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Choosing a date or time that has special significance, such as the day you first met gives you the opportunity to move away from the tradition of a Saturday and enables you to get all the benefits of your dream venue at affordable prices. What gave this wedding a huge hype, was the whole tension of something very meaningful about to happen, at a special moment in history. Get me to the church on time, took on a whole new significance.

The Dream

We dreamed about our wedding for two years. We did not want a roaring party, but a feeling of peace and togetherness. Our desire was to make the day special, an intimate time with family and friends and a commitment in front of God.

The Date

In a sermon at our local church, we learned that the number 9 used in the Bible signifies the fullness of 'time' and 'new life', as with a newly born child who has been carried by the mother for 9 months. We were inspired. Why not also be pronounced man and wife on the 9th minute of the 9th hour of the 9th day in the 9th month, in the year 2009! This moment in time occurs only once every 1000 years.

The Destination

We both love nature and the basics in life and wanted a place with a natural farm, country effect. With Oakfield being a central haven, it was easily accessible from Lanseria, Johannesburg and



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Pretoria. When we visited Oakfield Farm, we discovered a venue that was willing to embrace our dream. We also discovered that a short term booking during the week, is fantastic value for money. Our bridal suite, the dressing room, the horse and carriage and a host of extras were included.

The Décor

Orange was our chosen colour, a colour full of life, happiness and high spirits, which we added to the extensive décor provided by Oakfield Farm. Our gifts were part of the décor. In front of the main table and in the centre of the guests, we placed our magnificent cake. This was an open Bible with the verse from Jeremiah 29:11. The cake was meant to be our dessert, but we did not have the heart to cut it, relying on Oakfield to come to the rescue with dessert.

The Dress

As a child I remember drawing pictures of myself as a bride, and as I fitted my lovely ivory dress bought from Bride & Co, I realised that this was exactly the dress of my childhood dreams.

The Day

Our guests who had to endure the merciless Gauteng traffic to be in time for our wedding, were welcomed at Oakfield by Altus with muffins and coffee—not a single person was late. We were pronounced man and wife at exactly 0909090909! Pastor Lourens' message, a mixture of English and Afrikaans was filled with significance and humour. The day was beautiful, full of life and laughter. We finished at 13h00, so some of our guests were able to get back to work.



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