



WELCOME TO THE WEDDING OF

Ami & Jay

JULY 14, 2024

We would like to thank you for traveling the distance to join us in our marriage celebration and the start of a new chapter of our lives together. You all have brought love, happiness, and laughter to our lives and we are honored to share this day with you. We have been blessed to have your love, support, and friendship throughout the years and look forward to many special memories with you in the future!

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1. BARAAT

Groom's Parade

Groom's side dancing with dhol/music.



2. VAR AAGAMANA

Welcoming the Groom

The bride's family receives the groom and his family upon their arrival for the wedding ceremony.



3. GANESH POOJA

The First Pooja

The first prayer is always to Lord Ganesh to ensure everything proceeds smoothly.



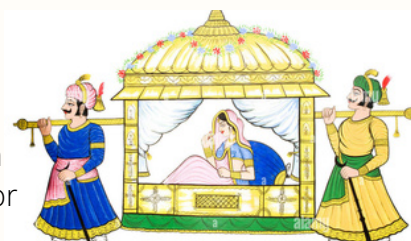
LET THE GAMES BEGIN

As soon as the groom's shoes come off, the bride's family will begin scheming to steal them. If they are successful, it's going to cost the groom a wad of cash to get them back!

4. KANYA AGAMAN

Bride's Arrival

The bride arrives at the mandap where a curtain will separate her and the groom for the first part of the ceremony.



5. JAI MALA

Exchanging Garlands

Bride and groom exchange garlands to signify their mutual acceptance of their lifelong commitment to each other.



6. HASTA MELAAP



Joining of hands

The bride's parents will place the bride's hands into the groom's hands signifying their union. The bride's parents will place a varmala around the shoulders of the couple symbolizing their sacred union and infinite circle of love.

7. GATH BANDHAN

Tying the Knot

The ends of the couples' scarves are tied together to symbolize the joining of their lives. The couple holds hands and accepts each other as husband and wife.



8. AGNI POOJA

Calling Lord Agni as Witness

A small fire is lit and the couple will offer prayers to the fire which represents an everlasting witness to the marriage, leading the couple to eternal light and knowledge.

9. MANGAL PHERA

Circling the Sacred Fire

The bride and groom circle the sacred fire four times, taking their first steps as a married couple. With each circle, they seek happiness and prosperity in their household.



10. SAPTA-PADI

The Seven Steps:

1. Pursue physical vitality;
2. Pursue strong mental energy;
3. Pursue prosperity and share our worldly goods;
4. Fill our hearts with great joy, peace, trust, and spiritual values;
5. Raise healthy and virtuous children;
6. Live in harmony with nature;
7. Remain, lifetime companions & friends



11. MANGAL SUTRA, SINDOOR, AND RING EXCHANGE

Symbols of Marriage

The groom applies sindoor to the bride's hair parting and places a mangal sutra around her neck as a symbol of his love, commitment, and respect. The bride and groom will also exchange rings.



12. KANSAR

Offering of Sweets

The couple feeds each other sweets signifying their first meal together as husband and wife and demonstrating that they will share all things in life.



13. AKHAND SAUBHAGYAVATI

Advice from Married Women

Married women from the bride and groom's families whisper good wishes in the bride's ear and bless her with an unbroken wedded life.



14. AASHIRVAAD

Blessing

The priest declares the bride and groom as husband and wife and blessing the newlyweds with a happy and prosperous life together. The couple then seeks blessings from family and friends as the ceremony concludes.



15. VIDAAI

The Bride's Farewell

The bride's family bids her farewell among tears of joy and sadness.

