

All about  
**Hindu Weddings**



# Who Are Hindus?

- Hindu people belong to the religion, Hinduism.
- Most people who live in India are Hindus.
- Hindu people live all over the world.
- They worship in a Hindu Temple.
- They believe in over 300 gods.



# The Wedding Celebrations

A Hindu wedding is called Vivaha.

The ceremony is called Vivaah Sanskar.

Marriage is very important to Hindus because it joins two families together.

The celebrations may last for several days.



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# What Do They Wear?

The brides usually starts wearing a white sari with red and gold on it.

During the celebrations, she will put on a red sari.

She often wears gold jewellery.

The groom wears a suit or traditional Indian dress.

This would be a white jacket and trousers.



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# The Day Before the Wedding

The bride has her hands and feet painted with henna designs. This is called a Mehndi party.

Lots of the bride's family have henna painted on too.

A canopy of flowers is put up at the wedding venue.

Prayers are said to bless both the bride's and groom's home.



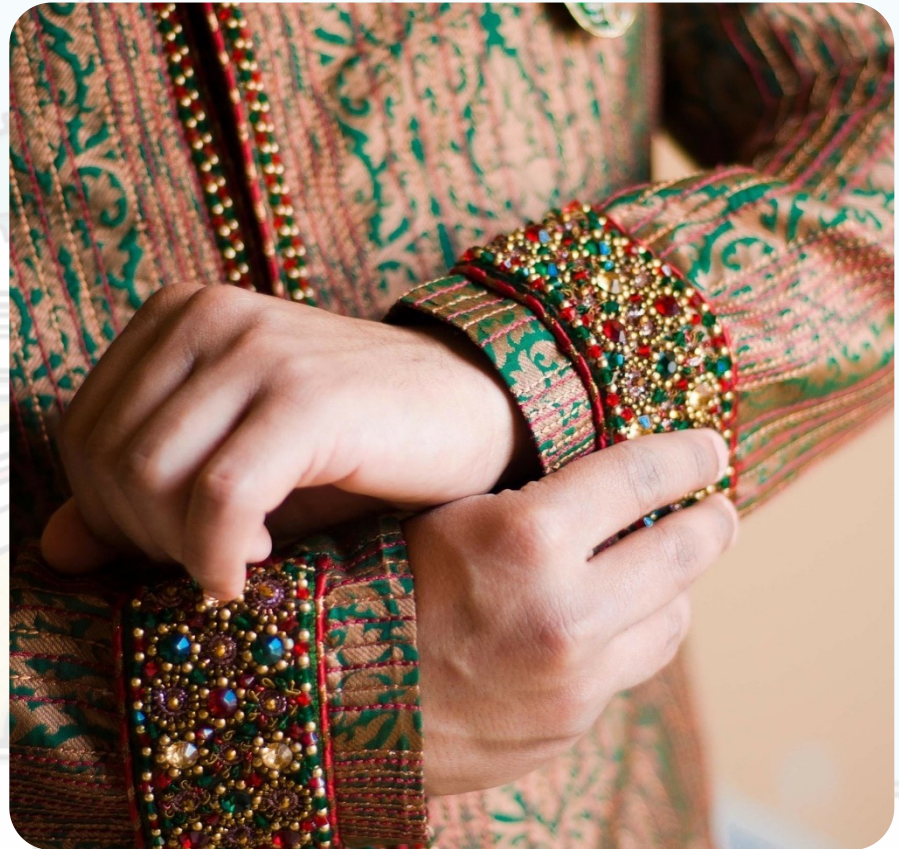
# The Wedding Day – Before the Wedding

It is said to be unlucky for the bride and groom to see each other before the ceremony.

When the groom arrives, he is met by the bride's mother. She puts a red dot on his forehead and gives him a garland of flowers.

While he waits for his bride, his mother and father wash his feet.

The bride travels to the venue with her uncles. They either carry her or she walks in between them.





# The Wedding Ceremony

One of the first parts of the ceremony is the **Hasta Melaap**. This is where the bride and groom's right hands are joined together with a white cloth.

Under the canopy called a **mendap**, a fire is lit. The bride and groom walk around the fire four times.

The groom gives the bride a necklace.

Then they walk 7 steps or the bride touches 7 nuts with her right toe.

Then there are prayers and blessings.



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# After the Wedding

After the ceremony, everybody sits down for a big dinner.

They then play games and dance.

Afterwards, the bride says goodbye to her friends and family.

The bride and groom travel to the groom's house.



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What can you remember about Hindu weddings?

