



Weddings in different countries

Wedding traditions

Wedding is the most beautiful and important event in life of every person.

Traditions regarding wedding are different from country to country, and region to region! Different wedding traditions have different rules and customs which make your wedding day successful and complete.

British customs

- ◆ **The Western custom of a bride wearing a white wedding dress came to symbolize purity in the Victorian era**
- ◆ **A wedding is often followed or accompanied by a wedding reception (“Wedding Breakfast”)**
- ◆ **A bride may throw her bouquet to the assembled group of all unmarried women and the groom throw the bride's garter to the assembled unmarried men**



British customs

◆ A modern tradition is for brides to wear or carry "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" during the service.

◆ Another custom is to wear a penny in one's shoe to bring prosperity.



Muslim customs

- ◆ **The mangni or engagement ceremony takes place before marriage**
- ◆ **The bride's clothes on the by the groom's family**
- ◆ **bride's brother exchange a glass of sharbat. (Sweetened drink)**
- ◆ **The marriage is registered known as 'nikaahnama', first signed by the groom and then by two other witnesses.**



Spanish customs

- ◆ Traditionally, the groom gives a watch to the bride's father when his proposal is accepted.
- ◆ No matter what color the dress, lacey mantillas secured with combs often complete the ensemble.
- ◆ Spanish wedding ceremonies are marked by an exchange of 13 gold coins in a special purse or box that represent Jesus Christ and his apostles
- ◆ After the church, the newlyweds are often greeted with firecrackers.



Spanish customs

- ◆ **Guests who dance with the bride, traditionally give her money**
- ◆ **The bride hands out pins with a flower motif to unmarried ladies who attach them to their clothing upside down to hope the pins will be lost during the dancing, and therefore indicate the lady will soon marry.**



Russian wedding

- ◆ **The wedding celebration usually lasts for two days (or more) and requires preparation of about 1 to 6 months.**
- ◆ **The registration of marriage takes place at the department of Public services or in Russian – ZAGS. Nowadays many couples also choose the church ceremony.**



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Russian customs

- ◆ **The groom is coming to the bride's home with his closest friends and relatives. To get the bride he has to pay some ransom to the folks on the bride's side.**
- ◆ **After getting the bride, the couple gets out of the house into the car (usually limousine) to go for the marriage registration.**



Armenian wedding

- ◆ **Armenians used to have a wedding ceremony in autumn and winter.**
- ◆ **Traditionally the groom's parents have been thought to ask the bride's family for the bride's hand in marriage.**




Armenian wedding

- ◆ **The following traditions was called “Khosk-Kap” as a substitute for an Engagement Reception.**
- ◆ **Traditionally in the wedding ceremonies a leading role is taken by the kavor (sponsor) or godfather.**

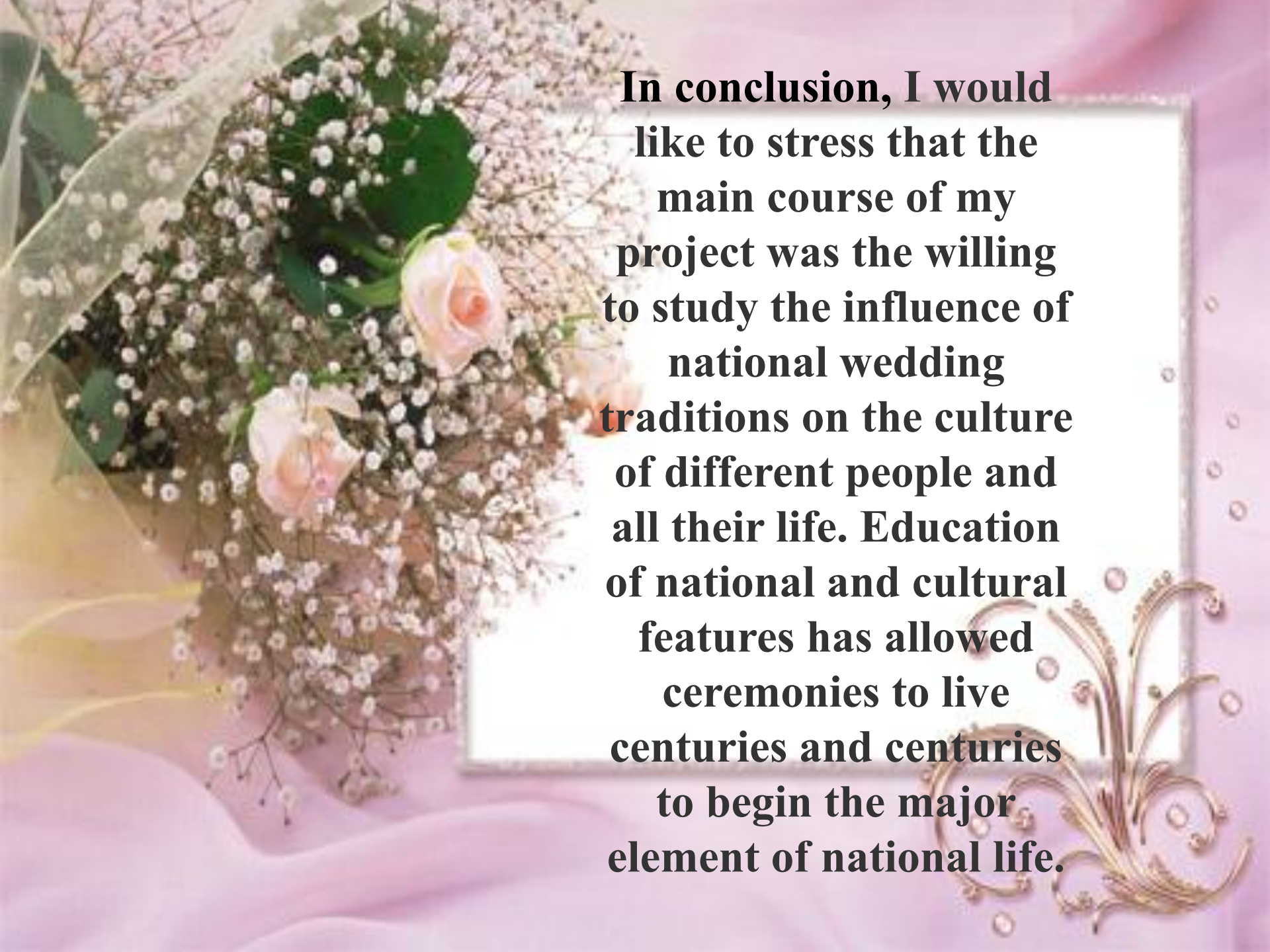


Wedding traditions and customs	British	Muslim	Spanish	Russian	Armenian
Matchmaking	+	-	+	+	+
Ransom	+	-	+	+	+
Collusion	+	-	-	+	+
Obligatory wearing headdress woman	+	+	-	+	-
Obligatory exchange wedding rings	+	-	+	-	+
To fling grain	-	-	-	+	-



Working at my project I find out that British wedding is similar to Russian wedding, Spanish wedding similar to Armenian wedding, but Muslim wedding has dissimilar customs!

Religion character. Russian people are generous, open-hearted, kind, friendly, hospitable; spanish people are noble, proud; english people: cold, reserved, arrogant, conservative, polite; muslim people are conservative, proud, brave; armenian people are hospitable, religious, industrious, noble.



In conclusion, I would like to stress that the main course of my project was the willing to study the influence of national wedding traditions on the culture of different people and all their life. Education of national and cultural features has allowed ceremonies to live centuries and centuries to begin the major element of national life.



Thank you for attention!

