

Weddings

at Rauða Húsið & Hafid Bláa



rauða húsið

restaurant Eyraðbakka

Hafid Bláa

restaurant with a view

The Blue Sea

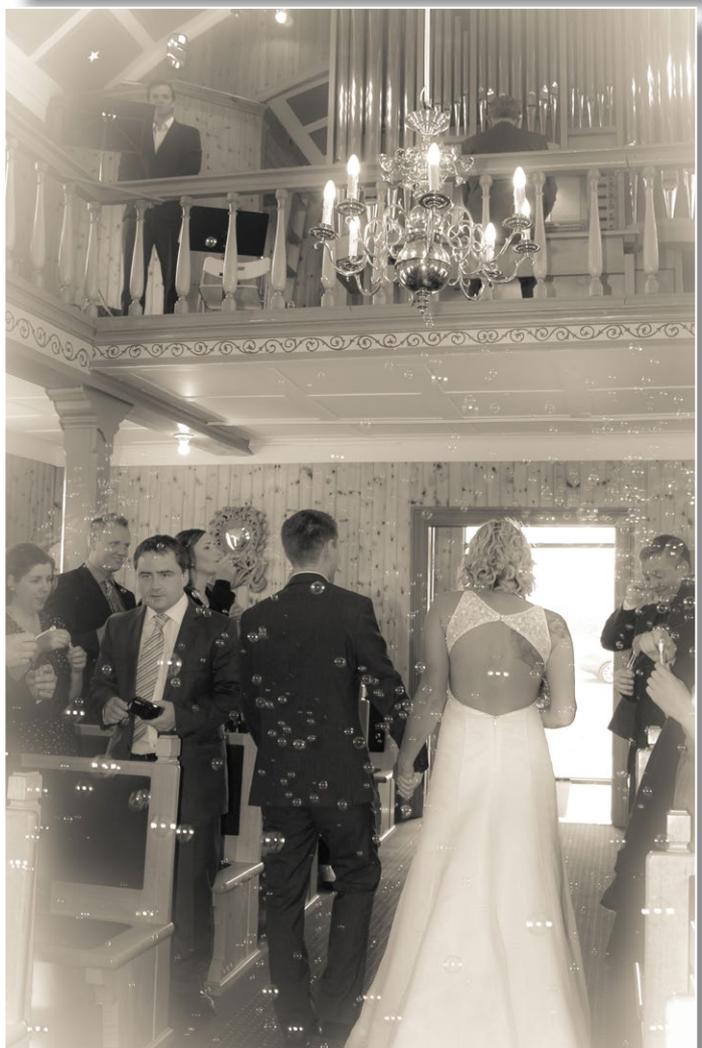
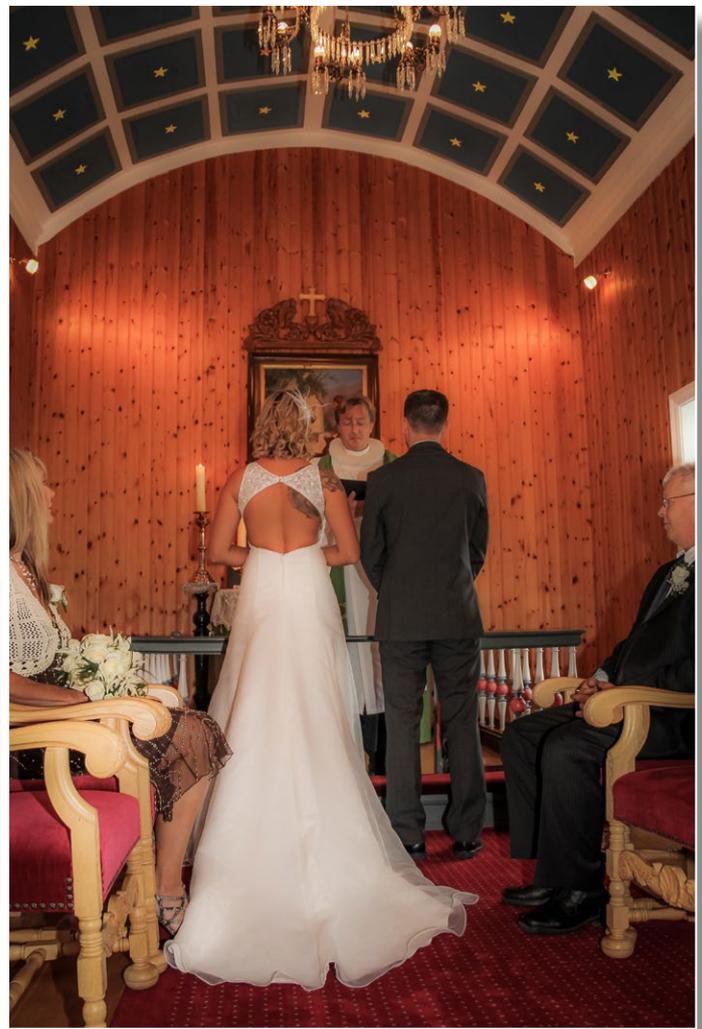
The ceremony

