

## Uma Paro Wedding Blessing Packages

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A Bhutanese wedding is much more than a simple exchange of vows and rings. It includes a number of religious rites performed by Buddhist monks and lamas. This represents the importance of the bond between a husband and wife. (or partners)

The actual wedding ceremony and the blessing takes place at the Kyichu Lhakhang 7 kms from Uma Paro, one of oldest temples in Bhutan, with its magic orange tree bearing fruit all year round. The exterior walls of this 7th century temple are lined with countless prayer wheels and you can see the footprints of the first caretaker monk worn by his many thousands of prostrations. An ancient myth links Kyichu with the Jokhang in Lhasa, Tibet.



The ceremony will be held in the magnificent but intimate main shrine room and will run as follows:

- ❖ Uma staff will dress the couple in fine traditional costume – gho for man and kira for lady.
- ❖ The party enters the inner courtyard of the temple through a gateway protected by paintings of the Guardians of the Four Directions.
- ❖ Having removed shoes the party enters the shrine room, observed by statues and murals of important figures in Bhutanese Buddhist culture including the Bodhisattvas, Avaloketishwara (the God of Compassion) and, of course, Guru Rinpoche himself.
- ❖ About 20 monks will conduct ceremonial prayers, accompanied by drums and horns and cymbals – the prayers are dedicated to a long, prosperous and happy relationship for the couple.
- ❖ The couple will make wishes & say prayers whilst exchanging white scarves (kha dhar) – the scarves are held and blessed by the head monk along with symbols of the eight lucky signs throughout the ceremony before husband and wife exchange the scarves.
- ❖ The ceremony will last for about 2 hrs, with guests seating on the floor at all times.

- ❖ A Nendar (offering of money) is then presented to the monks

All guests and the couple should bring offerings for the temple including butter lamps, incense, small cash notes, fruit – they could buy strings of prayer flags and get them blessed for a loved one before hanging them by a river or on a high point somewhere in the Kingdom or even taking them home as a souvenir.

### ❖ *Wedding Blessing Ceremony Package:*

**Inclusions** - Traditional Bhutanese dress Goh & Kira.

**Total Package Cost @ US\$ 2025.00**

- ❖ Add the cost of this Wedding Blessing package to our [Luxury Upgrade Rates at Uma Paro Resort](#)