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

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**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

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

$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

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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**

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**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)

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<th>Assorted Sodas</th>
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<td>Up to two hours $4 per person</td>
<td>Each additional hour $2 per person</td>
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**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

**PASSEUR**

$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

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<td>Roosevelt Fountain</td>
<td>$1000</td>
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<td>Formal Pool</td>
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<td>Habitat Africa! Savannah Overview</td>
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<td>Hamill Family Nature Plaza</td>
<td>$800</td>
<td>120 Guests</td>
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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.
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

**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

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<td>Habitat Africa! Kopje</td>
<td>$800</td>
<td>150 Guests</td>
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<td>Living Coast</td>
<td>$900</td>
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<td>Underwater Bear Viewing</td>
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<td>Mid-April to Mid-Sept</td>
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<td>Seven Seas Underwater Viewing</td>
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<td>Jan-May &amp; Sept-Nov</td>
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<td>The Swamp</td>
<td>$800</td>
<td>300 Guests</td>
<td>Sept-May</td>
<td>Crocodiles, Otters &amp; more</td>
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<td>Tropic World Africa</td>
<td>$1000</td>
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<td>April-Nov</td>
<td>Gorillas &amp; Primates</td>
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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

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<td>Bramsen Animal Ambassador Building</td>
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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
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 or 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.

EVENT INFORMATION

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.