



2026

Admissions and Venues Guide
San Diego Zoo Safari Park

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Private Catered Event Admissions

In order to utilize catering facilities at the San Diego Zoo and San Diego Zoo Safari Park, one admissions fee per attendee is required.

*Memberships do not apply

1-Day Pass

Includes all-day admission, Africa Tram, and all public wildlife presentations as scheduled during operating hours.

	Adult	Child
Catered Event Attendee	\$39	\$29
Retail	\$78	\$68

Evening Entry

For Catered Groups entering grounds after 4:00pm.
Includes admission and habitats as scheduled during operating hours.

	Adult	Child
Entry	\$19	\$19

Parking

Parking is available for event guests.

*Subject to availability.

Per Vehicle	
Catered Event Attendee	Complimentary
Retail	\$20

Special Experience Options

*Wildlife experiences and viewing are subject to change based on the needs of wildlife.

Wildlife Encounter

Nothing completes a special event like a furry, feathery, or scaly guest of honor. Experience an up-close encounter with some of the rarest and most dynamic species that will inspire and amaze even the most educated animal enthusiast. Enjoy meeting our professional wildlife care staff and learn about wildlife, ecosystems, and the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance conservation efforts. Our wildlife animal ambassadors include a variety of birds, reptiles, and mammals.

This experience is available at select venues.

Pricing: \$3,000

Duration: 30 minutes

Wildlife Care Specialist Talk

Hear from the people who work with wildlife on a daily basis. Guests will have the ability to ask questions and interact with our wildlife care specialists!

Pricing: \$750

Duration: 30 minutes





Tours and Group Experience Options

**Wildlife experiences and viewing are subject to change based on the needs of wildlife.*

Wildlife Safari

Venture into one of our expansive savanna habitats to get an up-close view of a variety of birds and mammals - including some of our newest babies! You'll travel in the back of a covered, open-air safari truck with an expert guide.

Recommended Time: Any time up to 1 hour prior to sunset

Pricing: \$1,470–\$1,850 per Truck
(based on event date and availability)

Duration: 60 Minutes

Boarding & Unloading Location: Safari Excursions

Age Range: 3 & Up

Number of Guests: Up to 15 guests per truck. A maximum of five trucks (75 guests) may depart at a one time every 30 minutes depending on availability.

African Tram Safari

The thirty-minute Africa Tram Safari Tour provides a glimpse of Africa's dizzying mix of habitats, animals, and cultures. You'll board the colorful tram, sit back, and begin your adventure. Your knowledgeable guide will point out animals and interesting behaviors in the large field habitats, find out more about how we're saving species worldwide, and what you can do as an ally for wildlife.

Pricing: \$750 per Tram

Recommended Time: Daylight Hours
(Unavailable from 11:00am-2:00pm)

Duration: 30 Minutes

Boarding & Unloading Location: African Tram Station

Age Range: All Ages

Number of Guests: Up to 75 People per Tram



Flightline Safari

*Wildlife viewing is subject to change based on availability. Tour route is subject to change based on wildlife care.

Travel on an open-air safari truck with an expert guide and venture through one of our sprawling savannas for up-close views of giraffes, rhinos, and countless other species. Then, experience breathtaking views of the Safari Park and the surrounding San Pasqual Valley as you "fly" over wildlife across the expansive plains below!

Pricing: \$120-\$143 per person (based on event date and availability)

Duration: 90 Minutes

Requirements: 60–275 lbs.; minimum 48 inches tall

Boarding & Unloading Location: Safari Excursions

Age Range: 8 & Up

Number of Guests: Up to 12

Safari Stroll

An Educator-led walking tour of the Safari Park focusing on various plants and animals along with SDZWA's conservation efforts.

Pricing: \$25 per Person

Recommended Time: Any Time,
Up to One Hour Prior to Sunset

Duration: 1 Hour

Boarding Location: Customizable

Age Range: All Ages

Number of Guests: Up to 150 guests at any one time, with a maximum of 25 guests per group



Mombasa Pavilion

Lush, tropical foliage, harmonious waters and rare birds encompass this intimate open-air African style lodge.

Recommended for up to 150 guests

Seating & Dining: 60" round tables accompanied by wicker chairs

Availability: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Hunte Nairobi Pavilion

On the edge of Nairobi Village, this space's dramatic and open-air destination with 35-foot vaulted ceiling, adorned with ambient decorative lighting, is perfect for the larger gathering.

