



Prabhu & Priya Padayachee

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Being Hare Krishna devotees, Prabhu and Priya had a traditional Indian Hindu wedding performed by devotees who had flown in from America and Durban especially for the event. Prabhu and I met in 2008 in London through mutual friends at the Hare Krishna temple. It was an auspicious day in the Hindu calendar known as Radhashtami—a magical day with wonderful festivities going on. Our relationship grew over the next few months, I had truly found my soul mate. Five months later, I had to leave for India to complete my training as a doctor, and realised that this time apart would be difficult for us, as we had become inseparable. A few days before I left, Prabhu asked my parents for my hand in marriage. Once I came back from India, my family and I flew out to South Africa to meet Prabhu's family.

We decided to get married in South Africa as the weather was nice and we wanted to do something different. After paging through a bridal magazine, we came across Oakfield Farm and were intrigued. The moment we entered the gates, we knew this was the place. We also had to make sure that we were able to have an open fire—Yajna—for the wedding ceremony, and Oakfield was very accommodating.

When the big day came, my family and I flew over from the UK and the wedding preparations began—3 days of pre-wedding ceremonies and parties.

I fell in love with the whole vibe and mood of South Africa, and it was here amongst the roses that Prabhu got down on his knees and proposed to me—it was perfect. In the Indian culture the joining of two families is just as important as the wedding itself, and so we celebrated with our families when we got home.

On the wedding day, everything was perfect, the whole experience was amazing—a day full of memories we will both treasure and keep close for the rest of our lives.

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