THE HINDU WEDDING GUIDE FOR THE CEREMONY OF

Navita & Jeremy

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

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FIRST MET
November 16, 2020

FIRST HOLIDAY
Orlando, Florida - Harry Potter World

FIRST DATE
November 22, 2020

THE PROPOSAL
March 13, 2022 at
The Fern Lodge

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13. *Breaking of the Glass*
The breaking of the glass symbolizes the fragility of marriage, and that the couple's bond is irrevocable.

14. *Aashirwad*
The newlyweds seek the blessings of their parents and are showered with rice and flowers!

A big thank you for being a part of this memorable day!

1. Baraat & Welcoming
Jeremy (Groom), his family, and friends parade to the ceremony site! The Groom is welcomed with a short prayer performed by the Bride's mother - Jeremy is ushered to the mandap to await his bride.

2. Dulhan Swagat & Vadhu Mandap Pravesh
Navita (Bride) makes her grand entrance with her loved ones leading the way for her to join Jeremy at the mandap.

3. Kanya Daan
Navita's parents formally offer their daughter's right hand to Jeremy. This gesture signifies their blessings and acceptance of the marriage. Both sets of parents present gifts to the bride and groom.

4. Jai Mala
The Bride and Groom exchange flower garlands to signify their choice and acceptance of one another.

5. Agnihotra
The pandit invites Jeremy and Navita to kindle the sacred fire, which signifies purity and a source of universal energy.

6. Pani Grahan (The Vows)
Jeremy and Navita recite their personalized vows to each other.

7. Pradakshinaa
The couple circles the sacred fire for the first four times. Jeremy leads in this cycle and Navita attains the status of Goddess Lakshmi. After the fourth circle, Navita becomes Jeremy's wife. The bride's shawl is tied to the groom's with three knots, symbolizing the bond of their marriage.

8. Laaj-Aahuti
Both the Bride and Groom make offerings of parched grains into the sacred fire as they pray for prosperity in wedded life.

9. Shilaa Rohan
Jeremy asks Navita to place her right foot on a stone, which signifies commitment and devotion is as solid as this stone.

10. Pradakshinaa
The bride leads the way as the couple circles the sacred fire three more times, completing the seven cycles.

11. Saptapadi
Navita and Jeremy take seven steps together. Each step signifies a vow that they promise to uphold together.

1st: We will live with honor and respect.
2nd: We will fulfill each other's mental, spiritual, and physical needs.
3rd: We will share in our joys and sorrows.
4th: We will respect our elders, acquire knowledge, happiness, and harmony by mutual love and trust.
5th: We will protect our family and the interest of our family.
6th: We will be forever devoted to each other.
7th: We will be each other's lifelong friend and equal partner.

12. Mangal Sutra, Rings, & Sindoor
Jeremy ties a "mangal sutra" (sacred necklace) around bride's neck and applies "sindoor" (red powder) in the parting of her hair to symbolize his commitment to her.