



Out of the blue

Tamara and Billy's serene ceremony and reception at Grande Provence wine estate, Franschhoek, South Africa

The inspiration... Our family are spread throughout the world, so it was important for us to find a beautiful location with a fun, relaxed atmosphere and reliable weather, which made South Africa the perfect choice. We also wanted plenty of entertainment to ensure there was never a dull moment. While we had our photographs taken in the gardens surrounding the beautiful wine estate, our guests were invited to enjoy a wine tasting.

The look... The blue colour scheme we chose ran through all the stationery and details, including our invitations, menu cards and table plan. We also chose tablecentres of blue hydrangeas and agapanthus, which were placed along the length of our tables with white square candles and potted orchids to create some height. My dress was designed by Rosetta Nicolini and featured lace details with pearls, and I carried a pretty bouquet of cream roses.

The finishing touches... Our ceremony took place under a gazebo in the grounds of Grande Provence, which was decorated with a bright array of flowers. Our wedding cake featured a personalised blue monogram of our initials, and included one tier of lemon sponge and one tier of caramel sponge.

My favourite moment... Our wedding was the best day of our lives. It really helped that we had our wedding planner there throughout the day to make sure everything went smoothly. The fire dancers we'd booked to entertain our guests when night fell were extremely memorable and a real talking point with our guests. 🍷



Tamara's address book

Wedding coordinator: Kim Werner at Wedding Concepts (www.weddingconcepts.co.za)

Photographer: Jean Pierre Uys (www.jeanpierrephotography.co.za)

Venue: Grande Provence (www.grandeprovence.co.za)

Florist: Okasie (www.okasie.co.za)

Dress: Rosetta Nicolini at The Bridal Room at House of Fraser (020 7409 2700, www.berketexbride.com)

Cake: Kanya Hunt (00 278 2375 5200)

Fire dancers: Firetribe (www.firetribe.co.za)