

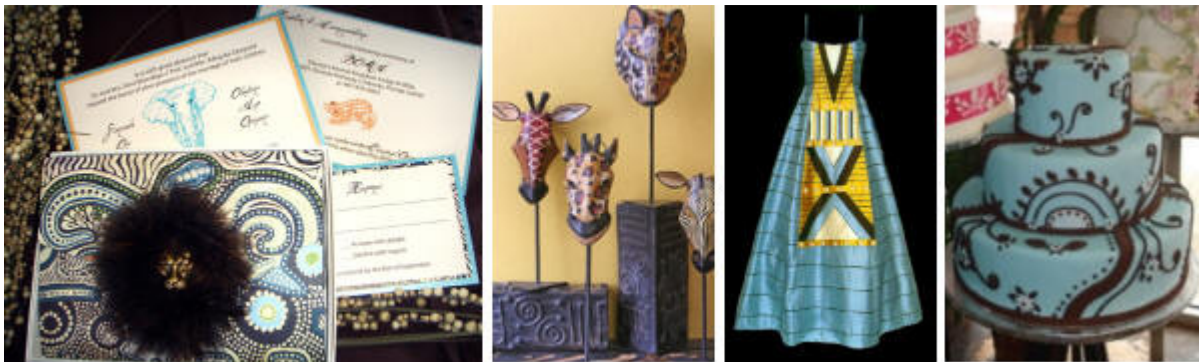
African Safari Themed Weddings

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African wedding themes are really quite spectacular as they allow you create a wedding full of adventure, history and romance. From your anticipated entrance to your dramatic departure, your wedding ceremony experience can be exactly as you always dreamed it would be. :- you are limited only by your imagination.

When planning your African Safari themed wedding, the first thing you'll want to decide upon is what type of venue you'd like to have it in and will it be outdoors or indoor. Either location can be absolutely magical when correctly put together and both can provide great backdrops for decoration and displays. If you are looking to give guests a full African experience! and impart their learning about different African cultures, foods, and traditions, these wedding ideas will surely help you out.



1. **Decorations** - you can decorate the wedding venue in a manner that will attempt to recreate the mood of an African Safari. Your wedding venue decorations can be arranged from simple table décor to full draping of the entire venue including

ceremony décor, unique centerpieces, (in wooden sculptures or soapstone statues) chair covers, (with African motifs) head table décor, (including nudcloth or burlap linens) backdrops, ceiling canopies, (or wall hangings or artwork can add a beautiful splash of color), candles, place card holders and more.

2. **Invitations** - Set the tone for your wedding with unique invitations designed exclusively with your color theme in mind. Find a company that can help you tailor-make your invitations to fit your vision. You can use embossed animal prints, feathers, ornaments, twigs, etc. to create a safari feel.

3. **Attire** - African inspired bridal attire is a sure fire way to set the tone for wedding. As a bride, you have several design options when choosing the perfect wedding dress. You can choose attire adorned with colorful beads, ivory, stones and trinkets from West Africa or you can choose a dress designed around the colorful batiks found in Southern Africa.

4. **Favors** - When choosing favors for your guests, consider Safari themed gifts like animal masks, beaded photo frames, bottle stoppers or decorative soapstone sculptures in the shape of tiny animals and other cute keepsakes, as well.



5. **Place Cards** - Don't forget about the place card designs for the guest tables, they can pick up the safari theme as well. Choose cards with animal print borders or adorned with some cheetah patterned ribbon or tribal motifs.

6. **Wedding Cake** - Work with a cake designer to create a distinct cake that enhances your wedding theme. You can choose to add color or decorative ethnic design elements that work with your wedding attire or the venue decor.

7. **Flowers** – Create beautiful floral arrangements using calla lilies and other exotic flowers in beautiful hues and rich vibrant colors. You can also use some wild trees and exotic flowers to decorate the wedding venue as well

8. **Music** - African traditional music is an inseparable part of an African wedding. You

can play some light African jazz or enjoy the pulsating beats and rhythmic vibes African dance music.

Whether you choose bright colorful graphics or warm, earthy safari colors and images, by planning an African safari themed wedding, your ceremony and reception will be a one-of-a-kind experience that you, and your guests, will remember forever.

Have a wonderful wedding,
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