

TOLEDO ZOO

Wedding Guide

2025



Wedding Ceremony Package

Available only with reception package

Package includes

- Venue rental
- Set-up and tear-down
- Grey chairs
- Rain plan indoor location
- Rehearsal
- Dressing rooms for bride and groom (subject to availability)

AVAILABLE LOCATIONS

Formal Garden *Seating Capacity 150*

Available May through September

Tucked away with its beautiful landscaping and breathtaking array of flowers and plants, the Zoo's Formal Gardens offer a touch of serenity to your wedding ceremony while providing excellent photo opportunities.

Inquire about other ceremony locations

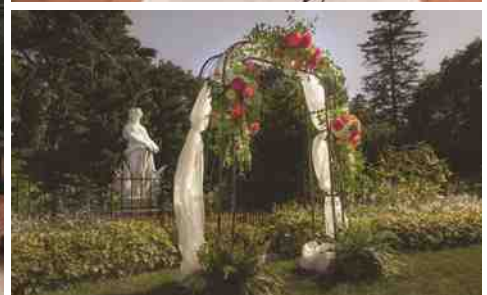
Add bottled water for your ceremony, priced individually.



Story Teller Adams



Wendy Tibideau



Formal Gardens: Toledo Zoo & Aquarium

Wedding Reception Package

Buffet Dinner Package Priced per person

Served Dinner Package Priced per person

Per person charge applies to all guests, including children over age 2. Children under age 2 are free.

Tax and Service Charge:

All prices subject to a 22% service charge and Ohio state sales tax 7.75%.

Either package includes

- Five Hour Room Rental*
- Tables and Chairs
- China, Glassware and Flatware
- Basic Linens
- Choice of Two Appetizers
- Dinner Selection
- 4.5 Hour House Bar
- Cake Cutting Service
- One Golf Cart

**Additional hour, extra charge*



Reception Locations

Malawi Event Center *Seating Capacity 500*

This private event space is set in the midst of the Africa! exhibit. Enjoy the seclusion and beauty of this newly-renovated facility, fully equipped with lighting and sound. Ask about adding cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the Africa! Overlook. The Malawi Event Center offers a memorable and versatile environment for your wedding reception.

The Great Hall *Seating Capacity 150*

The newly renovated ProMedica Museum of Natural History provides a unique combination of impressive historical beauty and unmatched natural surroundings with a fresh new layout design! The former Indoor Theatre has been transformed into an in-set customizable catering space, complete with dance floor, state-of-the-art sound system, seating and mingling areas. The adjacent two-story tropical green house and seasonal native prairie exhibits provide exquisite natural backdrops for pictures.

Aquarium *Seating Capacity 80*

Our dynamic Aquarium creates an exotic evening in the tropics! Nibble on hors d'oeuvres next to our coral reef or sip a cocktail while our sharks watch your every move. This rental facility is the only place in Toledo where the atmosphere will always be warm!

Arctic Encounter® *Seating Capacity 50 (Buffet Service Only)*

The Arctic Encounter® is the coolest place to host your wedding! Enjoy your special day surrounded by waterfalls, running streams, artificial rock and ice exhibits. Ask about having the polar bears out to play!

Venue minimum includes food, beverage, equipment, and any additional rentals



Malawi: Toledo Zoo & Aquarium



Aquarium: Jack Hoyle



Great Hall: Toledo Zoo & Aquarium

Rehearsal Dinner Package

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

All-Inclusive Rehearsal Dinner Package

Buffet Dinners Priced per person

Served Dinners Priced per person

Tax and Service Charge:

All prices subject to a 22% service charge and Ohio state sales tax 7.75%.

Rehearsal dinners for a minimum of 20 guests include

- Three Hour Room Rental
- Tables and Chairs
- China, Glassware and Flatware
- Basic Linens
- Choice of Two Appetizers
- Dinner Selection
- Two Hour House Beer, Wine and Soda Bar
- Microphone and Podium
- One Golf Cart



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Inquire about other available locations.

**All facilities are subject to availability.*



Malawi: Toledo Zoo & Aquarium

Dressing Room Packages

Serves 5-8 People

- **Zoo Chips, Pretzel Twists and Popcorn Boxes** Priced per person

- **Seasonal Cut Fruit Bowl**

- **Mini Sandwich Platter**

10 sandwiches: turkey, ham, cheese, lettuce, tomato and condiments on a side platter

- **Crudit  with Dill Dip**

- **Deli Tray**

roast beef, turkey, ham, cheddar, swiss, lettuce and tomatoes, dijon mustard, pickle slices and assorted bread

Available for 2 hours

Mimosa Bar - Priced per person

Champagne, orange juice, orange garnish

Bloody Mary Bar - Priced per person

Bloody Mary Mix, Liquor/Vodka, Celery, Cheese, Salami, Olives, Hot Sauce and Salt

Beer and Champagne available upon request.

