



Picnics 2026



**San Diego Zoo
Wildlife Alliance**



2026 Wild Picnic Packages

at San Diego Zoo and Safari Park

Picnic Package Includes:

- 1-Day Pass for your guests on the day of the picnic
- Unlimited access to all regularly scheduled public shows and attractions:
Zoo – Guided Bus Tour & Skyfari Aerial Tram
Safari Park – Africa Tram
- General parking included
- Self-serve iced tea, lemonade and water station
- Private lunch venue from 11:00am-2:00pm
- Catered buffet-style meal (service time based on group size)
- 1-Day Pass to other San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance park for all attendees (valid up to 30 days following event date)
- \$10 off annual membership for adults or children on the day of the picnic

Minimum 50 Guests, Memberships Do Not Apply

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance is an international, nonprofit conservation organization. When you book your event with us, you're saving, protecting, and caring for wildlife while fueling critical conservation efforts in San Diego and across the globe.

Picnic Packages

Cookout

Includes Self-Serve Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Water Station

Roasted Baby Red Potato Salad

with Corn, Peppers, and Paprika Vinaigrette
(GF/Vegan)

Field Greens Salad

with Seasonal Garden Greens, Red Cabbage, Shredded Carrots, Cherry Tomatoes, House Vinaigrette (GF/Vegan) and Ranch Dressing (Veg)

Traditional Caesar Salad

with Classic Caesar Dressing

Grilled Angus Beef Hamburgers (GF)

Black Bean Chipotle Burger (Vegan)

All-Beef Hot Dogs (GF)

Hamburger Buns (Veg)

Hot Dog Buns (Veg)

Thick And Sticky Baked Beans (GF/Veg)

Creamy Cheddar Macaroni And Cheese (Veg)

Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, and Pickles (Vegan)

Sliced Jack and Cheddar Cheeses (Veg)

Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup and Relish (Veg)

Freshly Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies (Veg)

Group Size	Adult	Children
50 – 999	\$84 per person	\$70 per person
1,000+	\$81 per person	\$70 per person

Adults: ages 12+, Children: ages 3-11

Aloha BBQ

Includes Self-Serve Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Water Station

Hawaiian Sweet Rolls

with Creamery Butter (Veg)

Creamy Maui Macaroni Salad (Veg)

Island Mixed Greens Salad

with Red Bell Pepper, Mango, Mandarin Oranges, Red Cabbage, and Fiji Blood Orange Vinaigrette (GF/Vegan)

Roasted Huli Huli BBQ Chicken (GF)

Kahlua Pulled Pork (GF)

Fried Rice

with Carrots, Bell Peppers, Pineapple, and Green Onions (Vegan)

Mixed Vegetable Stir Fry

with Seasonal Vegetables, Garlic, Ginger, and Scallions (Vegan)

Freshly Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies (Veg)

Group Size	Adult	Children
50 – 999	\$93 per person	\$70 per person
1,000+	\$90 per person	\$70 per person

Adults: ages 12+, Children: ages 3-11

Picnic Packages

Baja Taco

Includes Self-Serve Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Water Station

Southwest Salad

with Chopped Cilantro, Roasted Corn, Cotija Cheese, Red Onion, Fried Tortilla Chips and Chipotle Caesar Dressing

Pollo Asado

Citrus Marinated Chicken (GF)

Tijuana-Style Carne Asada

Traditional Marinated Steak (GF)

Papas con Chile y Cebolla

Potatoes with Peppers and Onions (GF/Vegan)

Frijoles Puercos

Beans with Chorizo, Onions, Garlic, and Peppers (GF)

Arroz a la Mexicana

Rice with Tomato, Garlic, Onion, Corn, Peas, and Carrots (GF/Veg)

Corn Tortillas (GF/Veg)

Flour Tortillas (Vegan)

Salsa Roja and Pico de Gallo (GF/Vegan)

Shredded Cabbage (GF/Vegan)

Sour Cream, and Cotija Cheese (GF/Veg)

Freshly Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies (Veg)

Group Size	Adult	Children
50 – 999	\$96 per person	\$70 per person
1,000+	\$93 per person	\$70 per person

Adults: ages 12+, Children: ages 3-11

Western

Includes Self-Serve Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Water Station

Cornbread Muffins

with Honey Butter (Veg)

Field Greens Salad

with Seasonal Garden Greens, Red Cabbage, Shredded Carrots, Cherry Tomatoes, House Vinaigrette (GF/Vegan) and Ranch Dressing (Veg)

Southwest Pasta Salad

with Black Beans, Corn, Peppers, Tomatoes, Red Onions, and Lime Vinaigrette (Vegan)

Chopped Texas Smoked Brisket

with House BBQ Sauce (GF)

Honey Glazed BBQ Chicken (GF)

Black Bean Chipotle Burger (Vegan)

Sandwich Buns (Veg)

Thick and Sticky Baked Beans (GF/Veg)

Creamy Cheddar Macaroni and Cheese (Veg)

Mayonnaise, Mustard, and Ketchup (Veg)

Freshly Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies (Veg)

