



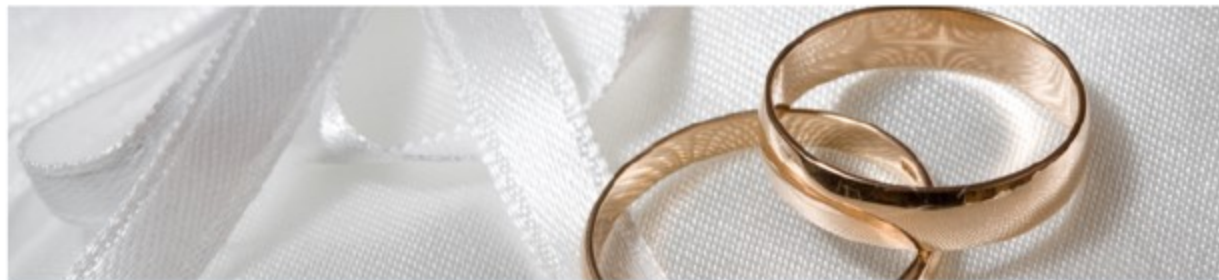
# WEDDING CEREMONY



ROYAL CLIFF HOTELS GROUP

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## SECULAR & NONDENOMINATIONAL - WEDDING CEREMONY -



As many young people are now opting to have a non-religious ceremony for their wedding, we have some idyllic ideas catered to make your special day all the more memorable. Our non-religious ceremonies do not contain any religious elements and can be performed at the venue of your choice.

The ceremony itself will be flexible and relaxed, having any theme you wish. You will decide the sequence of your ceremony and who your wedding celebrant will be. You may both write your own vows and may exchange wedding bands to symbolize your unity as husband and wife. This may continue with a celebratory wedding toast and the cutting of the wedding cake.





## CHRISTIAN

- WEDDING CEREMONY -

Our delightfully romantic settings provide splendid scenery for your very special occasion. The ceremony is often arranged in the late afternoon where the sunset backdrops this enchanting event. If it is just for the two of you or you have very few guests, associates of the Royal Cliff are more than happy to help you with this celebration party if needed.

The groom is escorted to the ceremonial venue where he is warmly met by the Wedding Celebrant, family members and invited guests. The venue is beautifully decorated with fresh tropical flowers and plants for the occasion with the sweet serenades of the background music of your choice. The bride arrives escorted by an entourage of her selected family and friends. The groom and his bride proceed to the ceremonial pedestal.

The Celebrant delivers the wedding message, and proceeds with the wedding vows. In keeping with tradition, wedding bands are exchanged and the Celebrant declares the newly wedded couple "husband & wife" and permits the traditional wedding kiss! This simple yet captivating ceremony is followed by the both of you walking hand-in-hand to begin a new chapter in your lives together. Flower petals are strewn along the path as you and your wedding party move on to your pre-arranged cocktail or dinner venue, and this may continue with the symbolic cutting of the wedding cake.





**Our Christian Wedding Ceremony Package is inclusive of the following:**

- Bridal bouquet and Groom corsage
- Floral decoration at wedding venue
- Traditional two-tiered wedding cake (3 pounds)
- Souvenir photo album with 36 wedding photos
- A DVD of the ceremony
- Wedding vows presided by a pastor
- A heart-shaped ice carving bearing the names of the couple
- A bottle of Royal Cliff's own label Sparkling Wine
- Decorated courtesy car transfers (within the resort)

**Terms & Conditions:**

- The ceremony can be presided by a Christian or a non-religious celebrant
- Preferred venue is subject to availability at the time of booking
- No cancellation charges apply for cancellations 15 days before actual event
- 50% cancellation charges apply for cancellations within 15 days of actual event
- Full cancellation charges apply for cancellations on actual day of event
- In the event of unfavourable weather conditions for outside ceremonies, an alternate venue will be arranged by the resort
- The religious Celebrant will not be available to absent himself from his church duties on Sundays, as such kindly consider this when selecting your date
- Please be informed that this package is a "blessing" ceremony only and that the bridal couple is to be officially married before this ceremony can be conducted
- Our wedding professionals will try their best to accommodate all additional requests





## TRADITIONAL THAI BUDDHIST - WEDDING CEREMONY -

The Thai culture steeped in ancient traditions, is an amazing way to experience an exquisite ritual that blends beautifully with the finesse of the Royal Cliff gracefulness.

