

Exotic Thai Wedding Ceremony 2010-2011

Baht 100,500 ++

A full ceremony involving Buddhist chanting and blessings normally begins around 9.30 am until noon.

Please see the attached program for all details.

- wedding ceremony with five monks
 - lunch and donation for the monks and temple co-ordinator
 - bouquet for the bride and corsage for the groom
 - floral gate at entrance, decorations for the blessing ceremony and flowers in the bedroom
 - wedding cake and champagne for celebration after wedding ceremony
 - professional photographer, 36 pictures including developing and negatives
 - a long drum team escort from the wedding couple's room to the wedding ceremony
 - free upgrade to a suite subject to availability
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- at 9.30 hrs the long drum dance procession arrives at the room of the bridal couple to escort them to the ceremonial place.
 - at the ceremonial hall, the bridee and groom sit side by side at the bridal table.
 - Buddhist religious rites begin with chanting and blessing by 5 monks.
 - lighting the candles by bridal couple.
 - sprinkling of holy water by the monks.
 - blessing and pouring of holy water by guests and hotel hosts.
 - the bridal couple exchange rings.

- the bridal couple offers alms to the monks.
- the bridal couple offers food to the monks.

- the monks will leave after lunch.
- the bridal couple cut the cake and enjoy the champagne.

Explanation of events during Thai wedding ceremony

When the monks arrive, the wedding couple will be standing at the entrance of the wedding room. The temple co-ordinator will also be there, ready to make sure that everything is in order in the room and set up is according to requirements. The temple co-ordinator is the person controlling the ceremony and will give advice on what to do.

When the monks enter, bride and groom will make a "wai", traditional Thai greeting (no shoes to be worn during the entire wedding ceremony).

The monks will take their place on the small stage in the room. The head monk will sit closest, to the Buddha statue and will lead the ceremony. They will carry the sign on a handle, which indicates different aspects of the religion and these signs will be used during the praying.

When the monks sit, the hotel hosts will serve drinks to the monks.

Bride and groom will sit on their knees in front of the Buddha statue and light the candles. After the candles are lit, the bride and the groom will wai three times, lowering themselves completely to the floor. After this, they can be seated.

The temple co-ordinator will then start praying to invite the spirit to the ceremony.

The bride and the groom are requested to repeat the words that the temple co-ordinator is saying (no exact text is available for this part). At this time, the bride and groom can be seated in their chairs (no shoes).

When the temple co-ordinator is finished, the monks will start their praying.

During the praying ceremony, the monks will pass on the roll of string, which is attached to the Buddha statue.

The head monk will light a small candle and drop wax into a large bowl of water. This water will be used later for the blessing and also as lustral water after the ceremony.

When the praying is almost finished, the roll of string will be passed back to the head monk. During the praying, concentration is required to have full advantage of it. After the monks are finished they take a short rest.

The bride and groom will then present the gifts for the monks. The gift for each monk consists of a package of day-to-day utensils, a bunch of flowers and envelope with a donation. (The head monk always receives a higher donation than the other monks.)

The presentation of the gifts should be by the bride and groom holding the gifts together at the same time. As women are not allowed to touch the monks, the presents will be placed on a tray.

After each presentation a wai is made. This presentation is on the knees (lower than the monk) and repeated for each individual monk.

After this, the monks will pray again to give thanks for the gifts and wish good luck for the future. At this time bride and groom are sitting in front of the monks. During this praying, bride and groom will pour some water in a little holder. Which will be spread in the garden by our staff after the ceremony is over, this will bring good luck for their future.

After the pouring of water in the little holder, the head monk will spray water over the bride and groom while they bow in front of him. After this, the bride and groom will make three wai's bowing completely to the floor.

This is the end of the monk ceremony. The head monks will place three dots on the forehead of the bride and groom. The temple co-ordinator will take the bride and groom to the ceremony of the lustral water.

The bride and groom will take their place on their seats set up for them on the side of the room. After this the father of the groom will place a

garland around the neck of the bride and the mother of the bride will place a garland around the neck of the groom to welcome the new members of the families. The temple co-ordinator will place a piece of string on the heads of the wedding couple, this to indicate that they will be connected during the pouring of the lustral water.

All the guests are then invited to pour water over the hands of the couple which they will place over a bowl filled with flowers. The best man of each person will stand behind the couple during this entire pouring. The people pouring the water are standing in line according to importance i.e. direct family first then friends.

After finishing the lustral water ceremony, the bride and the groom will cut the wedding cake and invite all the guests to join the wedding celebration.

Please note that the above is not a legally recognized ceremony

All Prices will be valid until further notice

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