



2025
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	\$38	\$28
Retail	\$76	\$66

Evening Entry

For Catered Groups entering grounds after 4:00pm.

Includes admission and habitats as scheduled during operating hours.

	Adult	Child
Entry	\$18	\$18

Parking Fee

Parking is required during operating hours.

	Per Vehicle
Catered Event Attendee	\$10
Retail	\$20

Special Experience Options

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: 45 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 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: \$1,425–\$1,750 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 four trucks (60 guests) may depart at a one time every 30 minutes.

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 140 guests

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

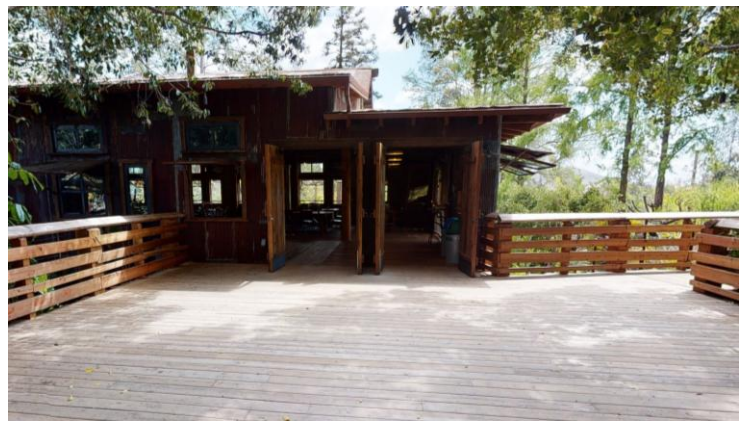
Panoramic views of the Safari Park's Asian and African plains where giraffes, rhinos, and gazelles roam throughout the hillside. Unique African Lodge inspired facility complete with a fire pit.

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

Venue Capacity Chart

	Size (Square Feet)	Dimensions (feet)	Reception	Buffet	Plated	Buffet/ Dance	Theater
Hunte Nairobi Pavilion	7,170	45 (diameter)	400	256	300*	256*	350*
Hunte Nairobi Pavilion, Schroder Plaza, and Thorntree Terrace	18,338	-	1,000	500*	300*	500*	350*
Kijamii Overlook	3,135	-	300*	180	200	180	-
Mombasa Pavilion	2,925	30x90	200	140	160	120	150
Mawazo Terrace	2,080	80x26	100	100*	-	80*	-
Sambutan Longhouse	2,801	31x90	175	120	120	120	-
Tiger Trail, Hunte Nairobi Pavilion, and Schroder Plaza	21,139	-	Up to 1,500	-	-	-	-
Sambutan Longhouse VIP Room	551	23x23	40	32	32	-	-
The Woolshed, Walkabout Australia	2,280	38x60	125	80 (at Rectangular Farm-Style Tables)	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 billed at 200% of the contracted price.

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDZWA) will provide seating 3% over the guarantee up to the maximum capacity of the reserved facility. San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance will be prepared to cook food for 3% over the guarantee as the need is determined. If the actual number of guests at an event exceeds 3% 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 available only in conjunction with a private catered event and have a 25-person minimum.

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.

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.

Catering Policies and Procedures

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

90-minute service time. 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 100 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.

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.

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.