

# WEDDING TRADITIONS

## Around the World

Traditions are at the heart of every culture, making them unique and fascinating—especially when it comes to weddings! Take a look at these unique and beautiful wedding traditions from different cultures around the world.

The bride and groom release doves to symbolize a peaceful and harmonious life together as husband and wife.



## PHILIPPINES



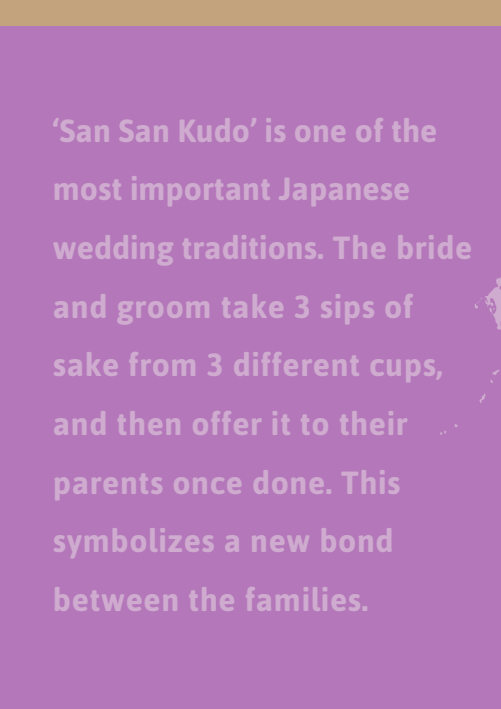
## ITALY

Italians will often break a glass towards the end of the wedding reception. The number of shards represent the number of happy years the bride and groom will spend together.



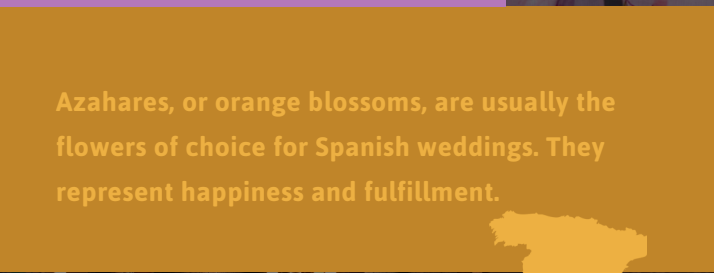
## CHINA

The bride and groom must keep their shoes on from the time they wear them until the very end of the wedding! – They better be comfy!



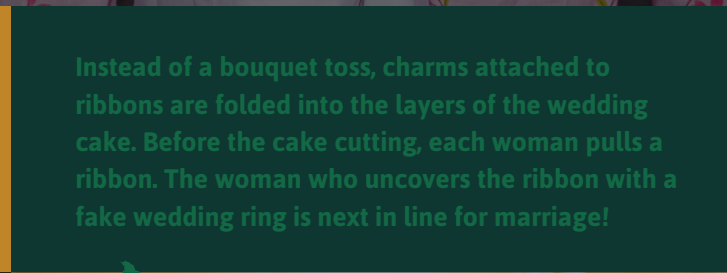
'San San Kudo' is one of the most important Japanese wedding traditions. The bride and groom take 3 sips of sake from 3 different cups, and then offer it to their parents once done. This symbolizes a new bond between the families.

## JAPAN



Azahares, or orange blossoms, are usually the flowers of choice for Spanish weddings. They represent happiness and fulfillment.

## SPAIN



Instead of a bouquet toss, charms attached to ribbons are folded into the layers of the wedding cake. Before the cake cutting, each woman pulls a ribbon. The woman who uncovers the ribbon with a fake wedding ring is next in line for marriage!

## PERU



## KOREA

The groom offers the bride's mother with geese or ducks to symbolize his intentions of purity and loyalty to his new bride. In modern day ceremonies, the geese and ducks are wooden!



## INDIA

As a part of the pre-ceremony wedding traditions for Goan Catholics, the bride is invited to her maternal uncle's or aunt's house for 'Chuddo'. The bride is fitted with green glass bangles with gold lines, which must be worn until the day of the wedding. These bangles cannot be broken as it symbolizes bad luck for the betrothed.