

SHAMWARI

— PRIVATE GAME RESERVE —



Intimate Bush Wedding Package

Shamwari, meaning “my friend” in Shona, is recognized as one of South Africa’s leading private game reserves and premier safari experiences. More importantly, it’s the ultimate venue to celebrate your wedding. At Shamwari Private Game Reserve, you can be assured that your day of joy and love will be celebrated in a sumptuous African setting, with impeccable service and uncompromising quality.

Conveniently located less than an hour’s drive from Port Elizabeth, Shamwari is home to the iconic Big 5 in a malaria-free area. With daily airline connections from major South African cities, Shamwari is an unsurpassed wedding destination for local and international guests alike.

With seven luxurious five-star lodges, Shamwari can accommodate groups of up to 70 guests. We offer a variety of unique and breath-taking venues that will help create the wedding experience of a lifetime.

We offer a variety of spectacular settings, including our Old Elephant Boma in the heart of the bushveld, our bomas at Riverdene and Long Lee Manor, as well as our new indoor banqueting venue at Long Lee Manor for a more glamorous and sophisticated celebration.

Depending on the size of your wedding party, each of our lodges can also be completely privatized for your use, setting the scene for an intimate and unforgettable reception.

Each of our lodges can accommodate the following:

- Sindile - 9 premier tents for 18 guests*
- Eagles Crag - 9 junior suites for 18 guests*
- Bayethe - 12 superior tents for 24 guests*
- Long Lee Manor - 17 luxury rooms and suites and 1 family suite for up to 40 guests (38 adults and 2 children)*
- Riverdene - 9 luxury rooms for up to 27 guests (18 adults and 9 children)*
- Sarili - 5 luxury rooms for 10 guests*

Package Options

We've got two packages on offer, standard and deluxe. We're happy to tailor-make your special day whether its two or forty people. Enquire for pricing depending on your requirements.

Standard Package

Private and secluded venue in the lodge surrounds to host your wedding ceremony and exchanging of vows.

Dedicated wedding coordinator to assist with the finer details of your wedding at Shamwari.

Our preferred Christian Minister who will officiate the ceremony and your exchanging of vows. Should you require an alternative religious ceremony, this would be for your own account.

Legal fees, including an unabridged wedding certificate application and collection.

Bridal bouquet for the bride-to-be.

Buttonhole flower for the groom.

Professional photographer to capture the occasion (3-4 hours).

Sole use of a game vehicle for the wedding couple for the photographs after the ceremony.

Canapés served at the ceremony venue and complimentary glass of MCC to toast the bridal couple.

3-course wedding reception menu.

Wedding cake prepared by our pastry chefs.

Romantic turndown service for the bridal couple.

Private in-room breakfast for the bridal couple the morning after the wedding.

Deluxe Package

Private and secluded venue in the lodge surrounds to host your wedding ceremony and exchanging of vows.

Dedicated wedding coordinator to assist with the finer details of your wedding at Shamwari.

Our preferred Christian Minister who will officiate the ceremony and your exchanging of vows. Should you require an alternative religious ceremony, this would be for your own account.

Legal fees, including an unabridged wedding certificate application and collection.

Hairdresser and make-up artist for exclusive use of the bride.

Bridal bouquet for the bride-to-be.

Buttonhole flower for the groom.

Professional photographer to capture the occasion (5-7 hours).

Sole use of a game vehicle for the wedding couple for the photographs after the ceremony.

Canapés served at the ceremony venue and complimentary glass of MCC to toast the bridal couple.

4-course wedding reception menu.

Wedding cake prepared by our pastry chefs.

Romantic turndown service for the bridal couple.

Private in-room breakfast for the bridal couple the morning after the wedding.

Optional Extras – upon request and tailor-made to your needs

Live entertainment and music requirements.

Additional décor, table arrangements and setup.

Any specific or additional flower arrangements.

Gifts for guests.

Videographer.

Elegant wedding venue set-up including Bedouin tent.

**These items will be quoted on separately.*

Terms & Conditions

Guests attending a wedding at Shamwari must be accommodated at one of our lodges.

Wedding packages are applicable to a minimum two-night stay.

Wedding packages exclude accommodation which will be quoted separately.

Packages are subject to availability and exclude a 10% service fee.

Please note: While we're not professional wedding planners, our reservations team is eager to help coordinate and plan your special occasion and is experienced in doing so. We're also happy to work with your own appointed wedding coordinator, should you prefer that.

We work with a carefully selected group of local suppliers who'll assist with a range of services to meet your requirements, including specialized décor, flowers arrangements, entertainment, and wedding cakes, as well as a professional photographer.

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