



Chicago Zoological Society

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**W E D D I N G**  
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# WEDDING PACKAGES

Brookfield Zoo's lush grounds & tranquil settings  
form a lovely & completely unique backdrop for your special day!

Choose your Ceremony Location, Cocktail Reception & Dinner Location

\*Location Rental Fees are not included in your Package Price

Packages Include:

4 Hour Premium Bar Service  
Cocktail Hour with Butler Passed Hors d'oeuvres  
Champagne Toast  
Dinner  
Coffee Service  
Basic White Linen

## TROPIC \$95

3 Butler Passed Hors d'oeuvres  
Champagne Toast  
Buffet Dinner  
Coffee Service

## RAIN FOREST \$115

3 Butler Passed Hors d'oeuvres  
Champagne Toast  
Plated Dinner  
Coffee Service

## SAHARA \$125

3 Butler Passed Hors d'oeuvres  
Champagne Toast  
Plated Dinner  
Coffee Service

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## **PASSED** HORS D'OEUVRES

### SALMON CROSTINI

Smoked Salmon, Beet Marmalade, and Boursin Crostini

### MINI CRAB CAKES

Classic Mini Crab Cakes with Old Bay Aioli

### DEVILED EGGS

House Deviled Eggs with Piquillo Pepper and Crispy Prosciutto

### CURRIED CHICKEN SALAD TARTLET

Golden Raisin, Green Onion, and Cashew

### HUMBOLDT FOG TARTINE

Bacon Jam | Asian Pear

### MINI CORNED BEEF REUBEN

### BRUSCHETTA

Seasonal Vegetables | Burrata Crostini

### GRILLED VEGETABLE TOSTADA

Black Bean Mole Pure | Lime Slaw

### ARANCINI

Parmesan Risotto Fritter | Spicy Tomato Sauce

## **UPGRADED** HORS D'OEUVRE DISPLAYS

### VEGETABLE CRUDITE \$8

Heirloom Carrots | Cucumber | Radish

Cauliflower | Celery | Cherry Tomatoes

*Served with Ranch & Hummus*

### ARTISANAL CHEESE DISPLAY \$10

Select Domestic Cheeses | Crackers | Nuts

Dried & Fresh Fruits | Honey

*ADD: Charcuterie, Olives, & Pickles \$6*

### HUMMUS BOARD \$8

Traditional & Roasted Red Pepper Hummus | Olives

Marinated Vegetables | Toasted Pita | Crackers

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# TROPIC BUFFET

\$95 Per Person

Includes:  
2 Salads, 2 Entrées, 2 Sides  
Freshly Baked Bread, Water & Iced Tea  
Coffee Service

CHILD'S PRICE \$30 (3-10)

## SALADS

### FARMERS MARKET

Mixed Greens | Shaved Seasonal Vegetables

### ROASTED BEET

Pistachios | Citrus | Goat Cheese | Shaved Fennel | Meyer Lemon Vinaigrette

### CLASSIC CAESAR

Toasted Breadcrumbs | Grated Parmesan | Classic Dressing

### SPINACH BLT

Crispy Bacon | Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes | Cheddar Cheese | Egg | Cider Vinaigrette

## ENTREES

### SEARED AIRLINE CHICKEN BREAST

Charred Lemons & Meyer Lemon-Tarragon Vinaigrette

### PETIT FLAT IRON STEAKS

Roasted Cherry Tomato Vinaigrette

### CRAFT BEER BRINED PORK LOIN

Dijon Cream Sauce

### ROASTED MUSHROOM RAVIOLI

Toasted Walnuts, Crispy Sage & Parmesan Cream

## SIDES

### ROASTED GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

### BROWN BUTTER ASPARAGUS WITH TOASTED ALMONDS

### HERB ROASTED FINGERLING POTATOES

### CHARRED BROCCOLINI

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# RAIN FOREST PLATED

\$115 Per Person

Includes:

Choice of First Course, Entree  
Freshly Baked Bread, Water & Iced Tea  
Coffee Service

KIDS PLATE \$30 (3-10)

Fruit Salad

Herb Roasted Chicken & Seasonal Vegetables  
Choice of Mashed Potatoes or Plain Buttered Noodles

## FIRST COURSE

### ARUGULA SALAD

Roasted & Shaved Beets with Citrus | Feta | Pistachio | Arugula | Yogurt  
Meyer Lemon Vinaigrette

