

# JAPANESE WEDDING





Japan- a country in which people have they honor tradition. Perhaps nowhere in the world you will not find such an exotic mix of ancient customs , culture and modern trends.





But what about Japanese wedding traditions. Gone are the days of the samurai, when marriages as a means of achieving political and economic profit. In those days , a man and his wife asked the consent of the elders of the clans. In post-war period of time a new Japanese constitution legalized equality of man and woman. Later , in the Japanese tradition of marriage entered European customs , marriages are invested only in mutual love.



IN JAPAN AN IMPORTANT ROLE IS PLAYED SPECIAL GIFTS WHICH ARE EXCHANGED BETWEEN COUPLES AND THEIR FAMILIES.



THE GROOM GIVES HIS GIRLFRIEND A DIAMOND RING ( IF THEY FOLLOW THE WESTERN TRADITION) OR A STONE THAT MATCHES TO THE HOROSCOPE OF THE BRIDE.





THE GIRL'S PARENTS GIVES FIVE , SEVEN OR NINE ENVELOPES (THESE NUMBER ARE CONSIDERED LUCKY). IN ONE OF THEM MARRIED COUPLE CAN FIND MONEY TO COMPENSATE THE COST OF THE WEDDING.

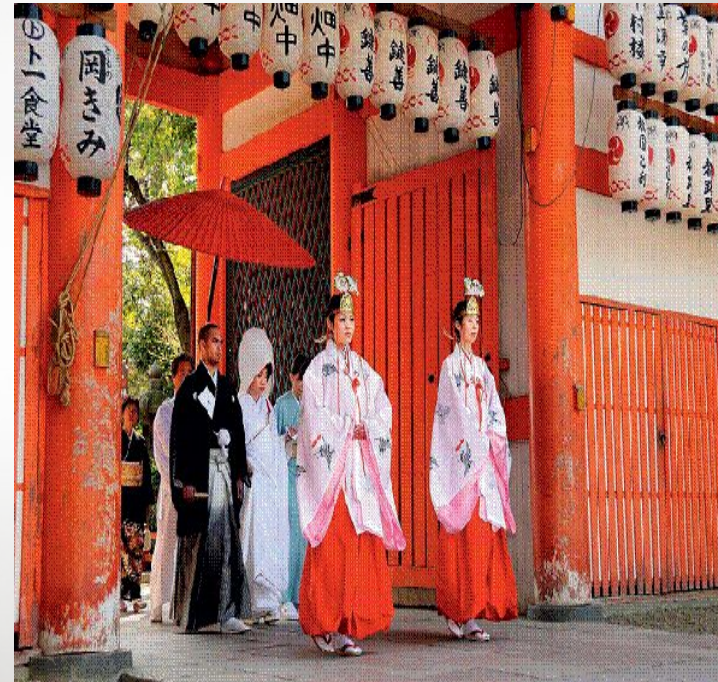




Japanese wedding dress is different from our Ukrainian. In the tradition of the Japanese bride her wedding dress have to consists of two kimono: white dress( symbolizes that she (bride) is clean as her white dress)- for wedding ceremony; and banquet colored kimono.



THIS CHANGE OF DRESS SYMBOLIZED THAT AFTER MARRIAGE SHE WILL RETURN TO EVERYDAY LIFE AND WILL BE READY TO START A NEW LIFE WITH HER HUSBAND.







Usually the material of traditional kimono is woven and painted by hand with gold and silver, but now the most brides often change traditional kimono to the European wedding dress.

JAPANESE BRIDES MADE SPECIAL TRADITIONAL MAKE UP WITH SPECIAL CREAM , CAREFULLY MASSAGED AND POWDER IN FACE UNTIL IT BECOMES LIKE A PEARL MASK.





THEN ACTUAL CEREMONY BEGINS. THE PRIEST CONDUCTS SPECIAL  
CLEANSING RITUALS AND READS A PRAYER, AFTER WHICH THE COUPLE  
MUST DRINK THREE CUPS OF SAKE.





AFTER THE CEREMONY , BRIDE AND GROOM EXCHANGE RINGS ON THE WESTERN TRADITION, ARRANGES BANQUET AND GOES TO CELEBRATE HONEYMOON AWAY FROM GUESTS AND FRIENDS ON THE ISLANDS.

