



# THE WEDDING CEREMONY

*Bride & Groom*

BALI





# The Ritual Ceremony

This is an unplugged wedding. Please enjoy the ceremony and as you take your seats, here's a brief glimpse into the beautiful Hindu wedding rituals you're about to witness. A traditional Hindu ceremony, the sacred scriptures of Hindu, dating back over 4000 years. The prayers and vows are spoken in the ancient Sankrit language, symbolizing the union of two souls in spiritual, emotional, and physical bond. The ceremony takes place in a four-posted "Mandap", representing the four Vedas, with the sacred fire witnessing their commitment, love, and understanding together.





## JANTI

The Janti procession gather, with groom accompany by his family and friends along with music and dance. Varani: Upon the arrival, the groom is welcome by the bride's family, and they will perform a quick religious ceremony - bride's father/family will sprinkle some flowers, and seeds.



## POKWANU

The bride's mother offers a prayer, then playfully reminds the groom of his responsibility to keep her daughter happy by pulling his nose. He symbolically breaks a clay pot to demonstrate his ability to overcome obstacles, then proceeds to the Mandap.

(Hush! Family will attempt to snatch the groom's shoes while he's at the Mandap, holding them hostage until he pays up! Watch out for the shoe- stealing antics!)



## GANESH PUJA

The proceeding kick off with a "Puja" (prayer) to Lord Ganesha the first prayer in any Hindu ceremony is always to Ganesh Ji. The remover of obstacle - to ensure everything proceed smoothly, harmony, to bless bride and groom with peace and let the wedding festivities begin.



## MADHUPARKA

Bride's family following suit, offering of milk and honey, the groom feet are washed and madhuparka (mixture of milk, yogurt, milk, ghee) symbolizing purification for the journey ahead in his new life is fed to him by the bride father as a sign of welcome.





## KANYA AAGMAN

*Announcing the arrival of the bride! A veil is gently placed in front of the groom as she proceeds down the aisle, heightening his anticipation to catch a glimpse of her. Accompanied by, father she gracefully walks towards her beloved.*



## JAI MALA

*Exchange garland, the bride arrives and the couple exchange garland as a symbol of mutual acceptance to show their consent to match. The bride initiates by offering the first garland, signifying her choice of the groom willingly. In return, the groom reciprocates by offering a garland, symbolizing a warm welcome to their new life together.*



## KANYADAAN AND GATH BANDHAN:

*A deeply sacred ritual in Nepali wedding where bride's parents formally entrust their daughter to groom, symbolizing their love and trust. Giving away the bride, the bride's parents place her right hand in the groom's right hand, symbolizing their trust in him to safeguard her happiness. And the groom as declaration to everyone that he has his handling care to him. subsequently, the groom's scarf is tied to the bride's outfit, marking the union of their souls in marriage, the couple hold hand and accept each other as man and wife.*



## MANGAL PHERA

*The couple will circumambulate the sacred fire four times, each round representing one of the fundamental human pursuits - Dharma (righteousness), Artha (prosperity), Kama (desire), and Moksha (liberation). During the fourth round, they hasten to be seated first, as tradition suggests that the one who sits first will govern the household. Who do you think will take the lead?*





## SAPTAPADI - 7 STEPS OF PROMISE:

Listen as the couple takes seven vows, pledging to support each other through life's joys and challenges. (1) To grow together in strength (2) To nourish each other (3) To remain lifelong friends (4) To be together forever (5) To care for our children (6) To share our joys and sorrows (7) To preserve our wealth by righteous means and proper use



## LAGAN GATHO (TYING THE SACRED KNOT)

Groom and bride are united as a couple by tying a knot on the scarf worn by both the bride and groom. This knot symbolizes their eternal love and commitment to each other and their new life.



## SINDOOR (SYMBOL OF MATRIMONY)

Groom applies Sindoor, the red vermillion powder on bride's forehead as an auspicious symbol of her married status



## AKHAND SAUBHAGYAVATI

Married women from both families approach to bless the bride with whispered wishes of "Akhand Saubhagyavati" in her ear, conveying hopes for good fortune, prosperity, and enduring happiness in her married life.





## AASHIRWAAD

The priest officially pronounces the couple as husband and wife, showering them with blessings for a joyful and prosperous life together. As part of the Hindu ceremony, the couple humbly bow down to touch the feet of the priest and their family elders, expressing reverence and seeking their blessings.



## FIND THE RING

Following the wedding, the couple will play a fun game where they try to find a ring hidden in a large pot. Tradition says the winner will 'rule' the household.



## VIDAAI

As the bride bids farewell to her friends, it's a moment filled with joy and anticipation for her new journey with groom and his family. With a heart full of love, she tosses a handful of rice over her shoulder, wishing her childhood home happiness and security. Departing with the heartfelt blessing of all who witnessed their union, the couple embarks on their path together.





*Thank you for being a part of our  
celebration. Your presence and blessings  
mean the world to us and we are grateful to  
have our nearest and dearest with and  
around us.*

