



Private Events

Discover a wild location for any occasion





Located just minutes from El Paseo and downtown Palm Desert restaurants, shops and hotels The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is a family-friendly place to explore nature and create meaningful experiences that are remembered for a lifetime.

A private event at The Living Desert transports guests across the globe, including early 20th century Africa, the lush gardens of Morocco, and the Rocky Mountains of North America.

From lavish cocktail parties, receptions and holiday celebrations, to corporate mixers, meetings and teambuilding events, to birthdays, graduations and proms, with over 12 indoor/outdoor venue options to choose from the Zoo offers a setting unlike anywhere else in the Coachella Valley.

Whether you are planning a large-scale conference, a mid-level event, or just a small affair, our Events Team can assist you with planning an experience guests are not soon to forget.

Inquire about our special Behind-the-Scenes tours, animal encounters, and after-hours programs that can be specifically tailored to meet the needs of your event.

For more information and to book a complimentary site tour, please contact us at events@livingdesert.org or 760-346-5694.





Say "I Do" at the Zoo

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens offers six breathtaking wedding ceremony sites and seven exceptional wedding reception venues, each wonderfully unique in their own special way.

For the perfect garden wedding, our Lurie Reception Patio in our Stephen B. Chase Administration Building is home to a modern mix of rich succulents, flourishing cacti and sculptural waterfall.

Our Palm Garden Patio, a lush oasis encircled with over 50 species of towering palms, is a place where you can dance the night away in the open air unfettered by the outside world.

Looking for more of a walk on the wild side? The District Commissioner's House, with its early 20th century antiques is complimented by a panoramic glass wall featuring our Amur leopard. Here, you will be transported to another time all together.

Drawn to the desert for your special day by the rustic desert landscape and starry nights? Host your ceremony at Savannah's Landing with the Santa Rosa Mountains as your backdrop. Then, enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Giraffe Platform, where the giraffe wander on the lush hillside and make frequent visits to the platform where you can feed them as you sip champagne.

Whether you are planning a rehearsal dinner, wedding ceremony and/or a reception, you and your guests will experience an event unlike any other in the most unique setting in the Coachella Valley.

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Whether you are planning an intimate affair or a grand soiree we have the perfect venue for any occasion. We invite you to choose your own adventure, from the charm of our early 20th century African Village WaTuTu, to the lush gardens of Savannah's Landing where the giraffe and greater kudu roam adjacent to the desert landscape and starry skies of the Sahara, to the tranquil cactus gardens and the back drop of the desert mountains of North America, the possibilities are endless.

Animal encounters can be added to any event.





Stephen B. Chase Building

Tennity Board Room, Littlefield Art Gallery & Lurie Reception Patio



Elegant, organic, and inspired by nature, the Stephen B. Chase Building features the stunning Littlefield Art Gallery, Tennity Board Room, and Lurie Reception Patio with its modern landscaping and sculptural waterfall. The venue is fully equipped with ambient lighting, indoor/outdoor sound system, digital projector and screen.

Details:

- The Tennity Boardroom is 1,368 sq ft (38 ft x 36 ft) or can accommodate 80 seated or 110 standing guests.
- The Indoor Reception Area is 1,248 sq ft (52 ft x 24 ft) and can accommodate 50 seated or 100 standing.
- The Lurie Patio is 3,700 sq ft (100 ft x 37 ft) and can accommodate 150 seated or 250 standing. Restrooms are conveniently located inside the building and adjacent to the Lurie Reception Patio.





District Commissioner's House



Located in The Living Desert's African Village WāTuTu, The District Commissioner's House (DC House) is fashioned after the building British Commissioners frequented during Kenya's colonial period. Not open to the public, the DC House is constructed with the same thatched roof and mud-wall style as African village huts and features a panoramic glass wall that provides intimate viewing of our extraordinary and endangered Amur leopard.

Details:

The DC House can accommodate 40 guests seated or 50 standing. The DC House is approximately 1,033 sq ft. Additional guests may flow in and out of the The DC House with buffet-style dining, or the House may be used for a cocktail setting, with dinner under the stars for up to 150 guests. Ambient lighting exists throughout the exterior of the House. Additional lighting may be added. Restrooms are conveniently located adjacent to the The DC House.



District Commissioner's House



Village WaTuTu



Safari means “journey” in Swahili, and the spectacular Village WaTuTu offers a safari your guests will never forget.

