

LAURA & CHARL DE VILLIERS

Our honeymoon in Mauritius was heaven on earth. We will definitely go back on day!




This couple first met at a university res social. They were friends for two years before realising that there was a lot more between them and so the great romance started.

“Charl’s initial plan of an outdoor proposal was ruined by rain. So, on a stormy Friday afternoon, he tricked me to going to my parents’ house where he had made a cosy fire, lit candles everywhere and had brought in strawberries and champagne. As I entered the room, he dropped on his knee and asked me to be his wife. We got engaged on 1 July 2016 and got married 10 December 2016, so had just over 5 months to plan our wedding, which was more than enough time.

“We looked at approximately 10 wedding venues of which Bona Dea Private Estate was the first. We have a great love for the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley because my parents have a beach house in nearby Sandbaai so Bona Dea was always going to be a special place to get married.

“The beautiful setting and view over the valley, the stunning ballroom and the large additional room for socialising next to the ballroom made us choose Bona Dea. We also loved the fact that the venue was relatively new and that almost none of our guests had ever been to Bona Dea before – there was the excitement of an undiscovered venue.

“It was so special having everyone that we love most under one roof and experiencing the great joy they had for the two of us getting married. We loved every minute of our wedding day - the setting, the magical view, the stunning ballroom and the beautiful décor. The fact that our guests could also make a weekend of it in the Hermanus area with so many accommodation options is why we would recommend Bona Dea.

“We honeymooned in Mauritius and had an absolute blast. Days filled with snorkeling, cocktails, beach, eating and more eating! It was heaven on earth and we are certainly going back there one day!” 



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Dress: Robyn Roberts Bridal

Hair & Make-Up: Alicia Buckle

Décor: Bona Dea

Photographer: Marli Koen