### CAESAR

Toasted Breadcrumbs | Fried Capers | Grated Parmesan | Classic Dressing

### CREAMY POTATO SOUP

Crispy Pork Belly & Aged Cheddar

### TOMATO BISQUE

Balsamic Reduction & Focaccia Croutons

## ENTREES

### BEER BRINED PORK CHOP

Parsnip Puree, Swiss Chard & Mustard Cream Sauce

### PAN SEARED AIRLINE CHICKEN BREAST

Roasted Garlic Potato Puree | Charred Broccolini | Pumpkin Seed Romesco

### VEGETARIAN/VEGAN

Spring Pea Ravioli with Asparagus, Pine Nuts, Lemon Creme Fraiche & Mint-Almond Pesto  
Roasted Cauliflower Steak with Summer Squash, Fried Potatoes, Arugula & Pumpkin Seed Romesco  
Mushroom Risotto with Braised Kale & Butternut Squash

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# SAHARA PLATED

\$125 Per Person

Includes:

Choice of First Course, Entree  
Freshly Baked Bread, Water & Iced Tea  
Coffee Service

KIDS PLATE \$30 (3-10)

Fruit Salad

Herb Roasted Chicken & Seasonal Vegetables  
Choice of Mashed Potatoes or Plain Buttered Noodles

## FIRST COURSE

### LITTLE GEM WEDGE

Bacon Lardons | Cherry Tomato | Roasted Corn | Chive | Pickled Red Onion  
Bleu Cheese Dressing

### HEIRLOOM TOMATO TART

Smoky Eggplant | Basil | Ricotta | Black Olives

### ROASTED PUMPKIN BISQUE

Dark Chocolate & Guajillo Cream

### CREAMY CORN CHOWDER

Chive, Espelette, & White Truffle Popcorn

## ENTREES

### GRILLED FLAT IRON STEAK

Fennel | Bacon & Marble Potato Hash | Creamed Spinach | Red Wine Demi

*Make it a Duet with Pan Seared Diver Scallops or Jumbo Prawns for +\$12*

### BRAISED DUCK LEG "CASSOULET"

Celery Root Puree | Fava Bean | English Pea | Gigante Bean

Roasted Tomatoes | Sherry Gastrique

### PAN SEARED SALMON

Cauliflower Puree | Sweet Potato & Brussels Sprout Hash with Golden Raisins & Capers

Cider Beurre Blanc

### VEGETARIAN/VEGAN

Spring Pea Ravioli with Asparagus, Pine Nuts, Lemon Creme Fraiche & Mint-Almond Pesto

Roasted Cauliflower Steak with Summer Squash, Fried Potatoes, Arugula & Pumpkin Seed Romesco

Mushroom Risotto with Braised Kale & Butternut Squash

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## LATE NIGHT STATIONS

Service for up to 1 hour.

### BYO SLIDERS \$12

Angus Beef Burgers | All the Fixin's

### STREET TACOS \$16

Marinated Skirt Steak | Chicken Tinga

*Served with Cilantro, Onions, Corn Tortillas & Salsa*

### SOFT PRETZELS \$9

Honey Mustard | Hot Mustard | Caramel | Cheddar Cheese Sauce

### NACHO BAR \$9

Warm Queso | Lettuce | Tomato | Jalapeno | Sour Cream

*Served with Tortilla Chips & Salsa*

### BYO CHICAGO STYLE HOT DOG \$10

Relish | Onion | Mustard | Tomato | Pickles

Sport Peppers | Poppy Seed Buns

## SWEET TOOTH STATIONS

Service for up to 1 hour.

### S'MORE STATION \$8

Milk Chocolate | Graham Crackers | Marshmallows

### DESSERT STATION \$11

Dessert Bars | Brownies | Crème Puffs | Cookies

Fruit Tarts | Cannoli's

### SIGNATURE COFFEE STATION

*(No Bartender Required)*

Peerless Coffee | Hot Herbal Teas | Flavored Syrups | Whipped Cream

Shaved Chocolate | Rock Candy Sugar Sticks

Upgrade \$4

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# EVENING BEVERAGES

## WELCOME DRINK

Welcome Drinks are One Drink per Person.

Virgin Alternatives may be Requested.

Specialty Drinks may be Served at the Bar or Butler Passed.