Located near our giraffe habitat, this 5-acre replica of a north Kenyan village provides guests with an authentic and awe-inspiring African experience. Mud-walled huts and grass-thatched rooves circle a shady Elder’s Grove where the rhythmic sounds of Africa fill the air. African thorn and ficus trees, varietal acacia and euphorbia, and red-flowered crown of thorns surround the area and dromedary camel, striped hyena, Amur leopard, weaver birds, spur-thighed tortoise and Addax antelope habitats encircle the grounds.

Details:

Available for evening rentals only, Village WaTuTu can accommodate up to 600 guests for a seated event or 1,000 for standing. Restrooms are conveniently located at the Village entrance and next to the District Commissioner’s House.

Events at Village WaTuTu are unlike any others hosted in the Coachella Valley, and will provide your guests with a truly memorable experience.

For an additional fee, guests can also enjoy the popular Petting Kraal, where they can experience close encounters with rare African domestic livestock such as Sicilian donkeys and Nigerian dwarf goats.





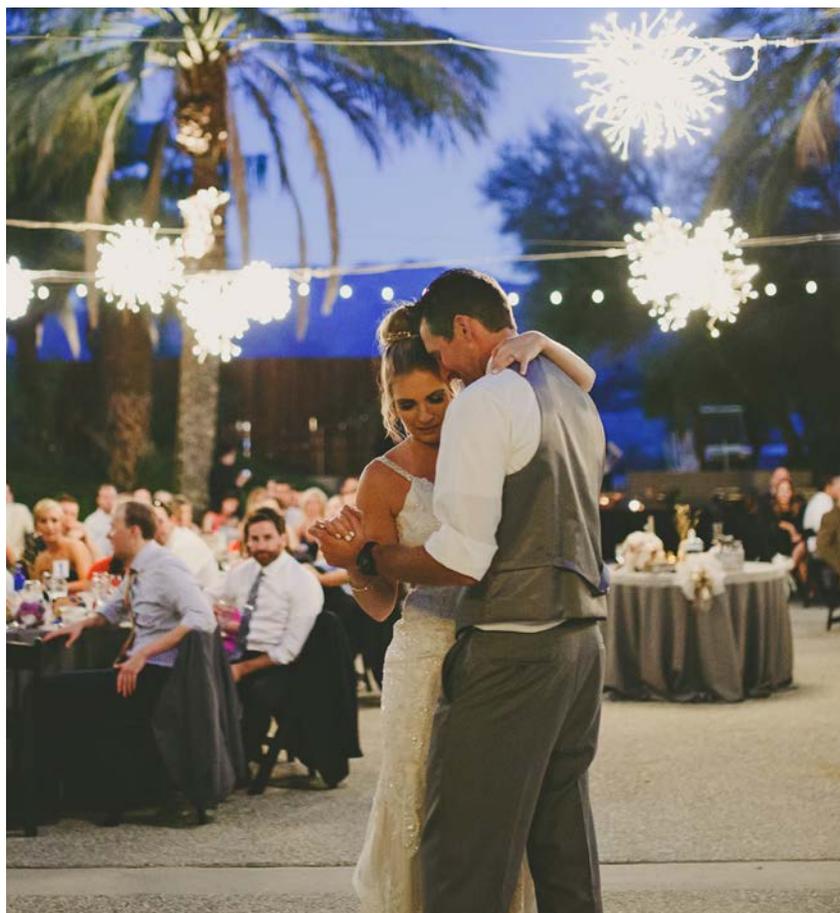
Guests can dine under the stars amidst desert breezes and the splendor of palm trees at the stunning, open-air Palm Garden Patio.

Located just a short distance from the park's main entrance, this popular event area is ideal for weddings, corporate dinners, holiday events, and more. Over 50 species of palm trees surround the spacious patio. Adjacent is our popular G-Scale Train exhibit, ideal for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as guests make their way to the Palm Garden Patio for dinner. Perfect for day or evening events, the Patio is fully equipped with lighting and a stage.

Details:

The Palm Garden is 6,400 sq ft (80 ft x 80 ft) with a 9 ft x 24 ft built-in stage, and is well-suited for most tent configurations. Stage can be enlarged if needed for larger entertainment groups. The Palm Garden can accommodate 500 for a plated dinner, 450 buffet style or 800 cocktail style. Festival string lights illuminate this area. Basic sound system handles announcements and use of music through MP3 or iPod.

