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THE PERFECT WEDDING VENUE
For your special day

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THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TALA

Thank you for considering Tala as a venue to host your big day! We are here to ensure that you have a very special and perfect day in our tranquil bush setting. Our wedding packages are specially designed to assist you so that you can enjoy a stress-free day.

Tala Collection is a sought-after destination wedding and accommodation venue, offering exceptional service, mouth-watering food and a one-of-a-kind safari experience. Our accommodation options encompass a variety of different styled lodges that are located at various sites on our 3,000-hectare reserve. The combined experience of our Tala Team will ensure that Your Dream Wedding will be one to treasure. Whilst Tala Collection provides the perfect setting for traditional weddings, our flexible spaces and 'nothing is impossible' attitude combine to enable us to offer an array of choices for the more unique, individual and exceptional wedding.

VENUE HIRE

Tala has several stunning and versatile venues with magnificent views set in the African bush. Our venues can cater for between 40 – 250 guests. If you wish to keep your wedding more private, we can arrange a simple picnic for a small group of people or even an intimate wedding for two.

ACACIA

Seats up to 120 guests

The Acacia venue seats up to 120 guests inside the hall with the predominant features at Acacia being the tall glass concertina doors that surround this open-plan structure and open out onto the great wooden deck that stretches out towards the watering hole. The wooden deck is an ideal and a very popular option for outdoor wedding ceremonies, especially in the late afternoon with the sun setting in the distance behind the rolling hills. It is also this time of day that animals such as Zebra, Waterbuck, Blue Wildebeest and White Rhino – to name but a few – come down to the watering hole to drink, allowing for exquisite photo opportunities.

FIG TREE BARN

Seats up to 250 guests

The large farmstead building that is Fig Tree Barn has been restored to create a magnificent wedding venue. Hand crafted chandeliers provide soft lighting from the rafters above, creating a dramatic yet gentle effect against the rough plastered walls that are interspersed with floor-to-ceiling mirrors and windows. This spectacular venue is perfect for large weddings of up to 250 people. Fig Tree Barn also features a beautiful stone chapel for wedding ceremonies, opening out onto a manicured lawn, perfect for pre-wedding drinks under the canopy of one of our beautiful Fig Trees that lends itself to perfect photo opportunities.

LEADWOOD MANOR HOUSE

Seats up to 40 guests

Built by a team of artisans with locally sourced shale, Leadwood Manor House combines exceptional architecture, towering thatch and resplendent finishes against a backdrop of breath-taking natural beauty. The newly refurbished house was designed on an ethic of 'nothing straight, nothing painted' and the results are a masterpiece of earth, water, glass and hardwoods which blends into its surrounds of open vistas. Leadwood Manor House is a place of relaxation and tranquility and more of an intimate venue available for weddings and functions of 40 people. Although we cherish children, this venue is more suited to an adult only function. This venue is hired as a package whereby all 10 rooms are booked for 2 nights(night before and night of wedding).

FOREST VENUE

Seats up to 120 guests

Set in the Tala bush, our Forest Venue is perfectly situated to have a romantic ceremony or a small private picnic wedding in amongst African scenery. The venue seats up to 120 guests and offers a gorgeous area for canapes and welcome drinks before you and your guests make your way to the reception venue. Transfers via game vehicle are available upon request.



VENUE HIRE INCLUDES

Use of the stipulated booked venue for set-up and wedding day | Round tables that seat a maximum of 10 guests per table will be included at no charge | Standard Ancona black plastic chairs | Standard crockery, cutlery and glassware | Easel & frame for seating plan | Podium for speeches | Standard set up & breakdown of the venue including ceremony (This excludes additional wedding décor set up such as center pieces, draping, etc. that are supplied by external suppliers) It is recommended that the suppliers do their own set up | Dedicated in house wedding coordinator | DJ table | Gift table | Ceremony setup (Outdoors/ Deck & Covered ceremonies) Excludes additional wedding ceremony décor such as draping etc. supplied by external suppliers |Prep room for bride ONLY at R1000 including breakfast for one. Additional breakfast may be ordered at an additional charge. Additional rooms can be booked at an additional rate. | Weddings with over 80 guests - honeymoon suite on the night of the wedding.

VENUE HIRE EXCLUDES:

Flowers, chair covers, draping, fairy lights and any additional décor that does not form part of the standard setup | Bar account, welcome beverages or any other beverages | Wedding cake, canapes, menu, candy stations etc | DJ or any form of entertainment | Wedding stationery (seating plans, name cards, table names, etc.) | Accommodation | Gratuity on all food and beverage items | Offsite co-ordination of your wedding | Baskets or confetti holders need to be provided. We only accept natural products as confetti.

