

# Whitefish Lodge Frequently asked Wedding Questions and Answers

## **How many people can Whitefish Lodge accommodate for a wedding reception?**

The banquet room at Whitefish Lodge can accommodate up to 300 people for a seated dinner.

## **Does Whitefish Lodge offer onsite ceremonies?**

Whitefish Lodge has an outdoor area behind the lodge for onsite ceremonies as well as the main fireplace area for indoor ceremonies. Smaller weddings can use one of the private rooms downstairs for a ceremony location. Our indoor fireplace area for an onsite ceremony can accommodate 150 chairs with the cat walk for more seating and standing room. The outdoor area can accommodate up to 300 chairs for a ceremony. Lakeside ceremonies are available at Manhattan Beach Lodge, 3.5 miles away from Whitefish Lodge but cannot be guaranteed for dates September – May until 6 months before, due to events booked at that venue. July and August Saturdays are available for bookings with the lakeside ceremony at Manhattan Beach Lodge and the reception to follow at Whitefish Lodge.

## **Do you have a food and Beverage Revenue Minimum?**

June – September Whitefish Lodge has a \$5,500.00 minimum and it includes ceremony cost, reception package, food and beverage. Lodging is not included in the minimum. No minimum is required for weddings October – May.

## **Do you have discounts for off-peak dates?**

Yes, discounted wedding packages are available October – May. Please contact Crystal for the specific discount for each month.

## **What is your deposit/payment Policy?**

The deposit to secure your date is \$800 November – May and \$1,000 June - October. You are welcome to make payments through the planning process. When you determine your food and beverage needs for your catering contract, a deposit of 25% is required. Your final invoice is given to you the week of your event after your guarantee numbers are given. Final payment is due no later than the day after your event.

## **Do you supply decorations and/or music for an onsite ceremony?**

Whitefish staff sets up and tears down the chairs and any required tables for the ceremony. Whitefish staff does not decorate the outdoor or indoor locations, but you are welcome to decorate yourself or hire a company to decorate for you. You can provide a runner for the aisle if you'd like. We recommend a fabric runner, as paper or plastic ones tend to get blown around outdoors. Power outlets are located outside and inside, so you may have your DJ set up any equipment you need for music.

## **Do you offer a block for lodging?**

Yes, when you meet with Crystal to go over your wedding package you will discuss how many rooms you'd like put into your wedding block. Blocks without guarantees are typically released 30 days before your event date so you are not held liable for any rooms not reserved. You will be given a block code, normally the first three letters of you and your fiancés last name. This code and your zip code from your contract will access the reservation log online. Reservations under block codes can be made through the reservation desk by calling 218-692-2246, ext 0 or through the online reservation system. You are offered complimentary group block code cards to put in with your save the dates or invitations. To receive the cards you just have to tell Crystal how many you would like and they will be mailed to you.

## **Do you offer a discount on lodging?**

Yes, every wedding guest receives a discount on their lodging for guests. Your discounted rate is determined by the time of year and how many rooms you anticipate to use for your guests. Whitefish has 54 lodging rooms varying from standard rooms, suites, whirlpool and king kiddie suites.

## **How many events do you hold at a time?**

Whitefish Lodge only hosts one wedding per weekend so you can guarantee you won't see another bride on your wedding day.

**What size tables are set up for the reception?** The guest tables are 60" round, with 8-10 seated per table. The head table size is determined by how many people will be seated at it. We seat 4 people per 8' table and 3 people per 6' table.

**Do you have a room for the bridal party to get ready in?**

For the weekend of your wedding you have access to the bridal suite, located across the hall from the banquet room. This room is yours complimentary all weekend for you to store items in and get ready in. The room has tables, chairs, mirrors, power outlets, a flat screen TV, fireplace and a couple large hooks on the wall for the wedding dress and veil.

**Do you supply decorations for receptions?**

Whitefish staff does all the set up for the receptions with the tables, chairs, table cloths, napkins, skirting, chair covers, sashes, silver, glassware and centerpieces included with specific packages. Whitefish staff does not hang items from the ceiling but we do allow you to hang your own tulle/lighting throughout the ceiling. We have hooks in place throughout the ceiling to guide you.

**How much time is allowed for decorating and set-up?**

You are allowed access to the banquet hall as early as the morning before your special day, and have the day after to remove your items. Whitefish staff removes all garbage and items not taken out by the wedding party after they check out. The bride is given a key to the banquet room the day before the event to have for the weekend.

**Does Whitefish have a security or cleaning fee?**

No, Whitefish does not have any additional fees on top of your package fee and catering prices/taxes/fees. Whitefish does not require a security guard for onsite events or charge an additional fee for cleaning.

**Can I supply my own food/beverage or bring in my own Caterer?**

Whitefish Lodge is a full service facility and does not allow outside beverage/food or outside caterers. We are, however, happy to discuss special meals for those with allergies and food restrictions. You are allowed to supply your own dessert, candy, snack mixes and nuts. You are not required to go through a licensed baker for your dessert.

**Does Whitefish Catering have a cake cutting fee?**

A cake cutting fee is available for \$.50 per person and includes the cake professionally cut, plated and served with a fork for each person. You are not required to have Whitefish Catering cut and serve your cake. If you decide to waive the cake cutting fee you must supply the forks, plates and someone to cut and serve the cake. Cupcakes are not assessed a cake cutting fee.

**Are menu tastings available?**

Yes, we do accommodate requests for wedding tastings. The tasting is complimentary and traditionally limited to the entrée items you plan to serve at your dinner to make sure they meet your expectations. Each tasting is set up and coordinated with Crystal and the chef team.

**Can you recommend a member of the clergy or a justice of the peace for our wedding ceremony?**

Yes, we have outstanding professional people available. Please inquire when you book with Crystal for the preferred vendor list.

**Do you recommend any other vendors in the area?**

Yes, we have a full list of all the best vendors in the area from bakers, photographers, bridal shops, florists and DJ services. You receive the wedding planning booklet when your contract is setup.

**Do you have someone who will coordinate my ceremony and do a rehearsal with my bridal party?**

Yes, Crystal will meet with you to discuss the ceremony and be onsite for your rehearsal and ceremony.

**Will someone personally coordinate and attend our ceremony and reception?**

Crystal will guide you through the planning stages, linen selection, menu selection, ceremony, dinner and reception timeline.

If you have any other questions, please contact the Director of Sales and Marketing, Crystal Glaser  
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