Palm Garden Patio





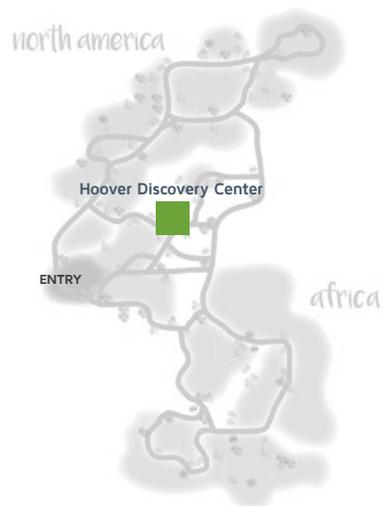
Discovery Center

Celebrate the worlds of entertainment and exploration at our state-of-the-art Discovery Center. Whimsical interactives, elegant architecture, and shaded ramadas create the ideal setting for corporate picnics, family functions, birthday events, and more.

The Discovery Center unites modern design and wonders of childhood by showcasing natural history and desert ecology with thoroughly original exhibits, interactive experiences, along with a remarkable panoramic desert mural and towering ancient animals.

Details:

The interior of the Discovery Center can accommodate up to 50 guests seated or 100 standing guests for a cocktail reception. The picnic area includes seating for up to 200. Private use of the adjacent Endangered Species Carousel can be booked for an additional fee with this venue. Restrooms are conveniently located adjacent to the Discovery Center.





Discovery Center Garden



Quaint, private and magical, the Discovery Center Garden is the perfect place for an intimate affair, afternoon tea or a garden ceremony and reception. Filled with a variety of plants and flowers and water features this enchanted venue is a peaceful and lovely space that will simply take your breath away.

Details:

Discovery Center Garden is the perfect venue for small intimate affairs. Capacity: 50 seated or 75 cocktail reception. Private use of the adjacent Endangered Species Carousel can be booked for an additional fee with this venue. Restrooms are conveniently located adjacent to the Discovery Center.





Tennity Wildlife Hospital & Conservation Center



The stunning Tennity Wildlife Hospital & Conservation Center features architecture and landscaping blending contemporary and Asian-inspired designs. This venue also features an expansive front patio area and an indoor garden which is perfect for small groups and intimate affairs or larger groups that want to utilize the beautiful outdoor space and garden. Exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of our animal care center can be arranged for an additional fee.

Details:

The Tennity Wildlife Hospital & Conservation Center can accommodate up to 80 guests seated or 150 guests for a cocktail reception. The exterior can accommodate 150 guests seated or 250 guests for a cocktail reception. Restrooms are conveniently located adjacent to the hospital and conservation center.

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Tennity Wildlife Hospital
& Conservation Center

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Irvine Patio

The Irvine Patio, with its shaded palm trees and wildlife sculptures is a private oasis ideal for receptions, cocktail parties, family gatherings and outdoor dining. This venue is fully equipped with restrooms and lighting.

Details:

The Irvine Patio can accommodate up to 200 guests seated or 300 guests for a cocktail reception. Restrooms are conveniently located within the Irvine Patio.





Savannah's Landing

The rustic Savannah's Landing where the Savannah and Santa Rosa Mountains meet as your backdrop provides the perfect desert landscape setting. This blank canvas is an ideal space for a romantic wedding.

Details:

Savannah's Landing can accommodate up to 200 guests seated for your ceremony.