Recommended for up to 300 guests

Seating & Dining: 60" round tables accompanied by wicker armed chairs

Availability: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Sambutan Longhouse at Tiger Trail

Travel through a mystical bamboo passage into a tranquil forest before encountering captivating Sumatran Tigers. This venue features traditional Indonesian architecture with floor to ceiling windows.

Recommended for up to 120 guests

Seating & Dining: 60" round tables accompanied by Chiavari chairs with burgundy cushions

Availability: Dinner



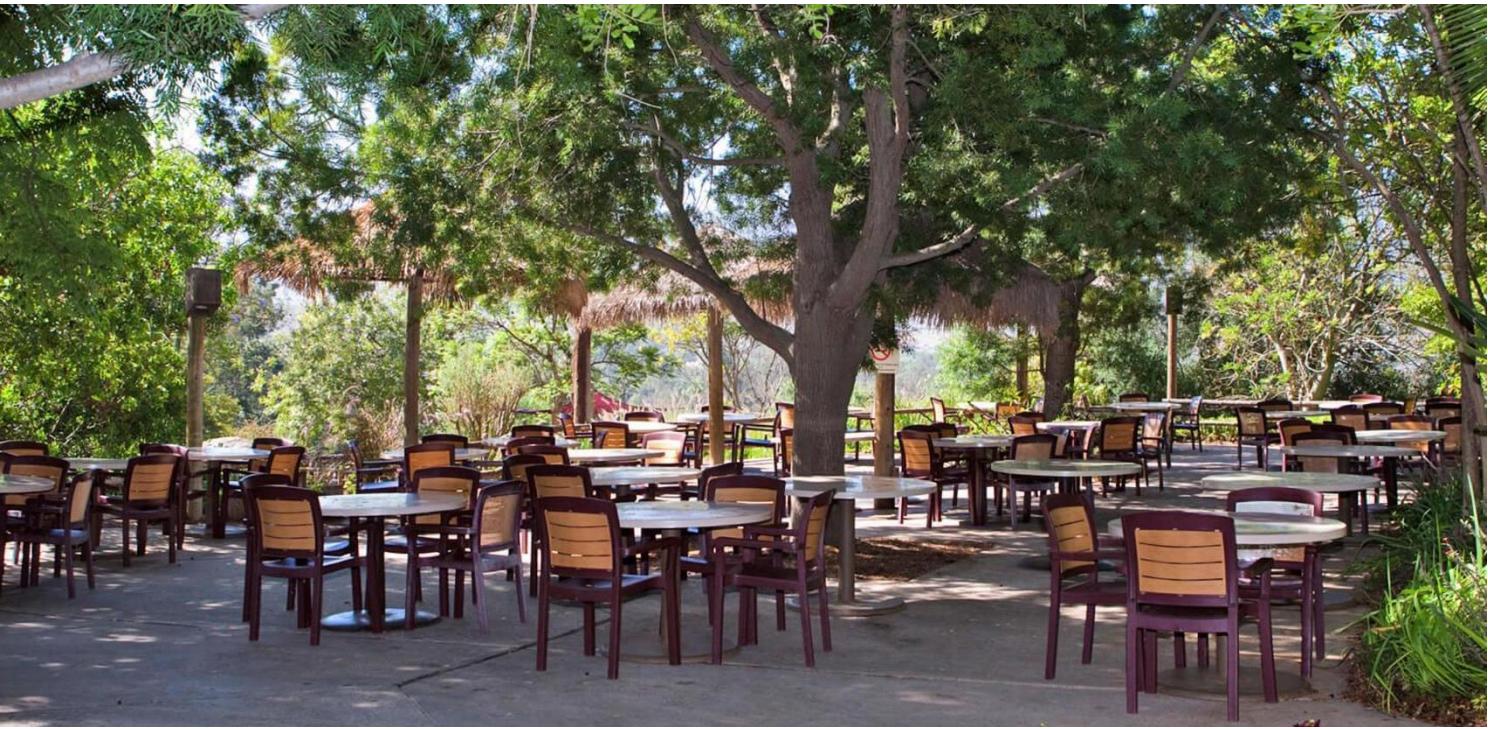
Sambutan Longhouse VIP Room at Tiger Trail

Travel through a mystical bamboo passage into a tranquil forest before encountering captivating Sumatran Tigers. This venue features traditional Indonesian architecture with floor to ceiling windows.

