

 ***Inghams***

Weddings



Congratulations!

First of all, congratulations on your engagement and thank you for choosing Inghams to be part of your special day. In this document you will find information on our handpicked ceremony venues, all in Finnish Lapland, as well as answers to some of your initial questions. You'll also find some useful details on the steps we will take over the next few months to help you plan your perfect wedding day.

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Meet the Wedding Team

Emma, Megan and Robyn – Hello, we are the Wedding Coordinators for Inghams, working closely with our Lapland product team based here in the UK. We also work with our specialists in resort to ensure we can provide the perfect Lapland wedding package for you. Having visited Levi, Ylläs and Saariselkä we can offer first hand expert advice.

Sun and Snow Weddings - Run by Ruth and assisted by an amazing team of local wedding experts, Sun and Snow Weddings have years of experience operating in Finnish Lapland and more than 1000 weddings to their name You can rest assured they know how to create the perfect wedding day.

Package contents

Lapland is an amazing destination with lots of ceremony venues to choose from. All of the different options can be found in the next few pages. If you have something in mind that is not currently listed, please let us know and we can always look into it for you.

As with all things, getting the basics right is so important. Once your venue is confirmed, we can then start to look at adding exciting extras and excursions. From there, we create a full summary of your wedding day (we normally start this four to five months before the wedding).



What's Included

We offer package options for each of our venues:

Ceremony only package – As the name suggests, this package includes the ceremony itself plus planning and coordination, but no extras. Any extras would be at an additional cost.

Special package – This includes your ceremony plus planning and coordination, as well as a photographer for two hours, a rose bouquet and boutonhole (available in a range of colours).

Both packages include your wedding ceremony in English, a table and chair to sign the certificate and a wedding coordinator, who will be with you during your special day to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

Our wedding planning service includes the following:

- **A full wedding day summary**
- **Comprehensive instructions on how to prepare your paperwork in plenty of time before your wedding**
- **Handling and legal checking of your documents in Finland**
- **Finnish Marriage Licence fees**
- **Town Hall administration and the officiant's ceremony call out fee**

The Town Hall is very strict on paperwork and it is essential that your paperwork is totally correct or it will be rejected. Because of this, we will check each document for you prior to submission to ensure that everything is correct. This will allow you to sit back, relax and think about more exciting things.

Venue 1 - The Northern Lights Snow Chapel

Made partially of snow and ice, our Snow Chapel is a fantastic option for the modern couple. The chapel set in its own grounds, just a few miles from Levi centre. The chapel is able to accommodate small or large ceremonies and, with the decoration changing every year, it is great if you are looking for a unique option.

After your ceremony, celebrate with a glass of chilled champagne in front of the roaring fire, or admire the reindeer corral from the beautiful new panoramic restaurant. Here, you can enjoy your first meal as a married couple (see extras).

You can even complete your wedding day with a romantic overnight stay in one of the warm and cosy Sky View Cabins. The cabins are located in the forest away from light pollution and provide the perfect place to spot the Northern Lights.

Minimum capacity: 2 people
Maximum capacity: 60 people



Venue 2 - The Wilderness Snow Chapel

Using tonnes of fresh snow, this gorgeous and impressive snow chapel is hidden in the Lappish wilderness and built from scratch every year, with a different design each time.

The network of snow and ice corridors, as well as the surrounding National Park, provide endless photo opportunities to help capture your special day. Enjoy your first drink as a married couple in the spectacular ice bar or warm up in the cozy restaurant.

This beautiful venue is the perfect setting for a truly unique day. You can even stay overnight in one of the hotel rooms, cosying up in a thermal arctic sleeping bag.

Minimum capacity: 2 people
Maximum capacity: 50 people



Venue 3 - The Wilderness Kota

If you're dreaming of a faraway warm Kota in a tranquil location, then this is the perfect option for you!

Easily accessible but hidden away from the main resort of Levi, this Kota has two options for the ceremony – by the fireplace downstairs, or upstairs in the 'lighthouse'.

Exchange your vows in the lighthouse and then enjoy celebration drinks downstairs by the fireplace. Or let the roaring fire keep you warm as you say I do, followed by a glass of chilled champagne in the comfort of the lighthouse. Either option allows you to enjoy views of the sky and surrounding wilderness. The perfect location for a warm, private and intimate ceremony.

Minimum capacity: 2 people
Maximum capacity: 30 people

Extras and Excursions



Below is a list available extras to add the finishing touches to your special day. If there is something not listed below that you're dreaming of, just let us know and we can look into it for you:

- **Hair and makeup - with or without a trial**
- **Wedding cake or fully decorated gingerbread house**
- **Enhanced flower arrangement options**
- **Extra flower arrangements**
- **Firework displays**
- **Reindeer, husky or horse sleigh ride - arrival or departure for bride/groom**
- **Snowmobile arrival for bride/groom**
- **Wedding breakfast**
- **Drinks packages**
- **Evening DJ**
- **Glass Igloo / Sky View Cabin overnight stays**
- **Transport to and from ceremony venue for wedding guests**

Please note that not all excursions are available for all venues and prices are on request

Excursions

Outside of your wedding day Inghams offers a wide variety of snow adventures for you to make the most of your stay in Lapland. If you have your accommodation booked with us, we would be happy to organise your holiday itinerary for you and your guests.