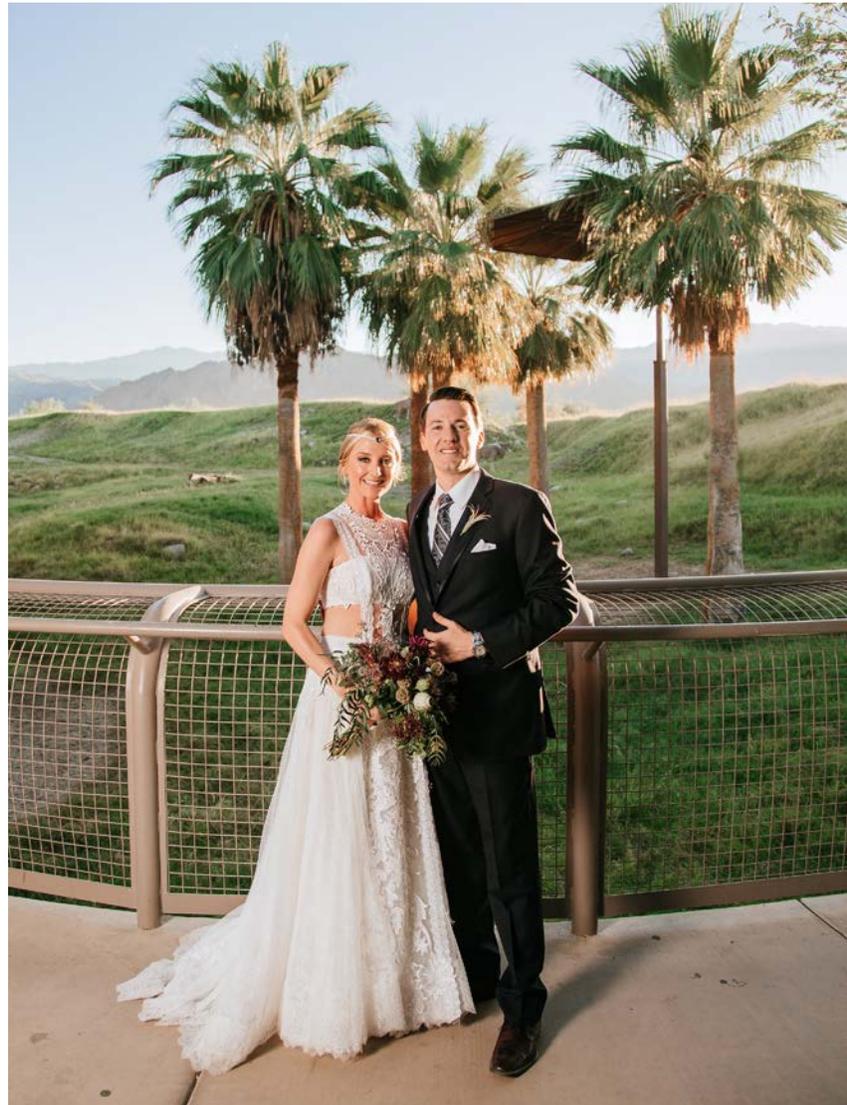


The Giraffe Platform Savannah's Landing

There is no other place in the Coachella Valley that compares to the Giraffe Platform across from Savannah's Landing. Here, the giraffe wander on the lush hillside and may make frequent visits to the platform where you and your guests are invited to feed them as you sip champagne and stand in awe of these truly majestic creatures.

Details:

Savannah's Landing can accommodate up to 200 guests standing for a cocktail reception.



The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens Venue Fees

When you choose The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens not only will you create memories of a lifetime you are contributing to our mission of desert conservation through preservation, education and appreciation.

Venue	Daytime	Evening	Capacity	Other Info
Stephen B. Chase Building*	\$2,000	\$3,000	200-500 Guests	Indoor/Outdoor
District Commissioner's House*	\$1,500	\$2,500	40-200 Guests	Indoor/Outdoor
Village Watutu	-	\$5,000	500-1,000 Guests	Outdoor
Palm Garden Patio	\$2,500	\$3,500	500-750 Guests	Outdoor
Hoover Discovery Center	-	\$2,500	100-150 Guests	Outdoor
Tennity Wildlife Hospital & Conservation Center	-	\$2,000	80-150 Guests	Indoor/Outdoor Partially Covered
Irvine Patio	\$1,500	\$2,000	150-200 Guests	Outdoor
Savannah's Landing	-	\$1,500	200 Guests	Outdoor (ceremony only)
Giraffe Platform*	-	\$675/hr	100-200 Guests	Outdoor (cocktail only)
Discovery Center Garden	\$1,000	\$1,500	50-75 Guests	Outdoor

Included With All Rentals:

- All rentals are for three hours and include venue coordination.
- Event parking is free.
- For your event to qualify for the daytime rate it must conclude no later than 3 pm.
- When an event uses more than one event space, special package pricing is used based on set-up, time of use, and take down for each area.
- All events must conclude by 10:00 pm per the City of Palm Desert.
- No outside alcohol permitted.
- Bars and alcoholic beverages must be coordinated through TLD's onsite F&B provider.
- Only guests 21 and over with a valid picture ID will be served alcohol at TLD.
- A non-refundable 50% deposit is required to hold the event space. Deposit based on the venue rental fee only.
- For events during park hours: General Admission to the park is not included in the venue rental fee. Block tickets can be purchased separately at a discounted rate.
- For weddings a Day of Coordinator is required for all weddings.
- Tables and chairs are not included with your venue rental. Rentals quoted separately.
- All china, flatware, glassware, and linens must be provided by the client or their caterer.
- All outside vendor information must be supplied prior to an event and deliveries scheduled with the Event Coordinator.
- Vendors without prior approval will not be allowed on property.
- For the safety of our animals the following items are not allowed on Zoo grounds: glass bottles, aluminum cans, pets, balloons, confetti, piñatas, open flames, sparklers, poppers, fireworks and/or straws.
- Last call for adult beverages takes place 15 minutes prior to close of event.