Recommended for up to 32 guests

Seating & Dining: 60" round tables accompanied by Chiavari chairs with burgundy cushions

Availability: Breakfast, Lunch



Mawazo Terrace

Enchanting views of the San Pasqual Valley can be found at this secluded vista. This outdoor venue is conveniently located by the Mawazo Jungle Gym.

Recommended for up to 100 guests

Seating & Dining: 42" round tables accompanied by deck chairs

Availability: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wildlife Encounters are not available at this location.



Kijamii Overlook

Panoramic views of the Safari Park's Asian and African plains where giraffes, rhinos, and gazelles roam throughout the hillside. Unique African Lodge inspired facility complete with a fire pit.

Recommended for up to 180 Guests

Seating & Dining: Choice of farm style tables or rounds (based on guest count) accompanied by Cross-Back chairs with tan cushions

Availability: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After Park Operational Hours, Venue Requires \$8/Person Round Trip Shuttle. For groups under 80 guests, shuttles are a flat rate of \$640.00.



Woolshed at Walkabout Australia

Located in Walkabout Australia, The Woolshed has a “ridgey-didge” design (Aussie-speak for “the real deal”) and is an excellent vantage point for viewing tree kangaroos. The private venue is a building representing a wool shearing shed like those found on Australia’s many sheep ranches, which locals call “stations.”

Recommended for up to 80 Guests

Seating & Dining: Farm style table accompanied by rustic iron chairs

Availability: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

COMING SOON



Artistic Renderings

Mkutano House – Main Level

Journey with your guests into the sweeping African savanna. Mkutano comes from Swahili, meaning “gathering with purpose.” That’s exactly what you’ll do at this authentic safari lodge with artisanal design elements located in the heart of the brand-new Elephant Valley. This vibrant, climate-controlled venue features a spacious patio just steps away from watering holes where your guests may experience the elephant herd play, drink, and wade.

For larger gatherings, elevate your experience by blending this space with the second floor’s Ona Lounge, giving you exclusive access to the entire venue.

For more details, please contact your sales specialist

Seating & Dining: Varies throughout venue

Availability: Dinner

COMING SOON



Artistic Rendering

Ona Lounge at Mkutano House

The tranquil Ona Lounge is nestled inside the second floor of Mkutano House in the heart of Elephant Valley. Its inviting, climate-controlled interior is adorned with décor handcrafted by Kenyan artisans. With sweeping views from an impressive wraparound terrace, your guests may experience the elephant herd move in harmony across the stunning savanna—a fitting tribute to its name, as “ona” means “to see” in Swahili.

For larger gatherings, elevate your experience by blending this space with the main level at Mkutano House, giving you exclusive access to the entire venue.

For more details, please contact your sales specialist

Seating & Dining: Varies throughout venue

Availability: Breakfast, Lunch

COMING SOON



Artistic Renderings

Mkutano Park

Feel the peaceful savanna breeze in this expansive outdoor venue adjacent to Mkutano House in the heart of Elephant Valley. Perfect for large groups to celebrate in style, your guests will be surrounded by fascinating flora and the resounding trumpets of the elephant herd.

Seating & Dining: For more details, please contact your sales specialist

Availability: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Venue Capacity Chart

	Size (Square Feet)	Dimensions (feet)	Reception	Buffet	Plated	Buffet/ Dance	Theater
Hunte Nairobi Pavilion	7,170	45 (diameter)	400	300*	300*	250*	350*
Kijamii Overlook	3,135	-	300*	220	220	180	-
Mombasa Pavilion	2,925	30x90	200	140	160	120	150
Mawazo Terrace	2,080	80x26	100	100*	-	80*	-
Mkutano House – Main Level	3,900	-	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ona Lounge at Mkutano House	5,350	-	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Mkutano Park	37,205	-	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sambutan Longhouse	2,801	31x90	175	120	120	120	-
Sambutan Longhouse VIP Room	551	23x23	40	32	32	-	-
The Woolshed, Walkabout Australia	2,280	38x60	125	80	96	60	100

Capacities listed may vary based on event specific setup.

