

## MAGICAL ARCTIC WEDDINGS AT KAKSLAUTTANEN

Tying the knot on the edge of the world is something that one remembers forever. Numerous couples choose to come to Kakslauttanen for their very special day either to celebrate their wedding or renew their vows. We tailor our services according to our guests' wishes, creating an authentic Lappish venue for the celebration – whether for a small circle of close friends or the entire extended family.

### **Snow & Aurora Borealis Wedding**

A winter wedding surrounded by snow makes for a magical event. Our romantic Snow Chapel and Tieva wooden chapel, set in the middle of the forest, are both ideal settings for your special day. You are sitting in a sledge pulled by a reindeer or a Finn horse. It takes you through a magical snow-covered forest. The snow is so white that you wonder whether it is real. Finally, you reach your destination. A chapel made of ice and snow. You step in the chapel and look around. The chapel is decorated by ice sculptures, and it is the most beautiful place you have ever seen.

### **Midnight Sun Wedding**

In the summer, the Midnight Sun casts an unforgettable glow over the ceremony. You are in a traditional fishing boat on Lake Inari. The clarity of the water and the beauty of the barren banks mesmerize you. Finally, you reach your destination – the impressive Ukonkivi island. It is a sacred place for the local Sámi people. You climb to the highest point of the island, where ceremony will take place. The Midnight Sun is shining over your love.

### **Autumn leaves season “Ruska” Wedding**

In the autumn, during the “Ruska” period of autumnal colours, it's as if all of Lapland's nature is joining in with the exhilarating wedding atmosphere, with leaves and ground flora ablaze in shades of red, orange, and yellow. You are walking up to a fell. When you look down, you see that you are surrounded by wilderness. Everywhere in the scenery you can see the colours of the autumn. It might happen that even the Northern Lights join you in your celebration of love.

## HOW IT ALL GOES

- Your magical wedding starts usually already at Ivalo airport, where our driver is picking you up and taking you directly to the hotel. We highly recommend that you come at least one day before the ‘big day’ to relax and get acclimatised to Lapland and the weather. On your arrival day, our wedding planner goes through the wedding program with you. This is your opportunity to add something extra to the program.
- The wedding day begins with a plentiful breakfast. After the breakfast it is time for your hairdresser and make up.
- After this you will receive bridal bouquet and a boutonhole (flower for the groom) of your choice made by local experts.
- We have noticed that you get the best memories of your wedding, if our photographer accompanies you during the day.
- You are free to choose the venue of the wedding. In summer you can have the ceremony in a romantic small Tieva wooden chapel 2 km from the East Village or on the top of a fell under the Midnight Sun. In winter you can have the ceremony in our Snow Chapel, in a Glass Tepee under the arctic sky or in the Tieva wooden chapel. Complete the wedding celebration with a genuine performance of traditional Lappish singing “joiku” and have glass of sparkling or a special hot cocktail with the guests.
- After the ceremony it is time to move to the wedding reception the way you prefer – e.g., horse sledge/carriage or a reindeer sledge. You can have the reception with all your friends and relatives or celebrate the special moment just by yourselves in one of our restaurants. We have various unique venues for receptions of different sizes – from intimate smaller spaces to Santa's Celebration House with a capacity up to 300 guests. Not to even mention our latest pride and joy, they unique Glass Igloo Tower which takes you and your guests 30 meters closer to the arctic sky and the Northern Lights. Please ask us for options.
- In the evening you can enjoy a very special wedding dinner in our Log restaurant.

- For your wedding night you have several options depending on the season: for example, Wedding Chamber, Glass Igloo, Kelo-Glass Igloo, or a Queen Suite. The choice is yours, but we suggest that you keep your cabin as well for your convenience.
- The next days you can join our optional excursions and enjoy the beautiful and peaceful nature of Lapland.
- Please contact us at [hotel@kakslauttanen.fi](mailto:hotel@kakslauttanen.fi) for any questions and to begin planning your special day.

## THE PRACTICALITIES

- To make the wedding as easy as possible, we arrange everything needed for the wedding day, this includes all the formalities in Finland. Unfortunately, we are unable to take care of the formalities in your own country.
- We also arrange civil marriages, blessings, and renewals of vows.
- There is no need to meet a judge before the ceremony.
- The wedding ceremony is in English or in Finnish. Interpretation in your own language can be arranged on request.
- Temperature in the Snow Chapel is between –2 and –5 Celsius, so remember to dress up properly.
- Being hopeless romantics ourselves, we have designed and built several our accommodation facilities with love-struck couples in mind: our luxurious and romantic wedding chamber, Kelo-Glass Igloos and Queen Suites are just a few of our favourites. There's plenty of room for guests too, either with us or at the hotels in nearby Saariselkä.

## ATTACHEMENTS

- Documentation information
- Form 'Marriage in Finland'
- Form 'Request for examination of the impediment's to marriage'
- Price list

Please see the following pages for the attachments.

## INFORMATION FOR FOREIGNERS GETTING MARRIED IN LAPLAND

Official district of **Lapin maistraatti** is the province of Lapland.

