



The main difference between modern weddings and ancient ceremonies is love. Nowadays the tradition of parents' interference in the wedding process has become outdated in Japan, and young people have the right to choose. Husband and wife must share the same surname.

The ceremony does not necessarily have to take place in a Shinto temple, because the couple themselves can choose the type of ceremony based on religious views. It lasts about 20 minutes with relatives and close friends. During it, the bride and groom swear an oath to each other and take turns drinking sake from three cups. It is believed that after the first sip they officially become husband and wife.



Tradition 1

The bride and groom drink consecrated rice wine from cups and exchange rings – this custom, of course, is Western. The bride solemnly swears allegiance to her husband, after which she leaves the ceremonial hall and returns in a colored kimono – this is a symbol of her new status.





Tradition 2

Season

In Japan, few couples get married in winter or autumn. Most weddings take place in the summer, because at this time of the year there are more "lucky" days. Lack of dancing After the official ceremony comes the unofficial part, where the young people together with the guests eat, drink, sing. But they don't dance. Dancing at a Japanese wedding is not accepted, but many replace this karaoke.

Today, at a Japanese wedding, the bride and groom can wear both a kimono and a wedding dress with a tux, which will look great in all photos.



Gifts to guests After the wedding has taken place, the bride and groom in Japan are ready to give gifts to their guests as a sign of gratitude for sharing this happy day with them. And the newlyweds give flowers to their parents.

Tradition 1

Feast in Japanese

The wedding banquet of the Japanese is similar to the European one. However, there are features. Traditions forbid dancing at a wedding. Music is playing, there is a presenter, but the guests sing karaoke.

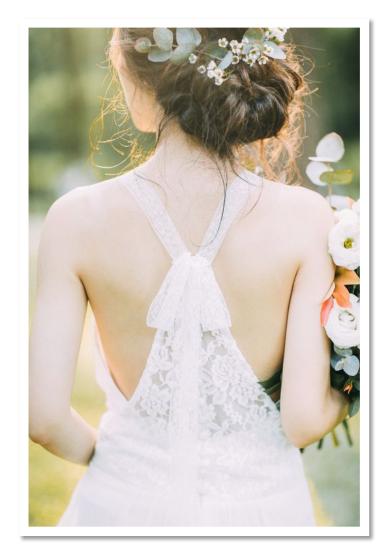
It is not customary to give gifts to newlyweds, but only money in an envelope. Usually 200-300 dollars. It is customary to present presents to invited guests. The families of the bride and groom buy gift sets: sweets, coffee, tea and household trifles.













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