



UZBEK WEDDING CEREMONIES

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INTRODUCTION.

Wedding is a very important and special occasion. It's a day when two people in love get married.

Different countries follow different traditions during the wedding. Other countries also have some interesting traditions.

Thus, during the wedding ceremony in Holland a wish tree is created and placed next to the bride and groom's table. Guests put their wishes for the newlyweds on paper leaves of this tree.

In Ireland the bride usually wears a wildflower wreath in her hair.

In England the bride should arrive to the church with her father in a car. Koreans pick the wedding date according to astrological signs.

Weddings in Uzbekistan are famous for the abundance of delicious food and drinks served over several days, one of the most important procedures for the Uzbek family.

Even if the matchmaking took place outside the country, the wedding must certainly be held in the homeland of the newlyweds, in Uzbekistan. This is a series of actions, several days before the newlyweds begin their life together, and the search for a wife-to-be (bride) is a special matter that the elders of the family are engaged in.

The process of searching for a bride and matchmaking. The Uzbek bride is a special nature, which is being sought by a grandmother, a mother or sisters.

The situation in the bride's family plays an important role in choosing a candidate.

Brides take priority, which grew up and were brought up in a full-fledged family, where there were no scandals, parents are respected among neighbors, at work and in society as well.

The key points are social status and upbringing. It has long been the custom that in order to strengthen, or even better, raise the status of the family, it is necessary to tie the knot with the family, whose status is at least not lower, but higher.

Thus, the groom himself can find a bride for himself, but feelings play the very last role, even with an independent choice of the bride, the final decision will be for the groom's elders. If in all respects the choice suits you, matchmaking begins.

MAIN PART.

Matchmakers go to the house of the chosen one. This day is discussed in advance with the girl's parents so that they have time to prepare well, because this is an important step for families.

Matchmakers, having come to the house of the girl's parents, are certainly invited to the table, at which the usual small talk on various topics takes place.

During tea drinking, the future wife-to-be (bride) must take care of the guests so that tea is always poured; the guests are pleased and fed well.

During communication, they pay special attention to such things as:

Home cleanness;

Cleanliness and tidiness;

Good manners of the girl:

Modesty and laconicism;

Ability to do housework;

The relationship of parents to each other;

The attitude of parents to their daughter;

Attitude to guests.

According to the Uzbek customs and traditions, the relatives of the bride and groom come to an agreement only on the third visit of the matchmakers.

The bride's parents break the flatbread (patir) ceremony to symbolize the agreement choice to marry their daughter.

The traditional engagement is called "Fatiha wedding" ("Fatiha-To`yi"), and it celebrates very splendidly, with the invitation of guests.

The girl is presented with the gifts and sweets from the groom's parents. After that, preparations begin for the wedding itself.

"Bachelorette party" ("Qiz Oshi") of Uzbek. In the East, it is so customary that a bride from Uzbekistan should be with a rich dowry.

Consequently, as soon as a girl was born in the family, parents begin to think about collecting the dowry. Sometimes they start collecting it from the age of six of their daughter.

Moreover, although according to an established tradition, the costs of the wedding fall on the shoulders of the groom's family, but in modern realities, most often, they are divided equally into two families, because of spending are simply huge.

Before arranging the wedding party ceremony itself, a celebration is also held in the bride's house, where only girls, attendants, and the female part of the family gather. This kind of bachelorette party is very blustery, happy and enjoyable. The girls are having amusing, dancing, singing songs.

At bachelorette party there should be a lot of sweet pleasures on the tables. Brides can often give gifts to their girlfriends.

"Bachelor morning palov ("Ertalabki Osh") party in Uzbekistan. The groom also celebrates the bachelor party, only here everything is quite ceremonious and solemn.

The bachelor party celebration is arranged by the groom's father. This is the morning Uzbek palov, which should be ready for the end of the Morning Prayer. Only men are invited to this party. This stage is especially important for the groom's family, since the more people attend this party, the groom's father will be more respected.

Refusing an invitation can be a personal offence to the family.