\$500 min for Consumption or Cash Bars

WELCOME COCKTAIL \$8

## PACKAGES

### UPGRADED BAR PACKAGE

Prestige Brands

2 Hour Package \$6

3 Hour Package \$12

4 Hour Package \$18

### HOSTED CONSUMPTION BAR

Premium Brands

Cocktails \$7

Beer and Wine \$6

Imported Beers \$7

Cordials \$9

Champagne \$7

Bottled Water \$4

Soft Drinks \$4

Prestige Brands

Cocktails \$8

Beer and Wine \$6

Imported Beers \$7

Cordials \$9

Champagne \$7

Bottled Water \$4

Soft Drinks \$4

### DOMESTIC BEER & WINE PACKAGE

1 Hour Package \$16

2 Hour Package \$22

3 Hour Package \$26

4 Hour Package \$32

### SODA AND WATER BAR PACKAGE

*(No Bartender Required)*

Assorted Sodas | Juices | Spa Water

Up to two hours \$4 per person

Each additional hour \$2 per person

### BARTENDER

REQUIRED FOR ALL ALCOHOL SERVICE

\$200 For up to 4 hours of service

\$50 per additional hour

1 bar required for every 150 guests

### PASSER

\$60 per Passer for 1 hour of service

1 Passer per 50 guests is recommended

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## CEREMONY LOCATIONS

Picture the perfect ceremony, as you commit your love to one another with your family and friends surrounding you, at one of the beautiful fountains or other fantastic ceremony locations.

Ceremony locations include chairs  
Riser \$150  
Aisle Runner \$40

### Timeline

5:15pm - Your Guests Start To Arrive  
5:30pm - Transportation Begins for Your Guests to the Ceremony Location  
6:00pm - 6:30pm- Your Ceremony Takes Place  
6:30pm - Board Transportation to Cocktail or Dinner Location

LOCATION	VENUE FEE	CAPACITY
Roosevelt Fountain	\$1000	300 Guests
Formal Pool	\$1000	250 Guests
Swan Lake	\$1000	175 Guests
Habitat Africa! Savannah Overview	\$800	150 Guests
Hamill Family Nature Plaza	\$800	120 Guests

### Zoo Information

- The outdoor locations are weather dependent. If there is a possibility of inclement weather a decision will be made by Brookfield Zoo at 2:00pm.
- The chairs are white garden folding chairs. The space is handicap accessible.
- Every outdoor (not covered) ceremony location has a rain site as a backup.
- Risers are optional based on your preference.

### Restrictions

- Music sound levels must be adhered to at all times for the care of our animals.
- Release of doves, butterflies, birdseed, confetti, balloons, sky lanterns & rice are prohibited. Real flower petals & bubbles are acceptable.

### Processional/Recessional

- To be coordinated with your officiant.
- Please send a copy to your zoo representative for reference.
- A rehearsal at the Zoo may be held on site during the week prior to your wedding
- The rehearsal should be held by 3:00pm to ensure that gates are accessible for parking & the exhibit space.
- Your officiant MUST be in attendance to conduct the wedding ceremony rehearsal.

## COCKTAIL LOCATIONS

Your next stop in the wedding adventure is cocktails & hors d'oeuvres among giraffes, dolphins, gorillas, or other amazing animals in one of our world-class exhibits.

### Timeline

6:30pm – 7:30- Enjoy Cocktails in Your Choice of Habitat  
7:30pm- Board Transportation to Dinner Location

LOCATION	VENUE FEE	CAPACITY	AVAILABILITY	ANIMAL AREA
Habitat Africa! Kopje	\$800	150 Guests	Year Round	Giraffes & Klipspringer
Living Coast	\$900	150 Guests	Year Round	Aquatic Sea Life
Underwater Bear Viewing	\$1000	250 Guests	Mid - April to Mid - Sept	Polar Bears & Grizzly Bears
Seven Seas Underwater Viewing	\$1000	250 Guests	Jan - May & Sept - Nov	Bottlenose Dolphins
The Swamp	\$800	300 Guests	Sept - May	Crocodiles, Otters & more
Tropic World Africa	\$1000	300 Guests	April - Nov	Gorillas & Primates

### Zoo Information

Items that are included in all Exhibits are:

- Butler passed hors d'oeuvres
- First Hour of Bar Package
- 4 café tables with 4 chairs each
- White linens
- Brookfield Zoo Centerpieces & Votive Candle
- Animal Care Specialist available to answer any questions about the animals & habitat.

### Restrictions

- Music is not allowed in any habitat.
- Smoking is not allowed in any habitat

## DINNER LOCATIONS

Select from a wide variety of elegant dining options, expertly prepared by our Executive Chef and his culinary team. A choice of premier indoor and outdoor venues serves as the perfect location for dinner and dancing the night away!

Dinner Locations includes Tables & Chairs  
Basic White Table Linen & Napkins

### Timeline

8:00pm- Introductions, Toasts, Speeches & Dinner Service Begins  
8:30pm- Bar Re-Opens  
9:30pm- Continental Coffee Stations Opens  
11:30pm- Bar Closes  
12:00am- Event Concludes

LOCATION	VENUE FEE	CAPACITY
Bramsen Animal Ambassador Building	\$800	110 Guests
Bocaditos	\$800	130 Guests
Savannah Ballroom	\$1000	275 Guests
Swan Pavilion	\$1500	300 Guests

### Restrictions

- No Alcoholic beverages are allowed to be brought into the park or into the Hospitality Room. If you have hired a bus for transportation to Brookfield Zoo, any alcohol that is on the bus cannot be taken off of the bus to be brought into the park or your Hospitality Room, Please note there is alcohol available for purchase within the park.
- Glue, nails, tacks, tape or sticky tack is not allowed to be used on our buildings.
- Smoking is only allowed in designated areas.

