

TROPICAL *Delight*

Romance was alive in the rainforest during Katie and Michael's heartfelt open air ceremony.

Bride and groom: Katie Ripley, 33, ballet teacher and coach, ex Australian Ballet soloist and Sydney Dance Company and Michael Joubert, 38, holistic kinesiologist and Olympian.

Wedding date: 27 September 2008.

Wedding location: Misty Mountains Nature Retreat, Bellenden Ker, Tropical North Queensland.

No. of guests: 43.

Theme: Tropical Rainforest.

Cost: \$40,000+.

Bride's dress: Ivory, lace and pleated tulle strapless gown.

Bouquet: White dendrobium orchids and rainforest ferns.

Groom's suit: Prada suit, silk handmade Versace shirt, snakeskin Versace belt and shoes.

Bride's hair: Classic platted high bun with a pleated veil for the ceremony and three dendrobium white orchids worn together on the left side of the bun for the reception.

The day: Guests arrived all at the same time by a chartered bus to a beautiful private rainforest setting where they were welcomed by Michael with a glass of champagne before the celebrations. Katie arrived from Palm Cove by limousine with her dad. Guests were called into the rainforest chapel by the sound of crystal bowls playing. The couple got married under a magnificent 300 year old fig tree in an open air chapel in the rainforest, beside a mountain stream where Michael had proposed. Kate and Michael stood in a circle of jade flowers to exchange their vows. The reception was held in the property's beautiful tropical gardens.

Decorations: For the ceremony, the couple had flame torches that lined the aisle and the open air chapel. For the reception, a clear span marquee was set up in the tropical rainforest garden adorned in fairy lights with four large light pillars surrounding the dance floor. On the two long tables were bouquets of white orchids with forest ferns and honeycomb candles. The rainforest and garden were lit up with coloured lights and this created a magical atmosphere.

Cake: Two tiered flourless chocolate gateau coated in a dark chocolate ganache and served with a raspberry coullis.

Transport: White limousine.



“We got married under a magnificent 300 year old fig tree in an open air chapel in the rainforest standing in a circle of jade flowers.”





MENU

Wattle seed damper and dips and antipasto platters on arrival.

CANAPES
Prawn and coriander wontons.
Salt and spiced calamari skewers.
Spinach and feta pastries.
Barramundi spring rolls.

SIDES
Greek salad.
Wok tossed green vegetables with soy and sesame.
Roast chat potatoes with garlic butter.

MAIN
Baked coral trout with spring onion, rice cake, bok choy and papaya wild lime salsa.
Organic chicken, lemon aspen, honey and sage.
Grilled lamb short loin, paper bark smoked, finger lime quinoa, bush tomato and basil oil.

DESSERT
Wedding cake served with raspberry coulis.
Cheese and fruit platters.
Tea and coffee.



KATE AND MICHEAL'S PERFECT WEDDING CONTACTS

- Photography:** David Starr,
Starr Photography, Tel: 0430 131 777.
- Bride's dress and veil:** Brides of Beecroft,
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- Bride's shoes:** Max's Shoes,
Tel: 02 9386 4845.
- Groom's suit:** Prada, Tel: 02 0231 3929.
- Groom's shirt, belt and shoes:**
Versace, Tel: 02 9267 3232.
- Rings:** Handcrafted by Allan Mouradjallian,
King Street Design, Tel: 02 9232 2241.
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- Wedding venue:** Misty Mountains Nature Retreat,
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- Honeymoon:** East Bedarra Island Retreat,
Web: www.eastbedarra.com.
- Catering:** Ochre Grill Restaurant,
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