Egypt

- In Egypt, wedding ceremonies are called Zaffa, which means a 'wedding march'.
- Zaffa is how the bride enters; it is the first and biggest celebration of her life. Elaborate belly dancing and men carrying flaming swords are two of the ways to announce the start of the ceremony.
- The brides in Egypt have traditional attire that has specific meanings. Their hair is to be covered and revealed only to the husband. The attire has to be long and draped. In a more religious Islamic Egyptian wedding, only the eyes are covered.
- In Egypt, the bride has to also get her henna done which is all over her hands and feet to make her appear more beautiful. The jewelry is mainly gold and covered in unique stones.
- There are many traditions that go into a wedding in Egypt. It involves the whole family:
  - The jewelry is called Shabka and is given by the groom-to-be at the engagement party to his fiancée. It is usually gold, the more the better. Head jewelry, bracelets, earrings, nose rings, and various hand jewelry are worn.
  - Before the wedding, the women get together at the bride’s house for a “Henna Party,” which involves dancing and singing. The bride’s feet and hands are bleached with mosaic designs in henna.
  - Arriving at the hall, the bridal couple sits in on Kosha. (The Kosha is decorative chairs on a raised platform.)
  - Traditionally the bride's family makes all the food for the wedding. Food reflects the wealth of the family. The buffet includes chicken, rice, red meat, salads, and sweets.
- The departure of the bride and groom is a very important. As a new couple departing, the Quran is held over the couple's head for blessings and a good future. It only the eyes are revealed.
- Upon the arrival of the groom, the bridal party will ask for a specific amount of money before giving up their bride. This used to be a way for the groom to prove how much he will 'pay' for his bride; however, now it is traditionally a game of getting a large amount of money before he is allowed inside. This is just for fun and is done to bother and joke around with the groom.
- There are many traditions that go into completing a wedding in Pakistan.
- The guests go up to the couple to congratulate, bless and present them with gifts.

Pakistan

- In Pakistan, the wedding ceremony is called the shaadi.
- The shaadi includes the baraat, nikah, and the reception itself.
- The baraat comes in and is seated separately.
- Upon the arrival of the baraat, the bride's sisters, cousins and friends stop the groom for a specific amount of money before he is allowed inside. This is just for fun and is done to bother and joke around with the groom.
- The nikah is marriage contract, which is signed after the Quranic verses are read. The imam goes to the bride and gets the nikah signed and then goes to the groom and gets the nikah signed.
- After the nikah is read the bride is brought out by her mother or father and is seated with her groom on a raised platform on two decorative chairs, while the guest are sitting facing towards them. The guests go up to the couple to congratulate, bless and present them with gifts.
- The clothing that the bride wears is very heavily decorated and the jewelry is heavy gold that is covered in many different colorful stones preferably to match her dress.
- In Pakistan, the bride has to get her henna done. It is done all over her hands, arms, and feet to make her look more beautiful.
- There are many traditions that go into completing a wedding in Pakistan.
- Before the wedding there is the mehndi "Henna Party", which involves singing and dancing and other women applying henna on the bride along with feeding her sweets and blessing her for a happy and long marriage.
- The is also an Ubtan, which is a beautification ritual, in which the groom's family brings the bride-to-be ubtan, a paste made of turmeric, sandalwood powder, herbs, and aromatic oils. This paste is applied on the bride's skin to make her skin glow and look beautiful. This method is repeated until the wedding day or "Shaadi."
- The entire Shaadi is to be prepared by the bride's family, including the food. The buffet includes chicken, rice, red meat, salads, naan, roti, and sweets.
- After the buffet it's time for the departure of the bride, which is called the Rukhsati. It is a very emotional departing scene in which the mother, father, or brother of the bride holds the Quran over her head while walking her to her husband's car for blessings and for a happy and long marriage. This is when the bride says goodbye to her family and joins her husband and his family.

Both Pakistani and Egyptian cultures have differences as well as similarities when it comes to bridal traditions and ceremonies. For example, the Egyptians call their wedding a zaffa, or the wedding march, while the Pakistanis call the wedding ceremony shaadi.