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*Depending upon configuration

*50 feedings at \$5 each required w/rental of platform.



The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens Rental Fees

Rentals

30" Round Cocktail Tables	\$10.51
48" Rounds (Seat 6)	\$9.61
60" Rounds (Seat 8)	\$10.24
72" Rounds (Seat 10)	\$13.34
Black/Brown Wooden Chairs w/padded seat	\$3.30
White Resin Chairs	\$2.73
6ft Banquet Tables	\$8.67
Linens	
Cotton (Black / Ivory)	120" round \$17.86
Spandex (Black)	6ft Drape \$40.55; cocktail \$18.18
Napkins (White)	\$0.84
Heaters	\$99.72 (includes propane)
Fire Pits	\$180.29
Wooden Arch	\$150.00
Wooden Benches	\$15
Podium	\$47.26
Podium, Table Top	\$21.85
Battery Powered Single PA Kit w/Mic	\$152.49

All rental rates are per item.



Rental Packages

<p>Rentals 20 4 cocktail rounds, 20 black chairs, 3 – 60" rounds, 6 – 6' buffet tables</p>	\$191 (\$9.55 per person up to 39)
<p>Rentals 40 6 cocktail rounds, 40 black chairs, 5 – 60" rounds, 10 – 6' buffet tables</p>	\$335 (\$8.37 per person up to 59)
<p>Rentals 60 6 cocktail rounds, 60 black chairs, 8 – 60" rounds, 14 – 6' buffet tables</p>	\$464 (\$7.73 per person up to 99)
<p>Rentals 100 6 cocktail rounds, 100 black chairs, 13 – 60" rounds, 20 – 6' buffet tables</p>	\$700 (\$7.00 per person up to 199)
<p>Rentals 200 8 cocktail rounds, 200 black chairs, 25 – 60" rounds, 25 – 6' buffet tables</p>	\$1,217 (\$6.09 per person)

Event Space Rental Charges

<p>All Sites (Except Giraffe) Event Space occupied the longest</p>	<p>\$400 (additional hour) \$Full Rental Rate</p>
<p>Bride/Groom Changing Rooms (Chase)</p>	<p>\$N/C for first three hours \$75.00 for each additional hour</p>
<p>Rehearsal Fee</p>	<p>\$N/C (For 1 hour. Based on availability. If over 1 hour \$400 fee will apply)</p>



Entertainment

Zoo Admission

Block pricing only applicable w/venue rental

Adults	\$14
Children	\$8

Animal Encounters

30 minute Animal Encounters	\$250
1 hour Animal Encounters	\$450

Giraffe Feeding Experience

\$5 (50 minimum) with the Giraffe Platform venue rental

Carousel Rental

\$500 Only available for after-hours events - 2 hour rental

Private Tours

Pricing on request

Behind the Scenes Tours

Pricing on request

Catering

The Living Desert's in-house catering service is provided by Taste, a subsidiary of SSA. For details and menus, please contact Taste at 760.346.5694 x 2302.

Outside Catering Fee

\$5 per person

Food must be provided by a licensed caterer or restaurant.

Additional Fees

Shuttles are recommended and can be added for \$175.00 each for 3 hours. \$50 per each additional hour.

Security is required for all events. The cost is \$75. Additional charges may apply for events with 200+ guests.



Gift Options & Animal Adoptions

Adoptions make one-of-a kind gifts for birthdays, holidays, graduations and more – the perfect gift. For this special occasion, give a gift that gives back!

Levels	Certificate	Photo	Fact Sheet	Animal Plush	Keeper Chat	Private Party Invite	Name on Adoption Board
Colony – \$35	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
Troop – \$50	X	X	X	X – SM	-	-	-
Herd – \$100	X	X	X	X – SM	-	X	-
Pack – \$250	X	X	X	X-L	-	X	X
Zeal – \$500	X	X	X	X – L	X -for 4ppl	X	X
Pride – \$1000	X	X	X	X – L	X -for 6ppl	X	X

Donations to the Animal Adoption program provides funds for wildlife education, conservation research, animal care and habitat improvements. Any animal can be adopted, including cheetah, zebra, jaguar, giraffe, warthog, fennec fox and many more.

To order your adoption visit: livingdesert.org/adopt or call (760) 346-5694 ext 2126.



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