The exotic natural settings and the pristine surroundings are perfect for an enchanting sacrament of committing a life together. If it is just for the two of you or you have very few guests, associates of the Royal Cliff are more than happy to help you with this celebration party if needed.

The Thai (Buddhist) ceremony will take place in the mornings as the Buddhist monks take only one meal a day before noon. At about 9.15 am the Groom will be escorted to the resort's lobby where he awaits his Bride. The Bride arrives and together both of you are escorted to the ceremonial venue. The venue is beautifully decorated with fresh tropical flowers and plants for the occasion with the sweet serenades of Thai music in the background. As you wait for the monks to arrive, the Master of Ceremony will explain to you on the "dos and don't's" as well as the procedure of the wedding itself. Of course, if you wish, you may discuss all these before the actual event. As the monks arrive, you will both greet the monks in a traditional way and the monks begin the ancient ritual of an amazing cultural ceremony. The couple will be asked to light the candles and incense before the monks start with their chanting prayers.

Once the rituals and the actual ceremony is over the couple will offer lunch to the monks. Following this olden-day tradition, the couple will present each monk with a small offering of flowers, incense sticks and a token envelope filled with money; this symbolizes respect and gratitude to the monks and to Buddhism. The monks resume their prayers as you are asked to jointly pour water into a bowl, which symbolizes a reflection of your new life together.

A final farewell is given to the monks and the wedding party moves on to other culturally inclined customs and one of vital element in the Thai ceremony is the 'Rod Nam Sang' or the pouring of the 'lustral water' where guests pour water over your hands to bless you with a long and happy married life. This may continue with the symbolic cutting of the wedding cake. Flower petals are strewn along the path as you and your wedding party move on to your pre-arranged cocktail or dinner venue.

This beautiful and intriguing rite perfectly captures the uniqueness and charm of the Thai customs and traditions, and is bound to create memories that will last you a lifetime.

Note : You may also wish to exchange wedding bands during this ceremony, which can be accommodated accordingly.

**Traditional Thai Wedding Ceremony Package is inclusive of the following:**

- Bridal bouquet and Groom corsage
- Traditional Thai Wedding neck garlands for the couple
- Traditional Floral decoration at wedding venue
- Lunch and donation for the monks performing the religious ceremony
- Traditional two-tiered wedding cake (3 pounds)
- Souvenir photo album with 36 wedding photos
- A DVD of the ceremony
- A heart-shaped ice craving bearing the names of the couple
- A bottle of Royal Cliff's own label Sparkling Wine
- Decorated courtesy car transfers (within the resort)

**Terms & Conditions:**

- The ceremony will be presided by Buddhist monks as such customary respects must be adhered to at all times
- Preferred venue is subject to availability at the time of booking
- No cancellation charges apply for cancellations 15 days before actual event
- 50% cancellation charges apply for cancellations within 15 days of actual event
- Full cancellation charges apply for cancellations on actual day of event
- In the event of unfavourable weather conditions for outside ceremonies, an alternate venue will be arranged by the resort
- Please be informed that this package is a "blessing" ceremony only and that the bridal couple is to be officially married before this ceremony can be conducted
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## INDIAN

### - WEDDING CEREMONY -

The Royal Cliff is a pioneer when it comes to wedding venues and celebrations in Pattaya. Its exclusive and scenic location, first class facilities and professional staff particularly in handling large scale Indian weddings, makes it the ideal choice for a perfect wedding ceremony.

Set along a crescent-shaped beach between Jomtien and Pattaya, the enclave of this award-winning resort spares no compromise in bringing you a romantic getaway or a wholehearted celebration with family and friends. From the smallest, private ceremonies in an intimate outdoor setting, to the largest ballroom scale functions for guests numbering thousands, the Royal Cliff offers the support and facilities of four 5-star hotels as well as an on site convention hall that can accommodate over 3,500 guests.

