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# 10 Smart Ways to Save Money on your wedding



# Plan with Priorities, Not Pinterest

Define your top three priorities early (e.g., photography, food, and venue). Focus spending on what matters most.

## Book Local Vendors

Local suppliers avoid travel and accommodation costs. Hiring nearby photographers, florists, or caterers can save significantly.

## Off-Peak and Weekday Weddings

Venues and photographers often offer 10–30% discounts midweek or during the winter months (May–August).

## Simplify Your Guest List

Each additional guest can add R800–R1,500 on average. Smaller, more intimate weddings save money and stress.

## DIY Where It Counts (Not Everywhere)

DIY stationery, signage, or favours can save costs, but avoid DIY catering or photography to prevent unnecessary stress.

## Combine Services

Ask about package deals, like combined photo + video or engagement + wedding bundles. Photav.io suppliers often offer discounts.

## Opt for Seasonal and Local Flowers

Using fynbos, proteas, or seasonal blooms can reduce floral costs by up to 40%.

## Simplify the Menu

Buffet or harvest table options can be cheaper than plated service. Consider a limited bar tab or signature cocktail instead of a full open bar.

## Leverage Your Network

Borrow décor, share rentals, and get recommendations from friends who've recently married.

## Book Photography Early

Early booking often locks in current-year prices before inflation – a smart move in South Africa's fluctuating market.

Ready to make your wedding both beautiful and budget-friendly? Browse trusted, local photographers at [Photav.io](https://photav.io)