



WEDDING TRADITIONS, CULTURAL AWARENESS

WEDDING CLOTHES



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Wedding clothes in the past

In Lithuania, wedding dresses were not white at all in the past, as they are now. White color was considered a symbol of holiness and was not used in ceremonies.





In the past, a bride had two dresses: one was worn before the wedding and the other after the wedding. The first dress is a simple, modest, often "sad" black color. Second, it must be brightly colored.





Some grooms give up the usual suit for a more tradition wedding outfit from our pagan past. Consisting of a loose shirt, sometimes brown vest, trousers and an ornament belt scarf.





Ruth's Wreath

Ruth's wreath is a very important part of the bride's outfit. Every bride had to wear a wreath of fresh rue. Ruths were especially valued for their deep symbolic meaning and later became wedding flowers. It was believed that the ruth's wreath worn by a girl at her wedding symbolized the bride's longevity, virginity and strength.



Wedding dresses now

Now wedding dresses are a collection of the best traditions from different eras. For example, light snow-white dresses from the times of Antiquity brought notes of the Greek style to modern outfits. But the voluminous and lush outfits of the Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo and Classicism, which were distinguished by decorations with lace and ruffles, became the basis for creating a romantic trend in modern wedding dresses.





In our time, brides usually choose a white dress or similar shade. This color symbolizes the innocence of a woman entering a new phase of life.





Groom Outfits

The typical Lithuanian groom outfit is a suit or a tuxedo usually being dark blue, but other colors are also black, gray and white.



Accessories

Wedding accessories can be divided into the following types:

- ❖ For the bride, in addition to the bouquet and veil, a handbag, garter or other jewelry.
- ❖ For the groom and friends. These include a butterfly, boutonniere and something like that.



Brides can highlight their look in many ways

For example:

- ❖ Long gloves will help make your hand more elegant;
- ❖ You can refresh the complexion with delicate jewelry on the head;
- ❖ Bright jewelry will allow the bride to surprise all invited guests and relatives.



Types and shapes of wedding rings can be:

- ❖ Classic or smooth flat wedding rings;
- ❖ Straight wedding rings;
- ❖ Round rings;
- ❖ Barrel like rings;
- ❖ Convex type rings;
- ❖ Concave type rings;