Group Size	Adult	Children
50 – 999	\$97 per person	\$70 per person
1,000+	\$94 per person	\$70 per person

Adults: ages 12+, Children: ages 3-11

Picnic Menu Enhancements

Buffet Enhancements

Price per Person

Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles (GF/Vegan)	\$4	Tri-Colored Tortilla Chips with Salsa Roja (Vegan)	\$11
Hot Dogs (GF) with Hot Dog Buns	\$8	Fresh Guacamole (GF/Vegan)	\$13
Applewood Smoked Bacon (GF)	\$8	Tri-Colored Tortilla Chips with Guacamole and Salsa Roja (Vegan)	\$25
Grilled Hawaiian Short Ribs (GF)	\$12		

Price per Dozen

Gluten Free Buns (GF)	\$84
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Sweet Selections

Price per Person

Assorted Individual Popsicles (Vegan)	\$6	Seasonal Fresh Cut Fruit Display (GF/Vegan)	\$19
Assorted Individual Ice Cream Cups (Veg)	\$7		

Price per Dozen

Rice Crispy Bars (GF/Veg)	\$34	Freshly Baked Chocolate Brownies (Veg)	\$46
Gluten Free Cookies (GF/Veg)	\$42	Freshly Baked Lemon Bars (Veg)	\$55
Freshly Baked Blondies (Veg)	\$46		

Picnic Menu Enhancements & Services

Beverages

Price per Person

Soda Bar	\$8
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Price per Gallon – One Gallon Serves Approx. 16 Guests

Strawberry Watermelon Agua Fresca	\$60	Horchata	\$60
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Price per Keg/Bottle

Premium Keg Approx. 125 Servings	\$600	Domestic Keg Approx. 125 Servings	\$490
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Bottled Wine (12 Bottle Minimum) Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Rose	\$44
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Keepsakes

Enhance your event! All items below apply toward your food and beverage minimum.

Price per Person

Kids Plastic Cup with Straw	\$8	SDZWA Aluminum Pint Cup	\$15
28 oz. Handled Cup with Straw	\$14	Reusable Popcorn Bucket	\$21

*All items are eligible for unlimited free refills on your event day with SDZWA provided wristband.

Specialty Tables and Chair Rentals

\$150 Delivery Fee Applied to Each Order for Set Up and Fuel Charge

Price Per Each

Black or White Resin Chairs	\$17	Round Table (Pricing Per Set) with House Linen and Seating for Ten	\$72
Highchairs	\$35	8' Table with Floor-Length Linen	\$77
Round Cocktail Table with House Linen	\$46	Standing Space Heaters	\$175
Round High Belly Bar with House Linen	\$57	Standing Umbrellas	\$175



Special Experiences

Wildlife Encounter

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

Nothing completes a special event like a furry, feathered 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

Team Trivia

Test your knowledge of wildlife, bond with your team, and create unforgettable memories during this 75-minute trivia showdown! Hilarious host Dr. Zoolittle will offer trivia questions in four fast-paced rounds, focusing on wildlife, conservation, and little-known facts about the San Diego Zoo. To win, you must collaborate with your team and discover your inner wildlife expert - all with no phones! This program includes a wildlife experience during the last break, while Dr. Zoolittle tallies the final scores. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams.

Pricing Varies on Group Size:

Up to 300 Guests - \$4,500

301-450 Guests - \$6,300

451-600 Guests - \$7,800

Recommended Time: Any

Duration: 75 Minutes

Location: Dependent on Venue Availability

Age Range: All Ages

Number of Guests: Up to 600 Guests at Any One Time
(Maximum of 10 Guests Per Team)

Art Shoppe

Including our talented artists and artisans will provide a myriad of options to custom tailor your event and help insure a memorable experience.

Brush Art Artist

One artist paints approx. 8–10 full brush art names per hour

Pricing: \$475

Duration: 2 hours

Additional Hour(s): \$225 per hour

Caricature Artist

One artist draws approx. 20–25 caricatures per hour

Pricing: \$475

Duration: 2 hours

Additional Hour(s): \$225 per hour

Face Paint Artist

One artist paints approx. 25–35 faces per hour

Pricing: \$475

Duration: 2 hours

Additional Hour(s): \$225 per hour

Henna Tattoo Artist

One artist paints approx. 25–35 faces per hour

Pricing: \$525

Duration: 2 hours

Additional Hour(s): \$225 per hour

Subject to Availability; May not be available during peak days.





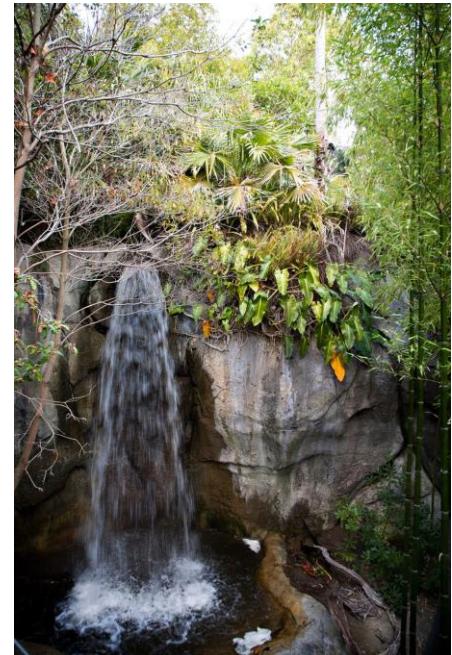
San Diego Zoo Zoofari Party Area

The ultimate event destination. Large outdoor venue with striking ambient large umbrella lit trees; vibrant and festive perimeter décor.

