



# WEDDINGS



**Nothing compares to the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert!**

The lush grounds and picturesque surroundings of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum provide an iconic backdrop for your special day. The remarkable setting, situated in the Tucson Mountains and adjacent to Saguaro National Park, is enhanced by regionally inspired catering, charming animal visitors, and thoughtful care and attention to create a truly memorable occasion for you and your guests. Explore the beautiful spaces the Desert Museum has to offer on the following pages.

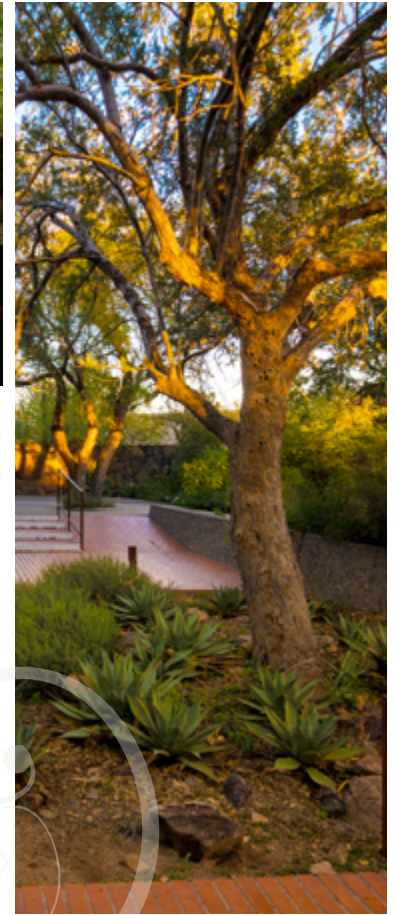







## DESERT GARDEN

The tranquility and natural elegance of the Desert Garden makes it a favorite space for wedding ceremonies and cocktail receptions. Beautiful brick work, shaded seating areas, an abundance of desert plants, and the quiet burble of two water features create a welcoming and intimate atmosphere. This lush oasis is a photographer's dream. Maximum capacity: 150 for a ceremony, 250 for a cocktail reception.



## BOOJUM PATIO

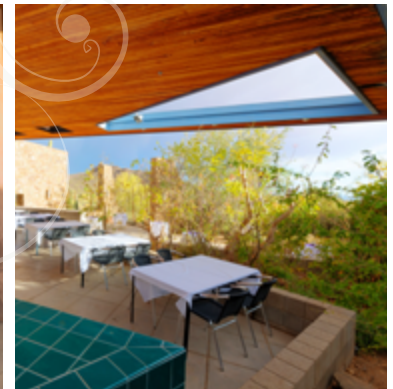


Immerse yourself in the pristine beauty of the Sonoran desert with a ceremony on Boojum Patio. This lovely terrace, part of the Ironwood Terraces restaurant, has been artfully arranged within the surrounding landscape, and offers an unobstructed view of the Tucson Mountains. Celebrate beneath the clear blue Arizona sky. Maximum capacity: 75 for a ceremony.





The awe-inspiring view through the Green Room's floor-to-ceiling windows will delight your guests as they arrive for your reception. Rolling hills dotted with stately saguaros give way to the majestic Tucson Mountains for an exceptional panorama from this premier event space. The retractable glass panels open onto a large covered verandah, perfect for cocktail hour or dancing. Maximum capacity: For a seated dinner, 180 (indoor only) to 220 (indoor & outdoor combined); or 300 (indoor & outdoor) for a cocktail reception.



The Museum's year-round restaurant, Ironwood Terraces, provides an evening event space with exceptional flexibility for both formal and informal events. Two interior dining rooms, half a dozen attached patios, and a spacious courtyard provide ample room for your dynamic celebration. The possibilities are endless in this unique, adaptable venue. Maximum capacity: For a seated dinner, 100 (indoor only) to 350 (indoor & outdoor combined); or 450 (indoor & outdoor combined) for a cocktail reception.





## OCOTILLO CAFÉ



Colorful original artwork, native plants, and regional mineral specimens exude Southwestern charm in the Museum's seasonal fine dining restaurant, the Ocotillo Café. The cozy dining room and enclosed private patio provide the perfect setting for smaller celebrations, including wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, and bridal showers. The obvious choice for stylish, intimate affairs. Maximum capacity: For a seated dinner, 60 (indoor only) to 90 (indoor & outdoor combined); or 125 (indoor & outdoor combined) for a cocktail reception.