**Lapin maistraatti, Kittilä** examines your impediments to marriage, if you are getting married in Enontekiö, Inari, Kittilä, Muonio, Sodankylä, Utsjoki or Kolari municipality.

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Foreign nationals can also be married in Finland. Prior to the marriage ceremony, the foreigner must provide the local register office with a certificate from the authorities of his or her own country stating that there is nothing preventing the planned matrimony. As a rule, either this certificate must also be accompanied by the Apostille Certificate, or the certificates must be certified. Here is a list of the documents we need from couples who are going to get married in our official district.

Documents we need **at least one month** before wedding are:

**1. Request for examination of the impediment to marriage (see attachments)**  
**(Important: there should be signature attested by two witnesses)**

Request for examination of no impediments to marriage should be completed jointly by both bride and groom (**NOTE! signatures attested by two witnesses**). Three boxes below "Certificate of the examination of the impediments to marriage", right box to tick is: "is requested to be deposited with the person examining the impediments to marriage for joining the parties in marriage".

**This document starts the whole process here in Finland.**

**2. Information about foreigner in Finland -form (see attachments)**

The engaged parties can give their own information with the Information about foreign in Finland -form. We can see there for example Surname after marriage. We need that information for the Marriage Certificate.

**3. Passport copies certified by Notary public or solicitor + Apostilles**

**4. Original certificates of no impediment to marriage abroad from home country + Apostilles**

Once all the forms are completed, these should be sent to our office together with a letter stating location, date, and time where marriage is to take place. Please mention also if additional copy of the marriage certificate is required! No more than two certificates can be issued.

**Apostille**

Apostille is the paper, which legalises your documents in our country. It confirms that the signature, seal, or stamp on the document is genuine. The Apostille Certificate (stamp or paper certificate) is necessary if the document has been issued by the authorities of a country that has ratified the Hague Convention of 1961. Information on the Hague Convention as well as an English language list of its member states can be found at [www.hcch.net](http://www.hcch.net) ([Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents](#)), which also provides information about the authorities issuing Apostille Certificates in the various countries.

**"Grand Legalisation"**

If the country issuing a document is not a signatory of the Hague Convention, a document is legalized by the foreign ministry of the issuing country certifying it has been issued by the proper authority, after which a competent Finnish Embassy or Consulate of that country legalizes the document by attaching a certificate of the competence of that foreign ministry official to issue such certificates. Additionally, the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs may be requested to certify the competence of the Embassy or Consulate official to issue such certificates.

## WEDDING RATES 2023 – 2024

Valid 1 June 2023 – 30 April 2024

### BASIC WEDDING PACKAGE: € 2647

The mandatory Wedding Services Package includes the Civil Ceremony, witness fees, 2 marriage certificates, wedding coordinator's service, organisational and coordination fees, basic decoration of the wedding venue with the flowers and candles, table reservation for the wedding evening dinner with table decoration.

Accommodation and activities are in the separate price list.

### RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS PACKAGE: € 1169

Ceremony, certificate, assistance locally, organisational and coordination fees, basic decoration of the venue with the flowers and candles, special table at evening dinner.

RENTAL OF THE VENUE*	Prices	Remarks
Rental of the Glass Tepee (East Village)	€ 733	
Rental of the Wooden Chapel (2 km from East Village)	€ 697	
Rental at Santa's Home (West Village)	€ 697	

\* Wooden Chapel, Glass Tepee and Santa's Home is available all year round.

\* No alcoholic drink could be served in the Wooden Chapel

WEDDING SERVICES	Prices	Remarks
Hot Lappish Cocktail	€ 31 /Person	Served at the Wedding Venue
Bottle of Sparkling Wine	€ 84 /Bottle	Served at the Wedding Venue
Bottle of Champagne	€ 188 /Bottle	Served at the Wedding Venue
Wedding Dinner	€ 147 /Person	Includes table decoration
Large Wedding Cake	€ 201 /Cake	For 10 persons
Small Wedding Cake	€ 133 /Cake	For 6 persons
Bridal Bouquet & Buttonhole	€ 398	Round-shaped Bouquet
Bridal Bouquet & Buttonhole	€ 435	Tear-shaped Bouquet
Hairdresser for the Bride	€ 636	
Photographer & a CD of the wedding	€ 923	Without editing
Lappish Joiku Singer	€ 704	Traditional singing performance

TRANSFERS TO THE VENUE	Prices	Remarks
Reindeer Sleigh to Glass Tepee	€ 689	2 persons per sleigh, 2-way transfer
Reindeer Sleigh to the Wooden Chapel	€ 500	2 persons per sleigh, 2-way transfer
Hotel Car to Wooden Chapel	€ 30 /Person	2-way transfer
Hotel Car to East or West Village	€ 25 /Person	2-way transfer

- We reserve the rights to change the prices due to sudden and unexpected rising of costs out of our control.
- Weddings can be arranged any weekday, except during 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2023 and 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2024.
- If the weather is not suitable for building the Snow Chapel, we reserve the rights to hold the ceremony in Glass Tepee or Wooden Chapel.
- The Snow Chapel can be shaped and designed differently compared to the previous winters.
- Terms & Conditions and cancellation policy apply, please check with us for details.