Traditionally, such kind of parties were celebrated both at the bride's and the groom's house, respectively.

Nevertheless, recently, in view of living in apartment buildings, and not being able to arrange a party in their own house (yard), they more and more possibility to the help of restaurants, cafes and teahouses, thereby making party easier for themselves to organize a party.

"Nikoh wedding" (Nikoh To`yi) in Uzbekistan. After the morning palov, the groom, dressed in bridal gown, accompanied by friends and close relatives, goes to the bride's house to the accompaniment of ringing music.

The bride is waiting for him, dressed in a wedding dress, with her face covered with a veil.

Formerly, the bride's wedding dress was completely in the national style, but now only a few elements remain from it. While the guests are having fun, dancing and singing songs at the bride's house, the groom goes into the room, where the darling and the imam, the priest, who is to conduct the Nikoh ceremony, are waiting for him. But before that, the ceremony provides some interesting customs.

The bride comes to the groom, go together with her close girlfriends, who hold over the groom's head a special wedding veil, bolimpo`sh (material which holds over the brides and grooms), hand-embroidered with special patterns that carry the meaning of the best wishes.

The bride and groom go out to the guests in chimildiq (the shut corner place for bride and grooms), where they hide from the eyes of the rest, accompanied by loud and merry exclamations.

Then the oldest woman reads a prayer, and after that, around the sheltered newlyweds, several women, with two lighted candles in their hands, bypass three times, symbolizing the wish for good and a strong family to the newlyweds, in order to protect them from evil spirits and bad thoughts[7,298].

After that, the groom must taste sweet honey from the bowl, and then treat the bride to them.

This ceremony is a blessing for a sweet family life, without quarrels, reproaches and negativity.

After this ceremony, the bride and the groom should look together in a mirror, into which no one has looked yet, after which the groom should put some jewelry on the bride's hand. Most often it is a bracelet.

This is how they form an alliance with each other.

And again a feast, this is an Uzbek wedding, customs demand. For the newlyweds, a snow-white tablecloth is covered, on which fruits, sweets and many different oriental treats are laid out.

The newlyweds pass at the table, their parents bless them for a long and strong family life. From that moment the imam begins to read out their duties to each other, and after reading the special prayer Khutbai-Nikoh, their marriage is concluded in heaven.

It's only after all these events that newlyweds can legally register a new family at the registry office. Together with the newlyweds, most often, the friends of the bride and groom go there.

After registering at the registry office, newlyweds have the opportunity to take a walk before the onset of the wedding celebration, which their parents are preparing for them.

Wedding banquet. Not everyone knows how wonderful the wedding of Uzbeks can be.

It is customary to invite the maximum possible number of people to the wedding, the larger the Uzbek wedding is, the better.

This is costly, as there are rarely weddings with fewer than 500 guests. The more people at the wedding, the further the message of the hospitality and generosity of the organizers will be spread.

During the whole celebration, the bride sits with her face covered with a veil, her eyes down, showing humility and submissiveness.

In the meantime, the guests are having fun, dancing, singing songs, arranging various contests and competitions. Music sounds as loud as possible so that in the most remote corners of the city people know where the celebration is and join in.

It is very important that all the free space on the tables is filled with treats. And, of course, the most important dish at the wedding party is the wedding palov, which is prepared in a huge cauldron to ensure that all guests are fed with it, to be guaranteed to feed all the guests with it, and what remains to distribute to people.

Bride's greeting (Kelin Salom). This is not the end of the wedding ceremony. From the next day, guests begin to come to the house of the newlyweds, from early in the morning.

By this time, everything in the house should be tidied up and the house decorated. The bride is obliged to meet every guest who comes with gifts. She must bow to each of them continuously, accepting gifts, and in return make a small gift in the form of jewelry, scarves or snow-white towels.

Guests go to the house from morning until late at night and most often bring as a gift those things that young people will certainly need to decorate their homes, these are dishes, carpets, bed spreads and much more.

CONCLUSION.

To sum up, I'd like to say that wedding ceremony and traditions vary from country to country and are always interesting especially in Uzbekistan also.

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