

THE STORY OF A TRADITIONAL HUNGARIAN WEDDING



THE JOURNEY OF A GIRL... ON HER WAY TO
BECOMING THE BRIDE...

THE JOURNEY TO THE NEW LIFE

- Back in the old days the weddings could last for over one or two days, sometimes even longer.
- It usually depended on how wealthy the actual families were.
- The main guests of any event were obviously the celebrated Groom and the Bride.



The Groom



- On his way to becoming a husband, the Groom represented his coming journey by wearing a rosemary posy on his hat and a shirt that the bride sewed for him through the engagement.

BECOMING A BRIDE

The Bride

- Soon becoming a wife, her transition was represented by a rosemary wreath or the so called bridal corolla.
- She also wore some boots, known as the engagement boots as a gift from the fiancé.



- The parents of the Bride were called 'sad father' and 'sad mother', while the parents of the Groom were called the 'father and mother of joy'.

THE PREPARATION

The Groomsman

- The Groomsman's responsibility was to ask out the Bride from her family on the big day, further more he also served as a witness for the Groom.



The "Groom's-crowd"

- The so called 'Grooms-crowd' included every attend from both families at the wedding.

PREPARING FOR THE BIG DAY

The Groomsman

- The Groomsman is being dressed up with a traditional scarf.



PREPARING FOR THE BIG DAY

Dressing up the bride

- For a long time the tradition was in the villages that the Bride wore her most beautiful dress for the wedding as it was hard to pay for a real wedding dress.



THE VILLAGE CEREMONY

Asking out the bride from the family home

- As the "Groom's crowd" is heading towards the Bridal house, they are confronted by fire that the jacks of the village created in order to charge a fee for crossing the barrier. After that the crowd was heading to the church.



THE VILLAGE CEREMONY

The young couple

- As the crowd is heading to the church the young couple is getting ready at the groom's house. They sit behind the horse onto a sledge and join the crowd on their way to the church. The crowd is singing all along the way. The horses are nicely dressed up with scarves just like the Groomsman.



AT THE CHURCH

- The parents are praying for the blessing of God on their son and daughter.



THE WEDDING NIGHT

The Dinner

- The Groomsman welcomes the newly married couple and introduces all dishes of the dinner with a joyful poem.



CELEBRATION ALL NIGHT LONG

Bridal dance

- The Groomsman continues the celebration through the first dance with the newly married wife. The rest of the crowd follows him all night long.





THE END