VENUE SET UP & BREAKDOWN

On the morning of your big day, you don't need to worry about setting up the venue. We will start preparations two days before your wedding (between 07:30 – 15:30). Your preferred décor company will have access 2 days prior to your wedding to do their set up.

VENUE	VENUE HIRE (Inc. VAT)	TIME PERIOD	GUESTS
FIGTREE BARN			
Outdoor/Indoor (garden)	R17 500	10 Hours	100 – 150
	R19 500	10 Hours	150 – 200
	R22 000	10 Hours	200 – 250
ACACIA			
Outdoor/Indoor (deck & garden)	R11 500	10 Hours	60 – 80
	R13 500	10 Hours	80 – 100
	R15 000	10 Hours	100 – 120
LEADWOOD PACKAGE			
2 nights accommodation for 18 guests, prep room for bride, honeymoon suite venue hire, plated menu for 40 guests	R59 100	10 Hours	Max 40

CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Tala and they have plenty of space to play around. Please let your coordinator know if we can arrange a babysitter for them. (A private arrangement to be settled directly with the sitter). We offer a children's menu for children from 4-12 years. (Excludes Leadwood Manor House).

PRE-RECEPTION & CEREMONY

If you wish for your guests to enjoy welcome drinks before the ceremony, please discuss the options with your coordinator. We can also serve a variety of welcome drinks/cocktails and a selection of canapés as a 'pre-reception' while you are busy having your wedding photos!



BAR SERVICES

Tala has different Bar Services available. We will ask you to brief us on the bar requirements prior to the wedding. We can also discuss various billing options.

CASH BAR	OPEN BAR	LIMITED OPEN BAR
Guests pay for their own beverages	Client will be liable to pay for all beverages consumed during the wedding	Client will pay for all beverages specified by the client as per the specified bar tab amount
A tab can be opened for guests on the condition that a debit/credit card is handed in at the bar	Open bar tabs are payable upfront. The bride/groom or any nominated member from the bridal party will be updated on the progress of the bar tab throughout the wedding. Should the final bill be less than the pre-paid tab the balance will be refunded	Limited open bar tabs are payable upfront. The bride/groom or any nominated member from the bridal party will be updated on the progress of the bar tab throughout the wedding. Should the final bill be less than the pre-paid tab the balance will be refunded
		Clients may specify items permitted
<p>Guests will be required to pay via debit/credit card or cash. Please ask for our terms and conditions. Guests are not permitted to bring their own beverages to the wedding ceremony and reception.</p> <p>Vehicle inspections at the main gate may be done and any alcohol found will be confiscated.</p>		

CATERING

Our standard menus are served as a buffet and vary in price per person (Please note that a 10% gratuity is automatically charged on all main menu costs and will be on your final invoice before arrival.). However, please do let us know if you have a different menu or budget in mind. Of course, you want to know what you are going to serve to your guests. We will arrange a menu tasting for two people based on your selections. We need to know your final menu choices one month prior to the wedding.

For special dietary menus, self catering is permitted with a surcharge fee. Please ask your wedding coordinator at Tala to discuss this option.

GUEST TRANSFERS

Guests are welcome to use their own vehicle, but we do not allow drinking and driving. We can arrange transfers for twenty guests at a time for R35 pp per way. Pre booking is essential

ACCOMMODATION

Tala offers accommodation for you and your guests in a range of lodges from Rustic to Luxury. Make the most of the weekend and stay in any of our lodges which are perfectly designed to suit the bride, bridal party, family and guests for preparations the night before as well as just being at leisure.

We can block accommodation for your wedding guests, but we do require a 50% deposit up front and balance is payable no later than 7 days prior to the wedding taking place. The rates vary from lodge to lodge. We can host more than one wedding per day, so please discuss accommodation with Front Office 031 781 8000 or via email at reservations@tala.co.za. as soon as possible.

CONSERVATION LEVY

A small conservation levy of R30 will be charged per guest entering the farm. This may be prepaid by bride and groom or paid by the guest on arrival. The normal vehicle charge of R80 and R80 per person will not be charged. This conservation levy contributes towards the protection of our rhinos and other wildlife

ADDITIONAL EXTRAS

Tala is a destination location and we can make use of our lush landscapes and wildlife to make your day extra special. We can arrange the following for you:

CREATIVE PHOTOSHOOT (R900 – R1440)

A max. 2hr drive where a ranger will accompany you and your photographer in one of our game vehicles (R1440), so that you can have beautiful photos taken in the bush. It is possible to use your own vehicle, but a ranger must accompany you (R900).

