



Traditiona I Slovak Wedding

WHAT USUALLY HAPPENS BEFORE A TYPICAL WEDDING EVEN STARTS?

- asking for approval for the wedding in the girl's parents' house
- engagement
- announcement of marriage and inviting to the wedding
- bachelor's party
- coming of groom for the bride and taking her from her parents
- road to the ceremony with wedding entourage
- marriage

MARRIAGE CEREMONY

- civil or church ceremony
- lasts 20-60 minutes

TYPICAL SLOVAK CEREMONY TRADITIONS

- family members giving cakes in front of the church to people passing by
- traditional folk music played by a folk group on traditional music instruments such as heligónka (a type of accordion), violin, doublebass etc.



WEDDING CELEBRATION AND FEAST

- usually at town's or village's cultural centre or restaurants, but some people tend to choose extraordinary locations
- the staff may welcome newlyweds, family, guests and after that some traditions (such as plate breaking) may be performed.
- every wedding is a little different, but most of them include a feast , the first dance of newlyweds and several dance rounds, očepčenie, wedding games and more
- most people go home around midnight, but for some (usually family members) is typical to party till next morning

WEDDING FOOD

- **Appetizer:** bread with some spread, mozzarella with tomatoe and basil, some ham or cheese
- **Soup:** Chicken soup or beef soup
- **Main meal:** chicken or pork meat with potatoes, fries or rise
- **Dessert:** wedding cake, cupcakes, chocolate fountain with fruits, ice cream...
- **Buffet:** schnitzel, pasta with sauce, gnocchy, fruits, vegetables, ham, cheese...

Appetizer

Main meal

Dessert



WEDDING GAME

HAT DANCE

Volunteers, usually men (but can also be women) stand in a circle and hold each other's shoulders while passing their hats from head to head to the beat of the music that is playing, which is getting faster and faster. The one whose hat falls off is out of the game. The last one can win, for example, a dance with the bride, a small prize or a gift from the wedding raffle

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