**No outside alcohol can be brought on Zoo grounds, including but not limited to dressing rooms.*

Additional bartender fee may apply

Appetizers

Choice of two included with package

- Cajun Crab Stuffed Mushrooms

- Bruschetta

- Spinach and Artichoke Dip with Fresh Tortilla Chips

- Sweet & Sour, Marinara, BBQ or Swedish Meatballs

- Shaved Beef Crostini with Horseradish Cream Sauce

- Pineapple Cilantro Chicken Bites

- Fresh Vegetables with Dill Dip

- Fresh Cut Fruit Display

- Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions *Additional charge per person*

- Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts in a Sweet Soy Glaze

Additional charge per person

Additional appetizers available upon request

- Cheese Selection with Crackers: Priced per person

- Classic Shrimp Cocktail: **50 pieces** or **100 pieces**

- Brie baked in puff pastry with your choice of Cranberry Compote or Maple Bacon Jam served with grilled bread.

Serves approx. 30



Buffet Dinners

All buffet dinners include

Choice of salad, Caesar or House with two dressings (Ranch, Raspberry Vinaigrette, Balsamic, Italian, Poppyseed, Caesar or French) warm rolls with Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

Choice of two entrées

- **Top Round Carving Station:** slow-roasted choice top round carved by one of our chefs and accompanied by roasted mushrooms, black pepper au jus and horseradish sauce.
- **Herb-Roasted Turkey Carving Station:** herb-rubbed, whole turkey breast, hand-carved for your guests and served with turkey velouté.
- **Soy-grilled Flank Steak:** marinated in cola and soy sauce, grilled and finished with colorful bell peppers and green onions.
- **Beef Bourguignon:** traditional braised beef in red wine with roasted vegetables and demi glaze.
- **Chicken Cordon Bleu:** breaded chicken breast stuffed with ham and swiss cheese served with a chicken velouté.
- **Chicken Marsala:** grilled chicken breast served with traditional mushroom marsala sauce.
- **Grilled Herb Chicken:** marinated with lemon, olive oil and plenty of flavorful herbs, finished with a chicken velouté.
- **Greek Style Mahi Mahi:** broiled filets topped with feta, dill and fresh lemon slices.
- **Blackened Salmon:** with cajun cream sauce

Choice of one starch

- Garlic and Cream Cheese Smashed Potatoes
- Rosemary Roasted Redskin Potatoes
- Orzo Pilaf
- Penne Pesto Primavera
- Three Cheese Macaroni & Cheese
- Rice Pilaf
- Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Choice of one vegetable

- Green Beans Amandine
- Roasted Cauliflower
- Parmesan and Garlic Broccoli
- Roasted Zucchini
- Ratatouille
- Glazed Baby Carrots
- Fiesta Corn

Additional options

- **Mashed Potato Bar** *(takes the place of one starch for an additional charge per person)*
Garlic and cream cheese smashed potatoes, sour cream, chives, whipped herb butter, gravy, shredded cheddar cheese and real bacon bits. Baked potatoes available upon request.
- **Gourmet Mac & Cheese Bar** *(add on to buffet or as a late night snack, priced per person)*
Choose 3 toppings, additional toppings: Prices per person
Three cheese cavatappi Mac & Cheese, Steamed broccoli, bacon pieces, salsa, scallions, Sriracha, chicken chunks, sautéed mushrooms, seasoned bread crumbs or extra cheese.
- **Plated Kids Meal:** *Chicken tenders, fries, and fruit cup, Priced per plate*

***Ask about late night snacks**



Served Dinners

All served dinners require assigned seating, excluding dual entrees. Dinners include

Choice of salad, Caesar or House with two dressings (Ranch, Raspberry Vinaigrette, Balsamic, Italian, Poppyseed or Caesar, French), Warm Rolls with Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

Two entrée selections are included

Number of each selection desired must be given with final count.

- **New York Strip Steak:** choice cut, grilled to medium and finished with herb butter. *Additional charge per person*
- **Ribeye:** choice cut served with a mushrooms demi glaze. *Additional charge per person*
- **Surf and Turf:** a 4 oz. tournedo of beef and three skewered, blackened shrimp stacked with gremolata (a lemon, shallot and parsley relish).
- **Chicken Saltimbocca:** pan seared chicken breast with prosciutto, provolone and sage butter sauce.
- **Chicken Parmesan:** breaded, sautéed and finished with our house-made marinara and freshly grated parmesan
- **Crab Cakes Aioli:** two savory crab cakes served with our lemon and caper aioli.
- **Grilled Boneless Pork Chops:** grilled boneless pork chops finished with maple dijon glaze.
- **Vegetable Napoleon:** roasted portobello mushroom, squash, eggplant and bell pepper artfully stacked and drizzled with balsamic glaze over red quinoa. *Vegan*
- **Eggplant Parmesan:** thick sliced eggplant lightly breaded topped with our house made marinara and fresh grated parmesan served with fettuccine.
- **Kids Meal:** chicken tenders, fries and fruit cup, Priced per plate

