

There will be one glaring absence on the big day: the mother of the groom, whom William has called “the best mum in the world”. So it was fitting when Wills proposed to Kate with his mom’s 18 carat sapphire and diamond engagement ring.

Do men propose with engagement rings in your country? Do they include diamonds? Do the men pick out the ring or does the future bride get to help?

The couple is asking that guests donate to charity in lieu of sending presents because gifts bestowed on royals can be a bit impractical. When The Queen Mother and George VI were married in 1923, they were given 1,000 gold-eyed needles.

Have you ever requested donations to charity instead of receiving a gift? What was your favorite wedding gift? What was your least favorite wedding gift? Do you have a hard time picking out wedding gifts? How much do people in your country usually spend on wedding gifts? Do you register at stores for wedding gifts?

The carriages will make two dry runs before the big day, the first for pacing and the second for weight. Two people exactly Kate and Will’s size will ride in the carriage. The springs of the carriage will be adjusted so that the carriages doesn’t sway too much and make the passengers sick.

Were you married in a church, temple, home, hotel? Where did you dress for the wedding? Did you have attendants?

All trash bins along the route will be sealed ahead of time to prevent anyone from hiding a bomb inside them. On the wedding day itself, all rooftops will be covered by police to foil potential snipers. Kate will be followed from the moment she gets up in the morning. The royal family will pay for the wedding, but the taxpayers will pay the \$8 million dollar cost of the security.

Do you think they are having too much security for this event? Did you watch the wedding on TV?

The wedding will generate some \$1 billion in revenue. And a chunk of that will come from the mugs emblazoned with the couple’s likeness. There will also be unauthorized items such as tea towels and tennis shoes.

What do you think of wedding souvenirs? Are they tacky or must haves?

In 1981, Lady Diana Spencer was the first royal bride in history to omit the word obey from her wedding vows. Katherine Middleton will omit the word “obey” as well.

Do you have traditional vows in your country? Does a wife promise to obey her husband? What promises did you make at your wedding?

The train of Kate’s dress was 8 ft., 8 inches long.

Describe your wedding dress. Did it have a train? Was it white? Was it long? Did it have lace?

Prince William and Kate will spend their wedding night in Buckingham Palace. They they will leave for a secret destination for their honeymoon.

Did you go on a honeymoon after your wedding? Where did you go?

Most of the women attending the wedding will wear hats.

Do you own a fancy hat? What do guests usually wear to weddings in your country? Do men wear tuxedos or suits?

Discussion:

Does marriage change a person?

What is the best age for a woman to marry?

Talk about wedding traditions in your country.

Do you prefer traditional weddings or contemporary ceremonies?

Do you have bridal showers? Do you have bachelor parties?

Do you have to get a license to get married?

Does the state require that a marriage be legal?

In most states in the U.S., same sex marriages are illegal. What do you think of that?

Do you think people's attitudes about marriage have changed recently?