For accommodation and excursion quotes please drop an email to weddings@hotelplan.co.uk



Frequently Asked Questions

→ What deposit do I have to pay?

A deposit of €600-€800 is usually required to confirm your ceremony, depending on which package you choose and how close the wedding date is.

→ When will the final balance be due?

Balances are due 12 weeks before the wedding.

→ What paperwork do I need and when does it have to be completed by?

Please see the timeline below.

→ What is my luggage allowance if I have booked my flight through you?

This depends on your flight provider but usually up to 20kg per person check-in and up to 6kg per person hand luggage. If you require extra luggage it can usually be added through Inghams, if not then at the airport.

→ Can I bring my dress as hand luggage?

This is not normally an issue however if the airline have size restrictions for cabin baggage it must conform to their guidelines.

→ Can I mix and match package elements?

Unfortunately as we offer set packages we cannot mix and match different options, however we may be able to 'tweak' a package to help create your dream day.

→ When will I be able to choose my menus?

Menus are usually available four months before your wedding day but this varies depending on your chosen restaurant.

→ When can I add the extras and excursions I want?

Once your ceremony is booked and confirmed we can start to look into the ceremony day extras available to you. However, we don't normally book these until three to four months before the big day. This will be done directly between you and Ruth, your Sun and Snow Weddings planner.

→ How long do I have to be in the country before I can get married?

There is no residency requirement in Lapland. You can arrive one day, marry the next and leave straight after the ceremony if you want to.

→ How long does the ceremony last?

The ceremony is quite short, usually 10-15 minutes. You can add in your own music, readings and poems to personalise your service if you wish.

→ What flowers can we have?

Roses are the only flower that can withstand the extreme temperatures in Lapland. You can choose from white, pink or peach. We can arrange blue or red roses for a supplement. You can add gypsophila to your flowers if you wish, as well.



Wedding Planning Timeline - After Booking

Below is an overview of the planning procedure we will follow over the next few months:

→ **12-9 months before the wedding**

Start thinking about the different ceremony options available to you and book your chosen package.

→ **3-4 months before the wedding**

It is time to start thinking about your menu, as well as booking your extras and excursions. We will then start to put together a full summary of your day. At this stage, we will also begin processing your paperwork. A member of the team will get in touch and send detailed instructions on what you need to do.

→ **12 weeks before the wedding**

The balance is now due on your wedding.

→ **10-8 weeks before the wedding**

All documents will be finalised and checked ready to be sent across to our in resort team.

→ **8-6 weeks before the wedding**

Final guest numbers are required for both the venue and caterers. Any pre-booked extras must be paid for by 6 weeks.

→ **6-4 weeks before the wedding**

Your pre-wedding summary will be completed and sent to you for checking

→ **In resort**

Attend your pre wedding meeting with your coordinator to go through and confirm all details ahead of your big day – if there is time you may also be able to visit your ceremony venue.

→ **On the day**

Relax, de-stress and fully enjoy your special day!

→ **After the wedding**

You will receive two official and legally recognised marriage certificates with official stamps in English and your wedding photographs (if applicable).



Booking Accommodation

We can arrange a variety of different accommodation types for you and your guests to help complete this special trip for you. Hotels, log cabins and apartments are all available as well as flights from three UK airports – Manchester, Bristol and London Gatwick.

Depending on your wedding date, we can offer seven, four or three-night holiday packages. These are normally available to book from one year before your wedding but we recommend booking your accommodation as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

To make things as stress free as possible for you during such a busy time, we are able to hold your chosen accommodation for one week while we confirm your ceremony. This will also allow you to speak to friends and family who are thinking of coming with you.

For any guests wishing to travel out and join you on your special day, please ask them to email us advising that they are part of your wedding party so we can start to arrange their trip and ensure nothing overlaps with your ceremony.

Testimonials

Danielle and Jamie

"Ruth was amazing - from the moment I first spoke to her till the very end, she completely took the stress out of wedding planning and kept me sane throughout. Could not have done it without her. I cannot thank or recommend her enough. Your wedding is very safe in her hands."

Kate and Andy

"Never in our lives have we felt emotion like we did on our wedding day - you made all our dreams come Ruth and gave me the fairytale wedding I had always dreamed of. The memories created will last a lifetime and we are eternally grateful for all you did in the run up, during and post our wedding. You are a very talented lady and I'm so proud to call you a forever friend. Keep doing what you do - you're amazing!"

A Final Note...

We hope this information pack has provided you with some inspiration and extra information on the options available to you for your Lapland wedding.

If you have any further questions, require any further information or would like some quotes sent to you, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We also request that you send us your personal contact details to pass onto Sun and Snow Weddings. This will ensure that communication during the planning stages and making the final arrangements is as quick and as stress-free as possible.

We look forward to speaking to you again soon.

Best wishes,

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All details and prices are subject to change and cannot be confirmed until time of booking.