

Weddings from Different Cultures



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Christian Weddings

- They say vows and exchange rings in a church.
- They sign a register.
- The bride usually wears a white wedding dress.



Hindu Weddings

- Celebrations are very colourful and can last for days.
- There are henna designs on the bride's hands and feet.
- The couple take seven steps around the holy fire and say their vows.



Buddhist Weddings

- Marriage is not a religious duty.
- The man or his parents choose the bride.
- There is usually a shrine of Lord Buddha.
- The couple wear Bhakus.



Jewish Weddings

- They are sometimes held in a synagogue.
- The bride and groom don't eat all day.
- A rabbi must be there.
- The food must be Kosher.
- The groom breaks glass.



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Christian Weddings



At a Christian wedding, they say vows, exchange rings and sign a register in front of guests in a church. They become one in the eyes of God. Usually, the bride wears a white wedding dress and veil, and the groom wears a suit.

Islamic Weddings



Many Muslim marriages are arranged by parents and are often held in a mosque. The man gives a **mahr** money gift to the bride.

Hindus Weddings



Hindu celebrations are very colourful and can last for days. The two families are joined together during the **Vivaha**. The bride has henna designs on her hands and feet. The couple take seven steps around the holy fire and say their vows.

Buddhist Weddings



Marriage is not viewed as a religious duty in Buddhism. The man or his parents choose the bride. Weddings differ between countries, but usually include vows, a shrine of Lord Buddha, flowers, candles and incense. The couple wear **Bhagus**.

Sikh Weddings



The Sikh ceremony is called the **Anand Karaj** and is in a **Gurdwara** with the holy presence of **Guru Granth Sahib**. **Milni** is when the two families meet. Later, there is often singing, dancing and a banquet. Brides wear red or white.

Jewish Weddings



In a Jewish wedding, the couple stand under a **chuppah** canopy, sometimes in a synagogue. The bride and groom fast all day. A rabbi must be present, the food must be **kosher** and the **Ketubah** signed. The groom breaks glass and some pay a dowry.

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There are around 4200 different religions in the world, with some similarities and differences in how they celebrate weddings.

Christianity

The bride and groom in a Christian wedding say vows in front of God and their guests in a church. Usually, the bride wears a white wedding dress and veil, and the groom wears a suit. They exchange rings and sign a register. The couple are pronounced husband and wife to show they are now united in the eyes of God.

Islam

Muslims follow the Islam religion and Islamic weddings, called **Nikah**, differ between countries. The couple aren't always in the same room when they marry. Ceremonies are often held in a mosque and the husband gives an agreed **mahr** money gift to the bride. Many marriages are arranged with the help of the parents.

Hinduism

A Hindu wedding is called **Vivaha** and the celebrations are very colourful. They can last for days. They include dancing, blessings and prayers, and the two families are joined together. The bride has henna designs painted on her hands and feet. The couple take seven steps around the holy fire as they say their vows.

Buddhism

Buddhist weddings differ between countries and marriage is not viewed as a religious duty. The parents or the man choose the bride. There is usually a shrine of Lord Buddha with flowers as well as candles and incense sticks which are lit. The couple wear beautiful **Bhakus** and say their vows.



Sikhism

The Sikh wedding ceremony is called the **Anand Karaj** and takes place in a **Gurdwara** with the holy presence of **Guru Granth Sahib**. **Milni** is when the two families meet. Later, there is often singing, dancing and a banquet. Brides wear red or white outfits decorated with gold details.

Judaism

The couple fast all day at a Jewish wedding. A rabbi must be present, the food must be **kosher** and the **Ketubah** signed. The groom breaks glass and some pay a dowry. The couple stand under a **chuppah** wedding canopy, sometimes in a synagogue.