The first necessary step to getting married in Iceland is to collect the necessary paperwork from the District Commissioner in Selfoss (selfoss@sylumenn.is - 480-1000). If you wish to use the local church for the ceremony, you must contact the local priest here at Eyrarbakki, the reverend Kristján Björnsson (klerkur8@gmail.com - 856-1592). He will assist you in one of two ways, either he will conduct the ceremony or he will give you permission to use the church here at Eyrarbakki.

The **Eyrarbakki church** was built in 1890 and has a beautiful wooden interior and a pipe organ. The altarpiece was painted by Queen Louise of Denmark in 1891 and given as a gift to the church because the town of Eyrarbakki was so important in the relations between Iceland and Denmark, which ruled Iceland until 1944. There is seating for up to 230 people.



It is of course also possible to conduct the ceremony outside, weather permitting, for example on the beach, in the lava fields, at Þingvellir National Park, Geysir, Keríð, etc. However, if you are planning an outside ceremony, make sure you have a backup plan/venue in case of bad weather!



Ride in Style



The church is just next-door to Rauða Húsið, but why not ride out in style in a turn-of-the-century horse-drawn carriage? While the guests make their way over for the reception, you can ride around the town or down to the beach for photos. We can arrange that for you.

Rauða Húsið

The Red House restaurant is in a lovingly restored and tastefully decorated historic building from 1919 with hardwood floors, antique fixtures, and old-time black and white photographs on the walls. It is located in the peaceful seaside village of Eyrarbakki. Once the center of trade with Denmark, Eyrarbakki has fewer inhabitants now than it did in 1880. Though only 45 minutes of scenic driving away from Reykjavík, you will feel a world apart.

The banquet halls on the top floor and offer panoramic views over the sea, the mountains, and the village of Eyrarbakki. An elegant wooden staircase leads from the main entrance. All wedding packages include the hall rental and service at no additional charge.



The South Hall (Sudursalurinn)

The South Hall can seat up to 50 at long tables and can accommodate a buffet table. It's also ideally suited as standing reception space for large groups before entering the dining hall. The hall has a full bar and is divided into two sections by a partial wall, as seen in the photograph here. The smaller part is called the Queen's Hall, or Drottningasalurinn.

The North Hall (Nordursalurinn)

The North Hall can seat up to 90 at round tables plus a traditional 'high' table for the couple and family, or up to 112 at long tables. With a slightly smaller group, it can also accommodate a DJ or live band and space may be cleared for a dance floor.



Hafið Bláa

The Blue Sea restaurant offers incredible panoramic views of the sea, mountains and estuary in a building that is constructed like an overturned boat. The decor is modern but warm, with lots of wood and large windows. The space is a single hall that seats up to 100 guests or up to 200 for a standing reception. There is direct access from the restaurant down to the beach via the patio. Hafið Bláa is located 5 minutes' drive from Eyrarbakki, at the Óseyrar bridge.





Reception, Food & Wine

Like everything else, the guest reception can be customized. You may choose to have a **toast** with champagne, sparkling wine or any other drink of your own choice. You may want to have a variety of **canapés** or finger foods. We can offer you a sumptuous **buffet** or a luxurious **sit-down three- to five-course meal** with your wedding cake and coffee as the final course. Just let us know what you have in mind and we are happy to make your dreams come true.

Our aim is to fulfill the couple's wishes the best we can so we encourage guests to give us ideas regarding what they are looking for with food and wine. We are especially well known for our **melt-in-your-mouth langoustine, fresh-off-the-boat seafood and juicy lamb fillets**, but our versatile chefs can also custom tailor the menu to suit your preferences. In order to give you an understanding of our kitchen and the types of food we specialize in, feel free to browse through our *à la carte* menus online at raudahusid.is and hafidblaa.is. Of course, we can also accommodate requests not on the menu as well, including vegetarian and vegan offerings for all courses and catering to special dietary needs of all sorts.