Choice of one starch

- Garlic and Cream Cheese smashed Potatoes
- Parmesan and Green Onion Potato Cake
- Rosemary Roasted Redskin Potatoes
- Rice Pilaf
- Mushroom Risotto
- Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Choice of one vegetable

- Green Beans Amandine
- Roasted Zucchini
- Glazed Baby Carrots
- Roasted Cauliflower
- Ratatouille
- Parmesan & Garlic Broccoli
- Asparagus

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Bar Service

Wedding Reception Bar Service - 4.5 hours

House *included with package*

- Domestic bottled Beer
- House Wines
- House Liquors
- Coca-Cola Beverages

Select *priced per person*

- Imported and Domestic bottled Beer
- Select Wines
- Select Liquors
- Coca-Cola Beverages

Premium *priced per person*

- Imported and Domestic bottled Beer
- Premium Wines
- Premium Liquors
- Coca-Cola Beverages

***Ask about specialty drinks and craft beers**

Rehearsal Dinner Bar Service - Two Hours

House *included with package*

- Domestic bottled Beer
- House Wines
- Coca-Cola Beverages

Add House Liquor *Additional charge per person*

Select *priced per person, per two hours*

- Beer and Wine only
- Beer, Wine and Liquor

Premium *priced per person, per two hours*

- Beer and Wine only
- Beer and Wine and Liquor

Champagne *priced per bottle*

**Additional charge by consumption*

- Ballatore Spumante
- Chateau Lafayette Brut
- Andre Pink
- Zonin Prosecco

Extend bar an hour *Additional charge per person*

Soda service all night (after package hours are complete) *Additional charge per person*

Equipment Rental

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- Lavalier Microphone
- Risers (*Per 4' x 8' Section*)
- Floor Length Linens
- Laptop or Tablet
- Linen Chair Covers with Sashes
- Satin Table Runners
- Sequin Table Runners
- Sequin Table Cloths
- Charger Plates
- Data Projector
- White Cushioned Chairs
- Tech Time
- Chiavari Chairs
- Extra Golf Cart
- 20 oz. Water Bottles for Ceremony
- Wheelchair
- Electric Scooter
- Firepits
- Heaters

**All rentals are subject to a delivery fee.*

Due to liability and compatability issues, we do not allow outside A/V equipment or drones to be brought into our facilities. All specialty rentals must be arranged through the Toledo Zoo.

Upgrades for Malawi Rentals

Priced per 1 hour

- Train Rental
- Carousel Rental
- ***Africa!*** animals on exhibit
- Giraffe Feed Deck (includes animals on exhibit)

Upgrades for Arctic Rentals

Priced per 1 hour

- Train Rental
- Carousel Rental
- Polar Bears on exhibit

All Venue Rentals

Priced per 1 hour

- Premium Animal Demonstrations
Sloth, 1-2 Penguins (based on availability), or
1-2 Flamingos (May-Oct., only for Great Hall or
Aquarium rentals, based on availability)
- 2 Small animals

Please note: The welfare of our animals is our highest priority. Therefore the animal participation is under the discretion of the Zoo's animal staff. Animals cannot be guaranteed but we will try our best to ensure the animal of your choice.

Wedding Favors

At the Toledo Zoo, conservation is at the heart of what we do. The Conservation Today program is one way you can make a difference in the natural world. Can't think of a fun or exciting favor? Don't want to bother with candies or chocolates? Your guests will love the sophisticated design of our Conservation Today cards, along with the powerful message that lets them know you're making a difference in the natural world.



- Priced per card
- 100 card minimum.
- Sample favor card. Actual size is 2.5" x 3.5".
- Assortment of animals and colors to choose from.

Please contact your Sales Representative to learn more.

Rental Locations & Map of Zoo

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| 1 Aquarium | 4 Arctic Encounter® | 6 Africa! Overlook |
| 2 Captain's Room | 5 Malawi Event Center
(Indigo, Sapphire, Imperial) | 7 The Great Hall at The ProMedica
Museum of Natural History |
| 3 Broadway Pavilion | | 8 Relic Room |



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Catering Requirements

Guarantees

- Attendance must be guaranteed 15 calendar days in advance of event.
- The number reserved will be considered a guarantee, and charges will be made for the number served or the number reserved, whichever is greater.

Food and Beverages

- All food and beverage service will be provided and served by the Toledo Zoo.
- No catered food is allowed to be taken off Zoo grounds.
- The consumption of raw or uncooked food such as beef or chicken, which may contain harmful bacteria, may cause serious illness or death.
- The following major food allergens are used as ingredients: milk, egg, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, soy, and sesame. Please notify a Food Services employee for more information about these ingredients.

Tax and Service Charge

- All prices subject to a 22% service charge and Ohio state sales tax.
- All prices subject to change without notice.
- The Toledo Zoo has a full-service staff and executive chef to accommodate all your catering needs. If you need a custom menu or have special needs, we are more than happy to help.

****No weddings will be held during Lights Before Christmas***

For more information, contact the Group Sales Department at
419-385-5721 ext. 6001 or groupsales@toledozoo.org



