrowed.
 - 4 If candles are used they must be wide enough or encased to ensure that no wax damages the linen
 - 5 The patron will be liable for wax removal
 - 6 No permanent changes to the venue are permitted. This includes nails/hooks in the wooden palls
 - 7 In the event of there being any damage beyond reasonable wear and tear to any structures, buildings, furniture and or fittings the patron will be billed for such damage
 - 8 Service providers are required to tidy up after themselves.
 - 9 Anything left in our cold room or in our storage is at the patron's/service provider's own risk.
 - 10 Chairs or other furniture hired in privately, please make arrangements for these to be setup and placed by the company concerned. Shalwyn is not responsible for doing so. A handling fee of R900/hr will be charged if need be.
- 5.2 **Setup and Cut off Times**
- 1 The day before the function the venue must be used for decorating and set up from 7am - 3:30pm. Should setup exceed 3:30, the usual overtime rate will be incurred (6.1).
 - 2 In the event of the venue being booked the day before, setup will take place from 7am on the function date.
 - 3 Note that the venue will be cleaned the day prior to the function. Any mess made during preparation for the function, will be the responsibility of the patron to clean before they leave.
 - 4 Shalwyn V&C is not responsible for any damages howsoever caused or theft occurring at any time.
 - 5 The setup must be completed two hours prior to the ceremony time.
7. **OVERTIME**
- 1 Staff are included in the cost of the venue hire until 24h00 for afternoon weddings (14h30+ start) and 18h00 for morning weddings (8am+ start), thereafter a surcharge of R900/hr or part thereof will be charged.
 - 2 Bar will remain open for as long as the patron wishes, at the discretion of Shalwyn V&C management
 - 3 Shalwyn V&C reserve the right to close the bar and venue at its own discretion at any time.
 - 4 Setup the day prior to an event is until 3:30pm, any time required hereafter will incur our normal overtime rate (6.1)
 - 5 Should breakdown be necessary after the event, falling into overtime, this will incur the usual overtime rate (6.1)
8. **GENERAL**
- 1 While every precaution will be taken to ensure the smooth running of an event, Shalwyn V&C shall not be held liable for interruptions of services (water, electricity, sanitary service and gas).
 - 2 Whilst every precaution will be taken to ensure the safeguarding of personal belongings, Shalwyn V&C shall not be liable for loss or damages to any property whatsoever (Décor, wedding gifts, valuables, sound equipment, etc). Please ensure service providers carry off premises insurance when hiring goods.
 - 3 Shalwyn V&C reserves the right to cancel any booking forthwith and without liability on its behalf in the event of any damages or destruction of the venue by fire, breakings, shortage of labour, strikes, industrial unrest or any other cause beyond the control of Shalwyn V&C which shall prevent it from its obligations.
 - 4 Shalwyn V&C will not to be held responsible for any harm, injury or loss incurred in a personal or group capacity, while on the property.