BOMA BRAAI

The perfect way to start your wedding celebrations is under our gorgeous African skies. A boma setting with a bonfire accompanied with a delicious menu is the perfect option for your guests to mingle the night before.

GAME DRIVE

Game drives are available for your guests at Tala at an additional rate of R295 per person (R190 for 10 or more guests).

BUILD A BURGER STATION

Perfect for the night before, or a fun wedding lunch. Beef patties and chicken fillets are cooked to perfection, help yourself to your own fillers.

LIGHT LUNCH ON WEDDING DAY (POR)

Maybe you are not hungry on your special day, but you need to eat... We can arrange a light finger lunch on the day of the wedding .

PREP ROOMS (R975pp)

Unless they have a room booked for the night, you might want your guests to be able to wash up or get dressed. Rooms will be available until the ceremony begins.

ACTIVITIES

Tala has several activities available to all guests. Ask us about our mountain biking, fishing, archery and paintball at activities@tala.co.za. Bachelor parties welcome.

ZULU DANCERS

Let your guests be entertained by Zulu dancers from our local community who love to demonstrate their talent of singing, dancing and drumming.

Enquire at weddings@tala.co.za.

RUSTIC GIN BAR

Make your wedding a truly distinctive experience and treat your guests to a self-service gin bar. Preselect your gin from our beverage's menu.

TRAVEL PACKAGES

Want to see the Big 5 and Table Mountain? Dream Hotels and Resorts has several properties in beautiful locations across country which will allow you to see the winelands, the Big 5, the Cape, and more. Ask us about putting our packages together for your guests once you have tied the knot.



BOOKING PROCESS

Once you have received the initial quote and you are happy to go ahead and confirm your venue and date, we will require a deposit. The deposit is the venue hire fee amount. We will also require the signed off contract. Each page is to be initialed by the bridal couple. Should the bridal couple not be liable for payments the relevant person responsible will also need to sign off the contract. All the above documents and proof of payment is to be e-mailed to the wedding coordinator at weddings@tala.co.za. The deposit is non-refundable and needs to be paid in full to confirm the date & venue for your wedding. This deposit needs to be paid within 7-10 days of your provisional booking. Failing which, your booking will automatically fall away. We will notify you by email. The balance of the initial quote will be split up over three payments leading up to the wedding. This will be on your booking form. Any accommodation not confirmed and paid for by one month before the wedding will automatically be released. All Tala cancellation policies apply, please enquire at reservations@tala.co.za.

DAMAGE DEPOSIT

Please note that a R1500 refundable damage deposit is payable. This amount will be refunded up to 4 weeks after the wedding should there be no breakages.

PLEASE NOTE:

Tala cannot control the weather and will not be held liable for ceremonies that are rained out. Our wedding coordinator can recommend a backup plan. | Should your final numbers be below the minimum requirement you will be charged a surcharge of R100 per person short of the minimum requirement. Final numbers MUST include all service providers that need to be catered for on the day of the wedding. | Our wedding coordinator will discuss menu options available to service providers. | A full guest list needs to be provided (in alphabetical order to prevent confusion on the day) to your coordinator at the final meeting as this will be required for the main entrance security | Tala does not offer exclusivity of the reserve and can host more than one wedding on the same day. The ceremonies and receptions will be hosted at various venues within the reserve | Right of admission reserved – loud music, speeding, hooting, walking around reserve unaccompanied by a ranger, sleeping in cars, drunken behavior, domestic animals, etc. will not be permitted on the premises. The carrying of firearms is strictly prohibited. All firearms must be declared and handed over to the general manager on arrival and will be returned on guest departure. Anyone caught contravening the rules and regulations of the reserve may face a fine or automatic eviction from Tala Game Reserve. | Prices are subject to change without prior notice as mentioned in other sections of this document | You can expect a minimum of 10% annual increase on all prices including food and beverages | All wedding guests that have booked accommodation must check-in before the ceremony begins | Payment of deposit and a signed contract secures your booking. Tala shall not be held responsible for any provisional bookings made. | Final numbers must be confirmed 14 days prior to your wedding date and your Pro-forma invoice must be settled. If this invoice has not been settled Tala reserves the right to cancel any booking after giving the client notice in writing. | The Bar Bill will be presented for settlement on checkout and must be settled before departure.

ALL APPOINTMENTS AND SITE INSPECTIONS: weddings@tala.co.za or 031 781 8000

ACCOMMODATION: reservations@tala.co.za or 031 781 8000

FOOD AND BEVERAGES: fnb@tala.co.za

We encourage you to come and have a look at our venues and look forward to setting up an appointment with you to discuss creating a memorable day for you.

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