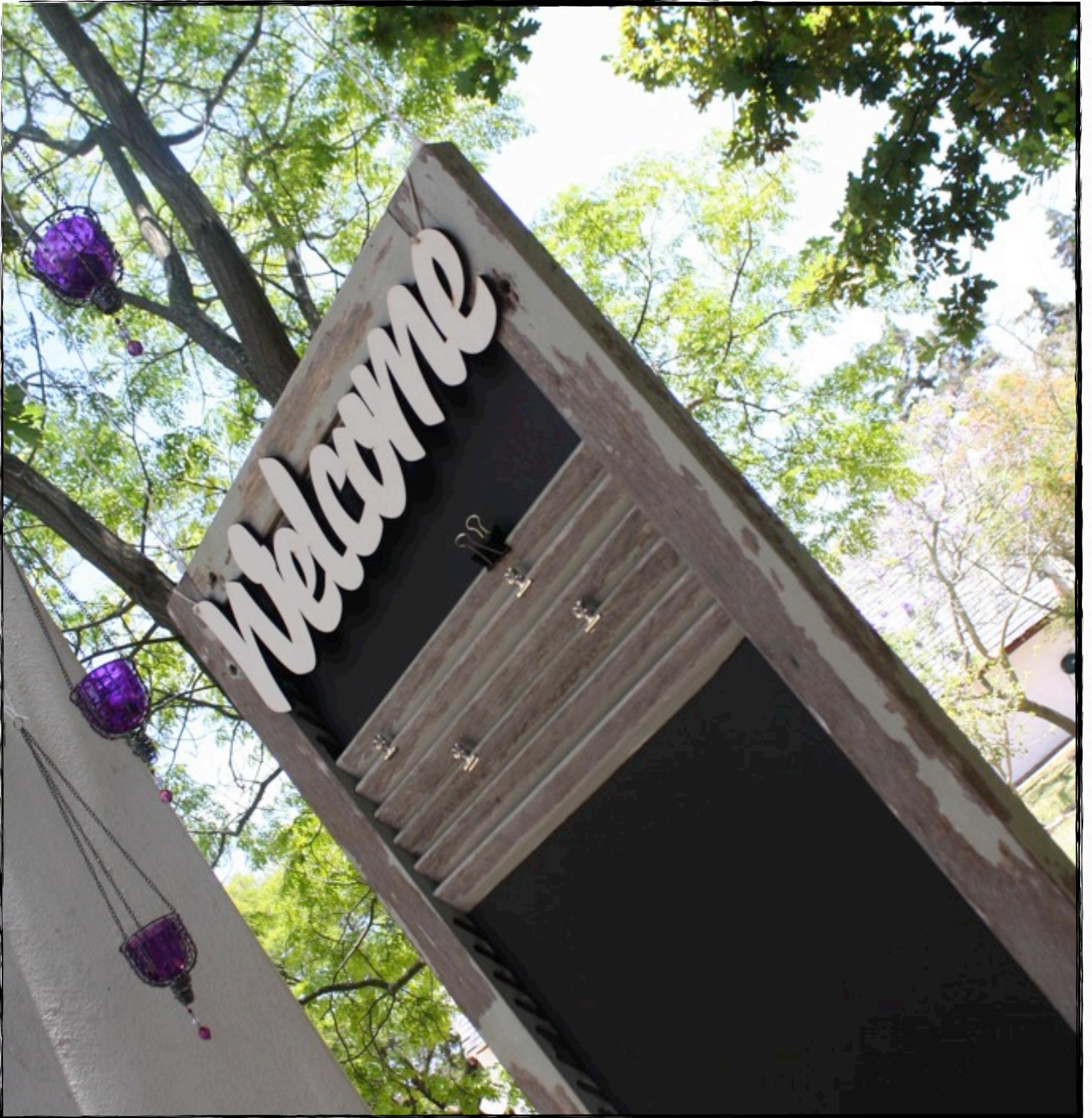


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Practical Tips For The Big Day

1. Eat a BIG breakfast, with substance, proteins are essential for stamina.
2. Remember to arrange in advance with the driver of your wedding car to only wash the wheels and NOT POLISH it. Your dress (and mood) will be spoilt if this gives off when photos are taken at the car.
3. Drink enough water or have sufficient ENERGY drinks available to keep you hydrated especially during your photo session. The moment you dehydrate, you become tired and it will be reflected on your photos.
4. Have a white linen sheet or towel handy during your photo shoot – to keep your dress clean from dirt, you never know when that special photo will be taken and in what position – kneeling or flat on your stomach, etc.
5. It might be a good idea to take a pair of comfortable shoes with you for use during your photo shoot and change them on your way to the chapel or church for very high heels.
6. Consider the possibility to have a photo session before the Ceremony JA JA – TRADITIONS, TRADITIONS, TRADITIONS !! Its your day, lets make new traditions !! It will help you to be more relaxed for the ceremony. You as a couple can really enjoy each other in front of the camera, without your guests waiting for you. It will also shorten the time between the ceremony and the reception.
7. TIP: Spend some time with the photographer while you are viewing portfolios well in advance to booking him or her – if you do not feel a special connection between you and the photographer, stay clear and search for another photographer. Get a photographer with excellent people skills and who also knows how to identify that special “Kodak moment” ! YOUR PHOTOS ARE YOUR INVESTMENT!!! If you want to know what I am talking about contact Mariana Venter on 082 990 6780. She is in my opinion one of the most brilliant photographers I have ever worked with and saw in action.
8. Have a flower bouquet that is as light as a feather 20 – 30 minutes is long and mother earth specializes in gravity.
9. Smile as you walk slowly down the isle - it is your day.
10. Dear Bride - Please be on time for your Wedding Ceremony – It is not your right to be late, it is an insult and embarrassment to your Groom. You put your husband to be under tremendous pressure and through a lot of unnecessary stress and

worry. How can you be late for the most important appointment with your best Friend, Lover and Life partner!! I realize that for you, the wedding couple, the whole day is an event, but remember that the professionals, who attempt to make your day unforgettable, are running on a very tight schedule. As your Pastor and marriage officer, I sometimes do 4 weddings per day. I can not afford to run late. How do I explain me being late to the next couple getting married!! Please be considerate not only to me, but also to every service provider at your wedding and most of all be considerate to your Groom.

11. Consider making the time on your wedding invitations 15 to 30 minutes earlier than the exact time of the start of the ceremony.

12. You have been dreaming about this day ever since you were a very little girl, and planned it with The Man in your life, maybe for months !! Please show your love and respect to him by being on time.

13. Ps: You cannot expect anyone to wait for guests that are late. I am not talking about very extreme unforeseen circumstances. It has become the rule and not the exception that guests pitch up late, 10-20 minutes, as if they are still early!! People just do not have respect for others' time today. Personally I am battling with this. For me it is very rude and disrespectful. If you are a guest at a wedding, you are not allowed, under any circumstances to arrive after the bride, or even expect her to wait for you!!

14. Most important enjoy every moment of your day and remember to tell your bride / groom that they look lovely and that you love them.

15. Ask dedicated friends to take photos of your guests and family while you are away with the photographer, easy informal memories, while they are waiting upon your arrival for the reception.

16. Garter & Bouquet: Be different; let the men play musical Chairs' and the winner gets the garter. The girls, if you don't want to throw the flower, let each woman come and collect a single flower from you marked with a colored ribbon. Mark one flower with a different color and give your Bouquet to that lady.

17. Enjoy the journey of arranging your BIG DAY – and if small things go wrong on the day, let it be, no one will know, only you!!!! Those little mistakes will be laughing memories in the future.