Indian Weddings are elaborate affairs, inherited over a long period of time, each aspect holding a significant meaning and sentiment. And Indian Weddings are also all about fun, feast and fest, with several sets of key rituals and customs making up a vibrant and glamorous celebration.

Food plays an important part of any wedding and at Royal Cliff your wedding feast will be meticulously prepared by the hotel's three experienced resident Indian Chefs within our private kitchen facilities. From vegetarian snacks, dishes and soups including 'Jain' meals as well as authentic vegetarian and non vegetarian North, South, Rajasthani and Gujarati Indian delicacies, the culinary team will prepare a sumptuous banquet, ensuring that your celebration exceeds the very pinnacle of culinary perfection.

The unique option to host Indian weddings and matrimonial ceremonies of all scales and types has proven popular with Indian families in recent years. The Royal Cliff has the additional benefit of professional native Indian staff with extensive Indian wedding experience and knowledge ranging from sales to coordinators and chefs who strive to make your dreams not only possible, but perfect.

Depending on which part of India you come from, the rituals may differ slightly and can be adjusted according to your religious beliefs and personal preference. The customary ceremony is divided into three basic parts, the Pre-wedding, Main-day and Post-Wedding ceremonies. The rituals for the wedding ceremonies are of great significance and observed with great reverence as these are the foundation to a happy and long-lasting marriage.

**The ceremonies performed at the Royal Cliff Hotels Group are listed below :**

- **The Engagement:** An auspicious date is determined by the 'pujari' (priest), and the bride's parents host the event.
- **Bangdi Bharan(The bangle ceremony) :** Two days before the wedding, an uneven number of green bangles are slipped on the bride's wrist. The ladies present at this occasion also adorn their wrists with green glass bangles.
- **Mehendi (The heena ceremony) :** Heena paste is applied on the palms and feet of the bride by professional heena artists or 'mehendi walis'.
- **Varpuja (Honouring the groom) :** On the day prior to the wedding the bride's mother washes the groom's feet in a silver platter or 'thaali'. His mother's feet are also washed and she is presented with a sari.
- **Haldi (Bedutification rituals) :** A mixture of 'haldi' (turmeric) and oil is applied on the bride's face, hands and feet by 'sumangalis' or married ladies. The bride is then led for her bath.
- **Baraat (The wedding procession) :** The groom is made to sit on a richly decorated mare or elephant and is accompanied by a band playing music with singing and dancing. Families and relatives of the groom also join in the gaiety.
- **Lagna Mahurat (The wedding ceremony) :** This symbolic ceremony is divided into the following segments:-
  - **Varmala:** The couple exchanges garlands and the groom is led to the 'mandap' followed by the bride who stands on a 'pat' facing east.
  - **Sulagna:** The bride and groom are made to sit on chairs while the elders perform 'aarti' for them and shower them with blessings, gifts and money
  - **Kanyadanam (Giving away the bride) :** The bride's father washes the groom's feet while her mother pours the water.
  - **Phere (Seven steps around the sacred fire) :** The couple are tied together and walk around a sacred fire seven times. Each circle around the fire is known as a 'phera'. The 'pujari' chants the wedding vows, which the couple repeats after him.
  - **Sindooraan:** The groom applies the 'sindoor' or vermilion powder on the parting in the hair of his bride to establish her marital status.
  - **Vidaayi (Bridal send off) :** The bride's parents give her 'hara dhara' and an idol of Lord Krishna.
  - **Griha Pravesh:** The bride enters her marital home

With 1,090 rooms and suites, 11 acclaimed restaurants and bars, six (6) venues to accommodate about 400 guests at a time, a multitude of entertainment facilities in a private setting overlooking the Gulf of Thailand, the Royal Cliff serves as an ideal location for a significant occasion as colourful and as mesmerizing as an Indian Wedding Ceremony.







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