## Event Enhancements

### Desert Experience

Treat your guests to an up-close and personal interaction with some of the Museum's educational ambassadors! Visitors during this hour-long experience may include ringtail, North American porcupine, Barn owl, Harris' hawk, Chuckwalla lizard, Desert tortoise, or Tiger salamander. A delightful and truly unique addition to your event, and the perfect photo opportunity for your guests. Fees: \$400-550 depending on the number of animals presented.

### Audio/Visual Setup

The Museum can provide a portable address system with microphone and/or a screen and projector setup upon request. Includes staff setup and support. Fee: \$175.

### Patio Heaters

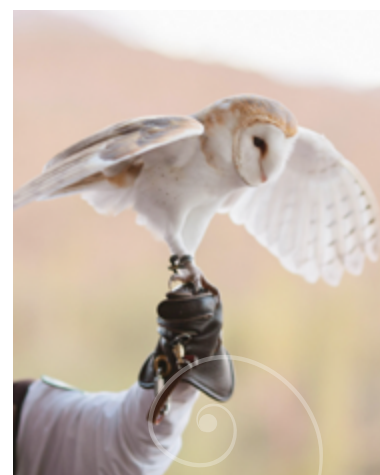
Four umbrella-style patio heaters are available for the comfort of your guests. Includes propane and setup. Fee: \$50 per heater.

### Prickly Pear Centerpieces

Upgrade your tablescape with heart-shaped prickly pear cactus centerpieces! Presented in terracotta pots. For a special touch, add a ribbon in your wedding colors. Fee: \$15 each, to rent.

### Group Admission

Arrange an outing for your wedding guests to visit the Museum grounds and view the exhibits the day before or after your event. Requires an advance group reservation, a minimum of 10 people, and payment in a single transaction. Fees: \$13.50 per adult, \$7.00 per child.





## DETAILS

### Catering Packages

Ironwood Food Services is the exclusive caterer of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, and specializes in creating sumptuous menus featuring ingredients that are indigenous to the Sonoran Desert region. Buffet and plated options are available starting at \$43 per person (plus taxes and service fees), and a \$2,000 minimum applies. Bar services include standard and top shelf selections of beer, wine, and liquor, as well as hosted, partially hosted, and cash bar payment options. Wedding cakes may be brought in from an external, licensed bakery, and cake cutting service is available for an additional fee. The Desert Museum Event Specialist will assist you initially by providing a sampling of menu options. Once event facilities have been contracted, the Ironwood Catering Manager will be your primary contact for specific catering questions and arrangements.

### Wedding Policies

Weddings are typically held after public hours from 5-10 pm with pre-event access for vendors and setup at 3:30 pm. All spaces must be cleaned and vacated one hour after the contracted end time of the event. The Museum may consider daytime events depending upon the estimated number of guests, venue, and preferred date and time.

The combined facility fee for a ceremony and reception is \$2,000. Additional fees apply for catering and event enhancements, and in some cases, extra labor costs. Stand-alone ceremonies are at the discretion of the Museum, and the fee is \$1,000.

The facility fee includes your choice of ceremony and reception spaces (based upon availability), setup of tables and chairs (specifics vary depending on the event space), standard linens and centerpieces, a dedicated parking area, a special event entrance, personalized signage to direct your guests, and Museum event staff and security.

A signed contract and non-refundable \$500 deposit are required to secure an event date and spaces. The remaining balance of facility fees is due 30 days in advance of the event.

All food and beverage, including bar packages, is arranged through separate contract with the Museum's exclusive, on-site caterer, Ironwood Food Services.

The Museum recommends that all couples hire a professional planner or day-of coordinator to assist with event execution.

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### Venue Specifications

#### DESERT GARDEN

Ceremony – **150**  
Cocktail Reception – **250**

#### BOOJUM TERRACE

Ceremony – **75**

#### GREEN ROOM

*(indoor & outdoor)*  
Dinner – **220**  
Cocktail Reception – **300**

#### IRONWOOD TERRACES

*(indoor & outdoor)*  
Dinner – **350**  
Cocktail Reception – **450**

#### OCOTILLO CAFÉ

*(indoor & outdoor)*  
Dinner – **90**  
Cocktail Reception – **125**

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