*Rental of additional chairs and tables may be required to meet maximum setup.

San Diego Zoo Safari Park buyout available

Catering Policies and Procedures

Admission

In order to utilize catering facilities at the premises, an admissions fee per attendee is required. SDZWA membership, military passes, prepaid tickets and/or discount coupons do not apply to Special Events.

Tickets and wristbands will be sent to the client in advance for distribution. Any unused tickets and/or wristbands must be returned to the event coordinator on the day of the event. Missing items may incur additional charges.

If a registration table is required for on-site ticket and wristband distribution, a \$250 fee applies. This includes one table with floor-length linen and two chairs. Client is responsible for manning the registration table.

Food And Beverage Minimums, Bar Minimums & Room Rentals

Each facility has a minimum Food and Beverage expenditure requirement. This minimum is met through the purchase of the food and beverage only. Entertainment, rental, décor, admissions, surcharges, wildlife encounters, labor fees and/or sales tax do not apply towards this minimum. If the food and beverage minimum is not met, an amount equal to the deficit plus applicable sales tax will be charged to the client.

Any deviation and/or reductions in program do not alter the client's responsibility for full payment of this minimum.

Confirmation Of Space

Event space may be confirmed with a signed sales agreement and deposit as early as eighteen (18) months in advance. All dates are subject to approval from our Sales Department.

Deposit

A non-refundable deposit is required at the time of signing the Sales Agreement in order to consider any reservation confirmed. This deposit will be applied toward the total charge for the Event.

The remaining balance as determined by the Event Order will be due twelve (12) business days prior to the Event.

Final Guarantee

A final guarantee is due no later than 10:00 am (PST) twelve (12) business days prior to your event. If the final guarantee is not received within the twelve (12) day specification, the estimated attendance given at contract will be used as the final billable guarantee.

The Client will be invoiced for the final guaranteed attendance (food, beverage, admissions and tours) or the actual number of meals served, and entrances granted, whichever is greater.

Any food or beverage requested and approved by SDZWA, after the guaranteed date, will be subject to additional fees.

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDZWA) will provide seating 5% over the guarantee up to the maximum capacity of the reserved facility. San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance will be prepared to cook food for 5% over the guarantee as the need is determined. If the actual number of guests at an event exceeds 5% of the guarantee, every effort will be made to provide meals, but we reserve the right to substitute food items and not guaranteed.

Event Schedules/Timing

The client agrees to conform to the specifications of the guaranteed Event Order regarding arrival, meal service, entertainment and departure schedule. Client will be invoiced for any expenses incurred as a result of client's failure to comply with the contracted specifications listed in the Event Order. Groups that are on the premises after 11:00pm. will be charged a late fee of \$1,000.00 per hour, or any portion thereof unless otherwise contracted. All groups must depart by 12 midnight.

Client has access to venue one hour prior to event. Extensive set up time requests may be available with an additional fee.

Event attendees are restricted to contracted venue after operating hours.

Catering Policies and Procedures

Safari Park Tours

Tour pricing is exclusive to Private Catered Events at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. Wildlife experiences and viewing are subject to change based on the needs of wildlife.

Tours including transportation to an event location may require the use of stairs. Alternative transportation can be arranged for guests with mobility impairments. Arrangements must be made three weeks in advance.

A fee will apply for cancelling any scheduled tour, please refer to your Sales Specialist for Cancellation Policy.

A Late Fee of \$180 will be incurred for groups arriving more than 30 minutes late to their scheduled tour time.

Select tours may not be available during peak hours, or operating hours, please refer to your Sales Specialist for more information.

Venue Coordinator

The SDZWA Event Coordinator will serve as liaison between SDZWA and the Client for all needs. Any arrangements/requests/ communication must be made directly with said Event Coordinator.

The SDZWA Event Coordinator must approve all decorations, themes and entertainment at least one (1) month prior to the Event. The SDZWA reserves the right to refuse any decoration themes or entertainment that may be considered a health or safety problem or cause damage to the premises.

Creative Partners

If you would like to enhance your event, check out our recommended Creative Partners [Here](#)

Music

Music sound levels cannot exceed a maximum sustained decibel level of 80. SDZWA will monitor. If sustained reading exceeds maximum, client will be immediately notified and will be expected to reduce the volume. Any additional notifications after the first offense will incur a \$500 fine per notice. More than 3 notices, power source to music will be powered down for remainder of the event.