### Hospitality Room

- Hospitality Rooms are only available for weddings having their ceremony onsite.
- Your hospitality room will be available at 2:00pm inside the Discovery Center.
- There is one suite available for your wedding party. Please coordinate arrivals accordingly if the bride and groom do not wish to see each other prior to the ceremony.

**\*\*Dance Floor Request \$250**

# EVENT INFORMATION

## CATERING

The Brookfield Zoo is a full service catering operation. We do not permit outside food, beverage or alcohol to be brought into your event or to leave your event location. We will do our best to accommodate allergy or dietary preferences as needed. All quoted prices are current and subject to change thirty (30) days prior to the confirmed date of your event in order to meet increased operational and/or market costs. A 21.0% taxable service charge and the applicable sales tax will be added to all food and beverage prices.

## BEVERAGE

We offer a complete selection of beverages to compliment your function. Please note that the Illinois State Liquor Commission regulates alcoholic beverage sales and service. The Zoo, as a licensee, is responsible for administration of these regulations. Therefore, no alcohol may be brought into the Zoo from outside

## FOOD GUARANTEES

Final guest count is to be advised no later than

11:00AM, Ten (10) days prior to the event date. The final bill will reflect the guarantee and the number served, whichever is greater. If no final guarantee is received, we will consider the estimated guest count indicated on your Catered Events Agreement to be your guaranteed number of guests, the number indicated on the Facility Use and Food Service. The guarantee is not subject to reduction after the above deadline. Please advise us as soon as possible should your guest count be greatly reduced or increased. The Zoo will prepare to serve five percent (5%) over the guaranteed number.

## FUNCTION SPACE

The Brookfield Zoo reserves the right to change venues to accommodate changes, and limit or move the location of an Event, before or during the Event, if in its opinion the Event is harmful to the Zoo's animals, image, facilities or other property, or if the facility is unavailable for any reason beyond its control. If attendance increases or decreases and limit or move the location of an Event, before or during the Event, if in its opinion the Event is harmful to the Zoo's animals, image, facilities or other property, or if the facility is unavailable for any reason beyond its control. If attendance increases or decreases dramatically, the Zoo reserves the right to change venues to accommodate such change. Smoking is not permitted in any of our indoor or outdoor private venues or on Zoo grounds.

## PROHIBITED

For the safety of our animals, the following items are strictly forbidden on Zoo grounds and in its facilities: Balloons, plastic straws, confetti, centerpieces with fish, fire lit lanterns, glitter, sparklers, open flame candles, amenities containing food or beverage and bird seed. This is not an inclusive list. Please check with your Sales Manager if you have any questions or concerns and to receive approval. For the welfare and safety of our animal collection we do not allow musical entertainment inside or outside our animal habitats.

## CONTRACT & DEPOSIT

In order to finalize the booking process, your Sales Manager must receive the signed contract, banquet event order and the 25% deposit based on the total estimated revenue to secure the function space. On page 5 of your contract, the credit card authorization form must also be completed, even if a check is being used for your deposit. Please ensure the credit card is valid through the date of your event. Deposit payments may be made by cash, credit card, personal check, cashier's check or money order. All deposits made are included in the final invoice.

## FINAL PAYMENT

The final balance of all Catered Events is due in full Ten (10) days prior to the event by cash, credit card, cashier's or certified check. No personal checks will be accepted.

## BANQUET EVENT ORDER

A final Banquet Event Order (BEO) will be provided outlining all of the details of your event. Please read through your BEO and return a signed copy to your Brookfield Zoo Sales Manager Ten (10) days prior to your event. If there are any specific changes or orders, return at the earliest convenience so your Sales Manager can make sure everything is ordered.

## CANCELLATION

Guests must provide written notice prior to canceling this agreement. If such written notice is received by the Zoo: Ninety (90) days to thirty-one (31) days prior to the date of the event, seventy-five percent (75%) of the total estimated revenue will be due to Brookfield Zoo. Thirty (30) days prior to the date of the event, the guest is responsible for paying the total estimated revenue to Brookfield Zoo.

## AUDIO VISUAL

We will be happy to assist you with any audio-visual requirements. Rental prices will be provided upon request for equipment not currently available at the Zoo. No devices can be connected to any of Brookfield Zoo's electronic equipment to play music or any sound.