Wine

Champagne prices start at 14.000 ISK per bottle

Sparkling wine prices start at 3.800 ISK per bottle

House wine from 4.000 per bottle

Please consult the wine list for further price information. We can also order in special wines of your choosing with at least 2 weeks' notice.



sample menus:

buffet

leg of lamb and all
the trimmings
3.900 kr per person

leg of lamb or fish duet

beef carpaccio starter
catch of the day fish duet
or Icelandic leg of lamb
5.700 kr per person

lamb fillet or fish trio

lobster soup starter
fillet of lamb or
fish trio with langoustine tails
7.000 kr per person

langoustine

beef carpaccio
250g uplifted langoustine tails
7.900 kr per person

canapés

from 200 kr / person / piece





The wedding cake:

Unfortunately we do not have the facilities to make the classical tiered wedding cake and that is the only food that must be outsourced. The wedding cake can be bought from bakeries in Reykjavík or Selfoss. Here are the contact details for a few we recommend; most of the bakeries' websites are only in Icelandic, but if you don't speak Icelandic, you can use Google translate to get an idea of their offerings and if you call or e-mail the staff will be able to assist you in English.

1. Guðnabakarí Selfoss - gudnabakari.is - 482-1755
2. Almar Bakarí Hveragerði - 483-1919
3. Sætar Syndir - saetarsyndir.is - 583-0061
4. Mosfellsbakarí - konfekt.is - 566-6145
5. Okkar Bakarí - okkarbakari.is - 565-8070
6. Bakarameistarinn - bakarameistarinn.is - 533-3000



Flowers & decorations:

There are some excellent florists both in Selfoss and Reykjavík. We recommend **Sjafnarblóm** in Selfoss (blom.is - 482-3211). The dining hall, reception area and church are usually decorated with flowers. If guests wish to bring additional decorations we can assist in arranging them. Any special wishes regarding decoration will be charged separately.



In the area

In the town:

Húsið (The House) Árnessýsla
Heritage Museum
Maritime Museum
Black sand beach
Campground
The old local shop, Verzlun
Guðlaugar Pálssonar

Less than 10 minutes away:

Stokkseyri (swimming
pool, hunting museum,
Draugasetrið Ghost Center,
petting zoo, kayaking)
Þorlákshöfn (golf course,
swimming pool)



10-25 minutes away:

Kerið volcanic crater
Raufarhólshellir lava tube cave
Selfoss (movie theater, swimming
pool, golf course, hotel)
Hveragerði (natural hot
spring, swimming pool,
golf course, horse riding)

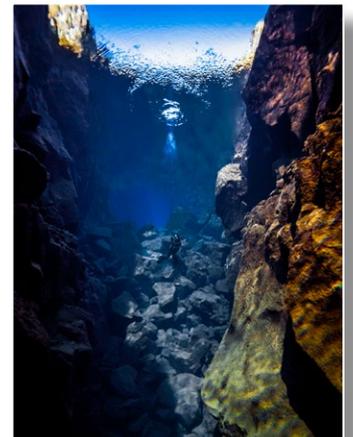


Less than an hour away:

UNESCO World Heritage Site
Þingvellir National Park (hiking,
waterfall, snorkeling, scuba diving)
Geysir Hot Spring Area
Gullfoss waterfall
Seljalandsfoss waterfall
Laugarvatn Fontana Spa
Secret Lagoon
Bláfjöll ski area
Leiðarendi lava tube cave
The Blue Lagoon Geothermal Spa
Inside The Volcano
Reykjavík

Activities

Ride horses on the Eyrarbakki beach with Bakkahestar (bakkahestar.is - 823-2205). **Kayaking** tours for large and small groups in nearby Stokkseyri (kajak.is - 692-2058). Explore the **caves** nearby with Expedition South Coast (esc.is - 788-8200). For **scuba diving and snorkeling** tours at Þingvellir National Park, contact Dive.is (dive.is - 578-6200). For **glacier hikes, river rafting, and canoeing**, contact Arctic Adventures (adventures.is - 562-7000). The tour company Iceland Activities (icelandactivities.is - 777-6263), located in Hveragerði, can help arrange hiking, biking, and **surfing** tours. There are three **golf courses** nearby, at Þorlákshöfn, Selfoss, and Hveragerði.



Accommodation

There are several guesthouses and vacation rentals in Eyrarbakki and nearby. We recommend:

- **Bakki Hostel & Apartments** (bakkihostel.is - 788-8200), walking distance from Rauða Húsið with 13 fully-furnished studio and one- and two-bedroom apartments
For large groups, Hotel Selfoss is a 15 minute drive away and easily reached by taxi

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