Loud percussions (i.e. marching band), horns, and steel drum bands are not allowed for animal welfare.

Power

All power requirements must be on file with the SDZWA Event Coordinator at least one (1) month prior to event date. Extensive power needs are subject to additional charges.

Smoking

San Diego Zoo Safari Park is a non-smoking and non-vaping facility.

Weather

Inclement weather options are available for an additional cost and are not included in minimum charges.

Lighting

Outdoor venues have basic lighting. Select venues may require lighting arrangements directly through SDZWA. See your representative for more information. Entertainment, buffets, and presentation requirements will affect capacities.

Décor

All decorations, theming and entertainment must be approved by the Event Coordinator at least four (4) weeks prior to the event.

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance reserves the right to refuse any decoration, theming, lighting or entertainment that may be considered a health or safety problem for the wildlife or cause damage to San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance property.

Costume & Mask Guidelines

Costumes are welcome. If masks are part of any costume, guests must follow these guidelines to ensure the safety of all attendees, staff, and animals:

- No masks upon arrival, on Park grounds, or during shuttle rides to/from the venue.
- Masks may be worn only inside the venue.
- Masks must be removed during the Wildlife Encounter.
- Guests must remove masks when departing the venue and during shuttle rides.
- Shoes or appropriate footwear are required at all times.
- Plastic or fake weapons are strictly prohibited.

Catering Policies and Procedures

Restricted Items

For the safety of our guests and wildlife collection, items not allowed on premises include but are not limited to: any animals other than service animals, drones, balloons, balls, Frisbees, hacky sacks, hula hoops, bicycles, scooters, tricycles, riding toys of any kind, fishing line, bug nets, plastic bug keeper containers, cap guns, noisemakers, toys that make loud noises, fireworks, glass bottles, jump ropes, knives, weapons, lawn chairs, plants, roller blades, skates, skateboards, roller shoes, throw away lids and straws, AM/FM radios, scanners, portable TVs, laser pointers, whistles and yo-yos.

Food Service

Requests for special dietary restrictions must be made four (4) weeks in advance, if not sooner. The kitchen will make reasonable efforts to accommodate such requests.

Buffet & Food Stations:

Our buffet and food stations have carefully portioned servings per person to ensure everyone enjoys a wonderful dining experience. Please note that this is not an 'all-you-can-eat' buffet, but rest assured, our portions are designed to satisfy.

Service Times:

90 Minutes (1-699 guests)
120 Minutes (700-1399 guests)
150 Minutes (1400-1999 guests)
180 Minutes (2000+ guests)

An extension of actual service times is subject to additional labor fees. One buffet table with two serving lines will be set up for each 130 guests as space allows.

Recyclable serviceware is included on each station. Food stations are accompanied by smaller plates to offer a greater variety of selections from each station. Preset items and upgrades to serviceware may be available for an additional charge. Please inquire with your Sales Specialist for more information.

Beverage Service

All beverage service is exclusively provided by San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDZWA) and must comply with the regulations of the

California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. SDZWA reserves the right to refuse service to any guest.

For events serving alcoholic beverages, bartender fees and a bar minimum will apply. Please refer to our Catering Menu for details. Labor fees are not applied toward the bar minimum.

Beverage service is limited to a maximum of four (4) hours.

Any bar setup outside of a designated catering venue, as outlined in the Admissions and Venues Guide, will incur a setup fee of \$155 per bar, in addition to standard bartender fees.

Grab-n-Go Station

Features one signature drink, offered in both "wild" (alcoholic) and "tame" (non-alcoholic) versions. Beverages are served upon guest arrival, with service duration determined by group size.

Pricing is based on the guaranteed guest count or actual consumption, whichever is greater. A \$155 setup fee and applicable bartender fees will apply. Please refer to our Catering Menu for details.

Wine Corkage

A corkage fee of \$38 per 750 mL bottle will be charged for wine not provided by SDZWA. All alcohol must be opened and served by an SDZWA employee.

Pricing Subject To Change

All food, beverage, tours and entertainment are subject to pricing changes. Client will be notified prior to any pricing changes.