



Sacred Vows: The Javanese Wedding

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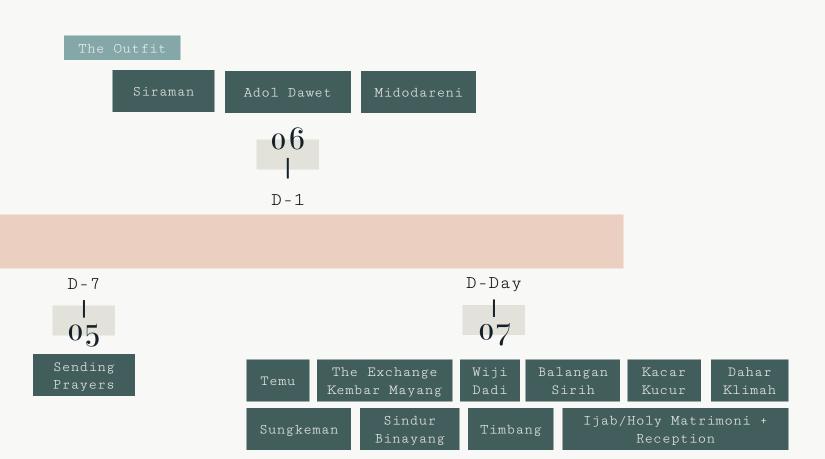




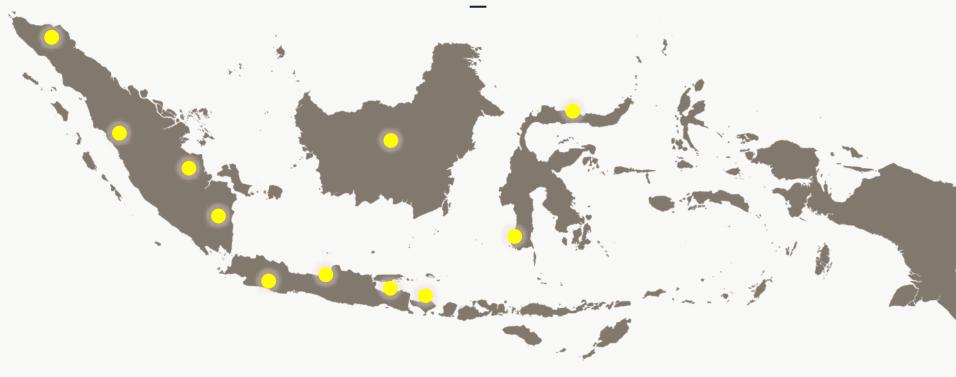




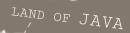




Weddings in Indonesia







Central Javanese Wedding





Sundanese Wedding

East Javanese Wedding

Timeline of Wedding Rituals



Engagement

The parents of the groom ask the hand of the bride in marriage.





Signifies formal meetings between parents of the bride and the groom

Peningsetan

Peningsetan, a dowry giving ceremony from the groom to the bride





The dowry consists of clothes, jewelry, shoes, bags, food, holy bible, mukena, money.



Gutfit Traditional Javanese costume

Jasmine





Hair pins

The bride's hairdress

Traditional Javanese wedding costume

Blangkon





Kris

The groom's Traditional Javanese wedding costume

Day - 7





Offerings:

- whole chicken (ingkung)
- rice
- banana
- coconut
- rice cakes



Siraman

Coconut leaves







Jasmine flowers



Adol Dawet

Parents of bride sell iced dawet using fake money made of pieces of clay



Midodareni



There will be prayers (mass) and buffet dinner.



The more traditional ritual prohibits the meeting of the bride and groom even though the groom can come to the house of the bride.



Widodari means goddess.

The ritual symbolizes the blessing of a goddess to the bride so that the bride becomes beautiful.



Temu/Panggih

The meeting between the bride and groom. The groom's family meets the bride's. The ceremony starts in front of the house.

The exchange of Rembar Mayang



Each family brings Kembar Mayang which are exchanged to symbolize the status change from single to married.

depicts that the bridegroom is ready to become a responsible father and the bride should faithfully serve her husband.

Wiji dadi

(stepping on eggs)



Balangan Sirih

(Throwing sirih leaves)





According to ancient belief, betel leaves have power to chase away bad spirits. By throwing betel leaves to others, it should be proved that the couple is really the genuine persons not a ghost or other person who pretends to be the bride or the bridegroom.



Racar Rucur

It depicts that the husband should be the breadwinner. The bridegroom gives to the bride some soybeans, peanuts, rice, corns, yellow rice, herbs, flowers and coins of different values, the quantity of coins must be even.



Dahar klimah

They are eating together, feeding each other. The ritual depicts the couple should use and enjoy their belongings together









Sungkeman ...







Ijab/Holy Matrimony: Church or Bride's home



$\begin{array}{c} {\tt WeddingDay} \\ {Reception} \end{array}$







Buffet



Costume











Dayak (Kalimantan)



Makassar (South Sulawesi)



Sundanese (West Java)





Central Java



Lampung



Minangkabau (West Sumatra)



East Java



Bali



Aceh



Palembang (South Sumatra)



Lombok



Gorontalo