

Fun Facts About Hindu Weddings

- A Hindu wedding is a big, colourful celebration where two families and communities join together.
- **The Sacred Canopy (Mandap):** The wedding ceremony takes place under a decorated tent called a mandap. It represents the couple building a new home together.
- **Walking Around the Fire:** The couple walks around a holy fire lit by a priest. The fire acts as a sacred witness to their promises.
- **The Seven Steps (Saptapadi):** The bride and groom take seven steps together. Each step stands for a special promise, like being good friends, staying healthy, and helping each other.
- **Bright Red Clothes:** Brides often wear a bright red dress or sari. Red is a special color that stands for new life and happiness.
- **Henna Hand Art:** Before the wedding, the bride gets beautiful patterns painted on her hands using a natural plant dye called henna.
- **Special Wedding Jewelry:** The groom puts a special necklace called a mangalsutra on the bride and places red powder (sindoor) in her hair to show they are married.
- **Stealing the Shoes:** A fun game happens where the bride's family tries to steal the groom's shoes. He has to pay them money or treats to get his shoes back.