

A TOUCH OF TRADITION

Tur Hutagalung and Bernie Bouchaud
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EIGHT MONTHS AFTER MEETING IN JAKARTA, AUSTRALIAN restaurateur Bernie took Indonesian bonds trader and model Tur back to the beautiful Nine Muses Jazz club where they had their first date for another romantic dinner. And this time he surprised her by getting on bended knee and asking for her hand in marriage. Their engagement sparked a whirlwind of wedding preparations, with the couple planning celebrations across Australia and Bali, and a lavish honeymoon adventure.

The first task was to organise a series of wedding outfits for the couple and their bridal party. For the ceremony, Tur's close friend created a white Beskap jacket and matching Peci hat with ornate silver embroidery for Bernie, worn with a beautiful batik sarong of leaf-patterned fabric in teal, bronze and black, over black trousers. For Tur she created a stunning beaded lace bodice with dove lace-covered sleeves worn over a fitted skirt in the same special batik fabric. The bridesmaids wore lavender gowns in different styles that featured lavender beaded lace.

To ensure that their wedding photos would not be rushed, and that they would not have to leave their guests between the ceremony and reception, Bernie and Tur decided to have their wedding photographs taken in the morning and then have an intimate lunch with their bridal party at a chic inner-city restaurant before heading to their ceremony and reception. For the photos and lunch Tur's friend created a classic pinstripe suit with a lavender tie for Bernie and a strapless white gown with a sweetheart neckline and delicate beading across the sculptured bodice for Tur. After lunch, the couple separated to change into their beautiful Javanese-inspired ceremony outfits.

They met again an hour later at a private residence, for a beautiful ceremony on the banks of the Yarra River. The celebrations continued with a banquet dinner party created by Epicure Catering in a beautiful marquee on rolling lawns, where guests sipped Bellavista champagne and enjoyed delicacies such as Spencer Gulf prawns wrapped in crisp fried potato strings, nestled on a salad of fennel, cumina and mustard seed.

Five days after the Melbourne wedding, Tur, Bernie, and their friends and family arrived in Bali to begin the second phase of the wedding: a sunset ceremony that included the North Sumatran Balinese tradition of giving of ulos, where each family member covers the bride and groom in a personalised handmade ceremonial blanket. Then celebrations continued at a cocktail party with traditional Balinese music and dancing.

A few months after their wedding celebrations, the couple embarked on an incredible honeymoon that included stops in Paris, Milan, Prague, Rome, Florence, Venice and Santorini before heading to South Africa to visit Cape Town and the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve. †



THESE PASTEL Tur's favourite colours of purple and soft lavender were used throughout the couple's wedding, from the stunning bridesmaids' dresses and stationery through to the spectacular floral arrangements on the long banquet table. † Following a joyful and emotional ceremony, an Indonesian theme greeted guests at the reception, with Brett Currell introducing a sophisticated oriental theme to decorations. "Umbrellas were suspended from the roof of the marquee whilst Singapore orchids and soft tea lights adorned tall table arrangements," said Brett.



- Menu -
EPICURE CATERING
Entrée: Tastes of the Sea
Spencer Gulf prawns wrapped in crisp fried potato strings, nestled on a salad of fennel, cumina, mustard seed and asafetida
Seared Barramundi yellow fin tuna, on a salad of cucumber, orange and red peppers and gyoza sobbet
Seared Harvey Bay scallops on a cauliflower cream and carrots
Main Banquet
Aurore Tamaritan grain fed lamb racks on a red onion and tomato fondue
Crisp skin Queensland barramundi with lemon, shaved fennel, orange and oyster salad
Spatchcock roasted with preserved lemon and tarragon butter



THESE PASTEL Necklaces that Tur and Bernie had found in Bali doubled as napkin holders and traditional Javanese Batik fans, which also decorated the table, were given to guests as favours. † Sweet love letters decorated the garden where guests enjoyed pre-dinner champagne cocktails before entering the marquee for a bountiful Mediterranean inspired banquet. † Decorated with fresh flowers, Tur and Bernie's romantic chocolate cake, in colour accents of lavenders and cream, was served to guests as dessert with mixed berries.



TUR'S STYLE GUIDE
GOWN AND BRIDESMAIDS' SUITCASE:
Vera Anggraini, Jakarta
PHOTOGRAPHER: Simon James Photography
03 9882 2229 VIDEOGRAPHER: Lifetimes,
03 9509 6199 CEREMONY AND RECEPTION
LOCATION: Private Residence RECEPTION
CATERER: Epicure Catering, 03 9269 7510
RECEPTION DECORATIONS, FLOWERS AND FORMAL
DECORATIONS: Brett Currell, 0438 004 293
WEDDING RINGS: Martin of Melbourne,
03 9533 6155 GROOM'S ATTIRE AND GROOMSMEN'S
SUITS: Ermengildo Zegna, 03 9650 5733
HAIR AND MAKE-UP: Kerrie Stanley,
0412 670 865 CAKE: Cioccolata Bella,
0412 720 590 OFF REGISTRY: Travel Registry,
travelregistry.com.au BEST NAME:
Crown Towers, 03 9292 6868