

Sophie & David

How they met

Sophie and David met while travelling in Australia, and were inseparable for five days. After travelling on independently, the couple missed each other dreadfully and spoke for hours on the phone. They decided to reunite and eventually move to London together

The proposal

David proposed in Paris, on the romantic George V Avenue. Sophie had spotted her dream ring in a vintage store weeks earlier and David arranged for a local jeweller to make a copy of the design

She wore

Sophie wore a stunning 'Vienna' Maggie Sottero gown (maggiesottero.com), which she bought from Reflections Bridal, Chiswick (reflectionsbridal.co.uk). The romantic lace-over-satin dress featured a beautiful corset back and fishtail-style train with full skirt



The big day details



Where: Pembroke Lodge, Richmond Park, London
When: March 2008
Photographer: © Pixcellence Wedding Photography pixcellence.co.uk



The accessories

Sophie wore a hairpiece made from Swarovski crystals, silver and pearls, with 'Princess' shoes, all bought from Reflections Bridal. She accessorised the look with a shawl made from the same material as the lining of the dress. For luck, Sophie's 'something borrowed' was a small golden bee, pinned inside the dress. It was a present from Sophie's new mother-in-law, which was given to her by David's now-deceased father after they got married

"Wear waterproof mascara and get your dad to carry your lippgloss because then you won't lose it!"



STEAL HER STYLE
 SOPHIE WENT FOR IVORY FLOWERS AND AN IVORY ROLLS ROYCE TO TRAVEL IN!

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 A BOOK EXTRACT AND SONG LYRICS WERE THE READINGS AT THE CEREMONY

He wore

David wore a sophisticated charcoal grey suit, custom-made from King and Allen, London (kingandallen.co.uk). He accessorised with an ivory shirt, cravat and shoes bought from various stores in London's Jermyn Street shopping district



The bridesmaids

Sophie had two bridesmaids, wearing pink ballerina-style dresses from Dessy (dessy.com). For David's best man, the couple found a waistcoat to match the dresses at Pronuptia, Hatton Garden (pronuptia.co.uk). All the male attendants wore suits rented from Moss Bros (moss.co.uk)

The flowers

The florist, Tracy Baird, was recommended by the venue. The couple chose white roses for buttonholes. Ivy, which represents fidelity in France, formed part of the theme and was intertwined with gorgeous blooms including Dolce Vita roses and white lilies

The ceremony

The emotional ceremony took place in Russell Suite at Pembroke Lodge, Richmond Park (pembroke-lodge.co.uk). Readings included an extract from *The Velveteen Rabbit*, and the lyrics from David Gray's *Please Forgive Me*



BRIDE'S TOP TIP

"STOP EVERY NOW AND AGAIN TO TAKE IT ALL IN - IT IS OVER IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!"



The reception

The reception also took place at Pembroke Lodge, Richmond Park. The room was decorated with flowers and elaborate centrepieces with candles in the middle. Scented candles were also used around the room to add to the atmosphere

The food

Guests started the feast with assorted canapés, then a parcel of spinach, leek, truffle oil and goat's cheese in filo pastry, surrounded by tomato coulis, as an appetiser. The main course was Scottish Angus beef with assorted fresh vegetables and gratin dauphinois, followed by a cheese platter. Chocolates imported from Switzerland provided a sweet treat before the main dessert, wedding cake!

Bride's beauty tip

"I wore Clinique eyeshadow liquid base, which stays put without creasing, and waterproof mascara."





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“Don’t worry about seating arrangements – people will have a good time as they are there for you!”



The cake

Was a delectable croquembouche delivered from Laduree at Harrods (laduree.fr)

The favours

Were mini packs of ‘Just Married’ Love Hearts (lovehearts.com) that matched the disposable cameras on the tables. The couple also bought matching Love Heart thank you cards for their guests

The entertainment

Sophie created a personalised playlist on her iPod (apple.com/ipod) to plug into the venue’s sound system. As per French tradition, the first dance was Sophie and her father to The Beatles’ *All You Need Is Love*. Next, Sophie and David took the floor to Snow Patrol’s *Chasing Cars* and were soon joined by their guests



MONEY SAVING TIP
CHAMPAGNE AND SWEETS DOUBLED UP AS FAVOURS AND DECORATIONS



Special moments

Sophie’s sister produced an amusing video especially for the couple – it featured guests each singing a line of Al Green’s version of *Can’t Take My Eyes Off Of You!* Clwyd Probert from Pixcellence (0845 2600 247) the wedding photographer, then used the same song to do a slideshow of pictures

The honeymoon

After a night at the Petersham Hotel, Richmond (petershamhotel.co.uk), the newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Malaysia, including two weeks at Tanjong Jara resort (tanjongjararesort.com) and then travelling on to Kuala Lumpur for three glorious days.



Bride’s top tip

“Shop around for every aspect of your wedding and keep quotes and costs on spreadsheets. But keep perspective – it’s about marrying the man you love and celebrating that with your friends and family, not about which flowers look best. It won’t affect you on the day!”