Seating & Dining: 60" round tables accompanied by cross back chairs

Provided: Seating up to 700 guests and one umbrella per two tables (additional rentals recommended)

Pricing: F&B minimums and room rentals apply, varies by date



Treetops Room

This venue captures the simplicity and serenity of life in Africa with its floor to ceiling windows plus a private patio and waterfall.

Seating & Dining: 72" round tables accompanied by padded banquet chairs

Provided: Seating up to 100 guests

Pricing: F&B minimums and room rentals apply, varies by date



Sabertooth Grill at Elephant Odyssey

This expansive terrace offers a magnificent view and one-of-a-kind dining opportunity for your celebration. Lush landscaping and eye level views of our elephants will have guests trumpeting about the experience for years to come.

Seating & Dining: Existing square tables accompanied by slatted aluminum chairs

Provided: Seating up to 300 guests

Pricing: F&B minimums and room rentals apply, varies by date

After Zoo operational hours, venue requires \$8/Person round trip shuttles. For groups under 80 guests, shuttles are a flat rate of \$640.00.



Hunte Nairobi Pavilion

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

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

Provided: Seating up to 256 guests

Pricing: F&B minimums and room rentals apply, varies by date



Mawazo Terrace

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

Seating & Dining: Existing square tables accompanied by deck chairs

Provided: Seating up to 100 guests

Pricing: F&B minimums and room rentals apply, varies by date



Mombasa Pavilion

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

Seating & Dining: Round tables accompanied by wicker chairs

Provided: Seating up to 150 guests

Pricing: F&B minimums and room rentals apply, varies by date

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

Pricing: F&B minimums and room rentals apply, varies by date

Venue Capacity Charts



San Diego Zoo

	Size (Square Feet)	Dimensions (feet)	Seating Provided	Maximum Capacity
Zoofari Party Area	20,000	-	700	1,000*
Treetops Room	2,415	69x35	100	100
Sabertooth Grill	12,000	100x120	300	300



San Diego Zoo Safari Park

	Size (Square Feet)	Dimensions (feet)	Seating Provided	Maximum Capacity
Hunte Nairobi Pavilion	7,170	45 (diameter)	256	256
Mawazo Terrace	2,080	80x26	100	100
Mombasa Pavilion	2,925	30x90	150	150
Mkutano Park	37,205	-	TBD	TBD

Capacities listed may vary based on event specific setup.

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

- One umbrella per every two tables is included in your picnic package, subject to venue coverage. Additional umbrellas are available to rent upon request.
- *Events in speak with sales specialist for more information

San Diego Zoo and 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 and included in your package price. 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.

Guests must retain their 1-Day Pass in order to use their 2nd-day return pass to our sister location (San Diego Zoo or San Diego Zoo Safari Park). The 1-Day Pass must be scanned at the turnstiles on the day of the picnic to qualify for the return visit.

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 and your package price only. Entertainment, rental, décor, 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.

GROUP SIZE MINIMUM

50 guest minimum will apply.

DEPOSIT

A non-refundable deposit of 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.

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.

Catering Policies and Procedures

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.

SMOKING

San Diego Zoo and 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. Thematic lighting is available at an additional charge. Entertainment, buffets, and presentation requirements will affect capacities.

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.

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 p.m. 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.

DÉCOR

All decorations, theming and entertainment must be approved by the Event Coordinator at least one (1) month prior to the event. San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance reserves the right to refuse any decoration, theming, lighting or entertainment that maybe considered a health or safety problem for the wildlife or cause damage to San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance property.

RESTRICTED

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.

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.

TOURS

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

Minimum group size required is 25 guests per adventure (excluding the Enhancing Wildlife Experiences Workshop, which has a 70-person minimum). Maximum group size varies. Requires at least 8 weeks in advance notice for booking.

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 (3) 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

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.

Actual menu breakdowns of number of adults and number of children (ages 3-11) are required at the time of final guarantee, twelve (12) business days prior to the event.

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

One buffet table with two serving lines will be set up for each 130 guests as space allows. Recyclable serviceware is included. Our buffet has 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.

Buffet Service Time:

90 Minutes (50-699 guests)

2 hours (700-1000 guests)

2 and a half hours (1001-1999 guests)

3 hours (2000+ guests)

An extension of actual service times is subject to additional labor fees, \$7/person per hour, based on venue availability.

PRICING SUBJECT TO CHANGE

All food, beverage, tours and entertainment are subject to pricing changes.

BEVERAGE SERVICE

Self-Serve Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Water Station will be served for full contracted time in venue, unless otherwise noted.

BAR 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, outside of Kegs & Wine Bottles, 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.

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.

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.

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