What do Hindus celebrate?

Today we will be...

Finding out about Hindu weddings.



Have you ever been to a wedding before?





What was it like? What did you do?

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Weddings are always a time for celebration and Hindu weddings can last for 3 days. The families of the bride and groom take some time to get to know each other better. When the bride and groom get married, their families are joined together.

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Their wedding day is a very special day for Hindu brides and they make lots of preparations to make sure they look beautiful! The day before, her hands and feet are decorated with henna tattoos.

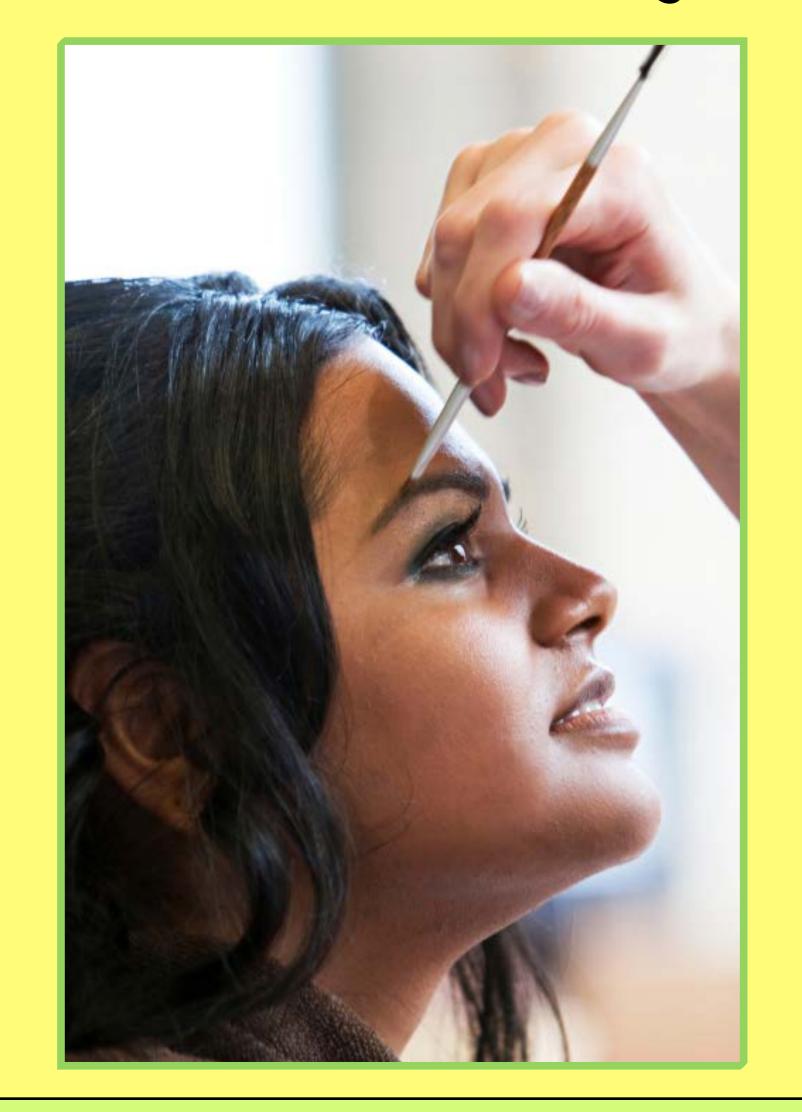


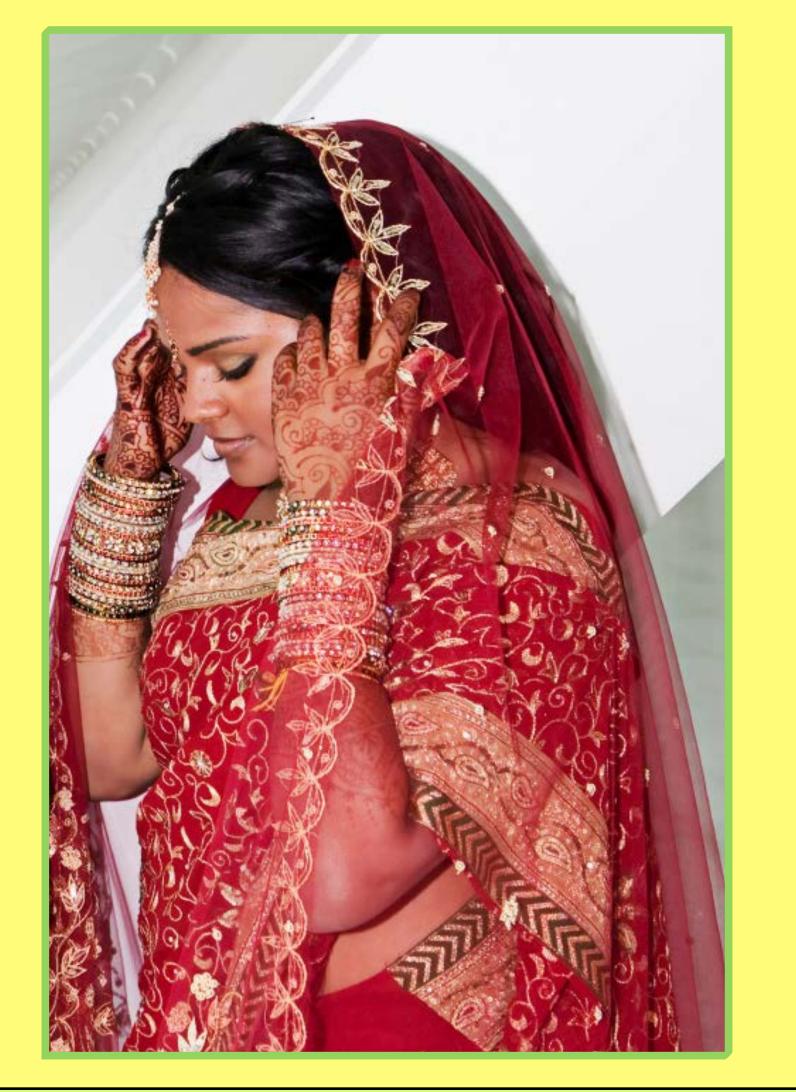






Hindu brides wear beautiful saris and lots of jewellery. They also wear special eye make-up.









A Hindu wedding ceremony lasts for about an hour. A sacred fire is lit and the priest recites words from holy books. The bride and groom are both given flower garlands to wear around their necks.







A special pot called a Purna-Kalasha is passed around. Water is put in the pot. Mango leaves are placed on the mouth of the pot, then a coconut is placed on top. This ritual has lots of symbols. For example, the mango leaves represent love and the water represents life.







The mother of the bride gives her daughter a special necklace. This is a symbol that she is now a married woman.

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The bride and groom then take 7 steps together. After each step, they make a promise to each other. They are joined by a piece of cloth to show that they are married.





Once the ceremony is over, everyone celebrates by giving the bride and groom presents and by having a meal together. There is also music and dancing.







How is a Hindu wedding different or similar to the weddings you have been to?





