

Villa Beige in Koh Samui Thai Wedding Ceremony

Thai Buddhist Wedding on Koh Samui

For those who decide to have their wedding in Thailand, the opportunity to be blessed by an assemblage of Buddhist monks must be one of the main allures. Buddhism is as much a philosophy as it is a religion. The open minded and tolerant nature of the faith allows the clergy to perform wedding rituals for even those who have never practiced the religion, and know little about it.

Couples for whom we organize a Buddhist Wedding are invited for a rehearsal one or two days before the event. During this meeting you will be taught the dos and don'ts of a Buddhist ceremony; i.e how to sit, how to Wai and how to approach the monks.

Incense, candles and an image of the Buddha create an atmosphere of calm and tranquility, with all those attending seated on the floor facing the monks. Chanting begins in the ancient Pali language, led by the senior most clergy, and bestows a blessing on the couple, who kneel close together in front of the monks with their hands in the traditional wai position - a sign of respect and supplication. The monks will always be facing towards the West.



The senior monk will drape sacred string around the heads of the couple to symbolize their commitment to one another, and he sprinkles them with holy water from a leafy branch. Gifts and small

donations are presented by the couple to the monks, after which there is more chanting. In this way, the ceremony may go on for as long as 30 minutes, and conveys an almost hypnotic feeling.

Water Blessing Ceremony

After the monks depart, the bride and groom kneel side by side on a pedestal to give their guests the opportunity to bestow their individual blessings, which they do one by one, by gently pouring water over the hands of the couple. The water passes through the hands of the bride and groom and into a rose filled vessel beneath.

A Buddhist wedding ceremony is an occasion as serene and evocative as one could wish for, and provides the feeling that one's union is welcomed and entirely in place in this exotic land.