

SafariWest



A Wedding for the Wild at Heart...

Congratulations! You and your fiancé are about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime together. Your wedding should reflect your special union by being just as exceptional and thrilling as your love for each other.

The Safari West Wildlife Preserve offers everything you need to make your wedding unforgettable. With 400 acres of rolling hills and close to 600 animals, we are not your average wedding venue. In addition to our exotic wildlife, we have 31 glorious tent-cabins to accommodate your guests, each with its own unique view, private bathroom, and plush king or double bed.

Safari West represents the spirit of Africa in the heart of California's Wine Country. Being a wildlife preserve where animal behavior, weather, and other factors play a role in what we can offer, we may not be right for uncompromising couples looking to have every detail just so. However, if you and your fiancé would go wild to have cheetahs, lemurs and giraffes on your guest list and you are looking for an easy-going wedding, Safari West is the perfect site for you.

For more information please contact our Events Department at (707) 579-2551 or (800) 616-2695. Alternatively you may email eventplanning@safariwest.com

Site Fees

We have assembled the packages below for your convenience. Please note that exact site fees will be determined using number of guests, time of the week, and any additional needs. If you do not see a package that fits your ideal wedding, please contact our Events Department to build your own custom package. While site fees do not afford exclusivity to our property, we can provide you information on times of day and times of the year that tend to be less populated.

All of our packages include the following:

- The use of our site for five hours- event must end by 10pm
- Use of our white event chairs for ceremony
- Parking shuttle and attendant (as needed)
- Basic china, silverware, and cloth napkins
- Set up, break down, and site fee for Aviary Lawn (ceremony) and Elephant Room (reception)
- Private bar setup with bartender (gratuity and beverage cost not included)

May to September

Masai Wedding

- Number of Guests: up to 80
- Site Fee: \$3,000 to \$5,500

Zulu Wedding

- Number of Guests: up to 120
- Site Fee: \$6,000 to \$8,000
- Must book a minimum of 15 tent cabins in addition to site fee. Please consult the Events Department for further information.

Additional Amenities:

- Use of the **Savannah Café Room in addition to our Elephant Room** for your reception

October through April

Swazi Wedding

- Number of Guests: up to 80
- Site Fee: \$1,500 to \$4,500



Event Facilities & Activities



The Aviary Lawn

This picturesque wedding site offers spectacular views for you and your guests, with our grand oak tree providing the perfect backdrop to your ceremony.

To the right of our Aviary Lawn is our giraffe enclosure. Giraffes have quite the curious disposition and will often gather round to watch weddings. Birds from the aviary also like to show their approval by chirping or whistling throughout ceremonies. Our animals ensure that weddings at Safari West are never dull.

Elephant Room

This room brings the natural splendor of Safari West indoors with its intricately carved elephant mural, canvas siding, and handmade tables. You will feel like you're celebrating in the savannah!

Don't be worried if you hear whooping and hollering outside your reception- our lemur couple love to join in the toasts.



Tours and Activities

Looking for something for your guests to do while you have pictures taken? Send them on safari for an hour! For \$25.00 per wedding guest, we offer a sixty minute Trek Tour (pictured left). This price does not include gratuity. Guests will see giraffes, cheetahs, lemurs and more on this exciting guided tour. Best of all, it will give you, your new spouse, and family members time with your photographer without making your guests wait around.



To incorporate even more wildlife into your wedding, you can follow your ceremony with a full Safari Jeep Tour (pictured right). This adventure will take you and your guests into the heart of our preserve to see giraffes, cape buffalo, rhinos, zebras and more. After the two hour drive your party will go on a 45 minute walking safari to see cheetahs, lemurs, and exotic birds. The price and time of this tour vary so please contact the Events Department for more details.



Wedding Guidelines

Deposit and Cancellation Policy

Bookings are guaranteed once the Events Department receives a signed contract and your credit card information for the 50% deposit of your estimated charges. Weddings that have not provided a signed contract and 50% deposit are subject to cancellation at any time. Wedding deposits are refundable up to 90 days prior to the scheduled wedding day. Safari West reserves the right to keep the full deposit amount if your wedding is cancelled within the 90 day period.

Exclusivity

Safari West's typical wedding packages do not afford exclusivity to our property. The preserve will still be open to the general public for reservations for all tours and meals. Our Events Department can provide you with information on times of day and times of the year that tend to be less populated. If you are interested in paying for exclusivity, you may direct your inquiry to the Safari West Events Department.

Weather Conditions

Wedding ceremonies are conducted outside in front of our beautiful aviary. If, one week prior to your event, there is a threat of rain forecasted for your wedding day, you will be required to rent an event tent to accommodate your guests for the wedding ceremony. Outdoor event tent rentals range in price from \$800-\$2000. For a local event tent supplier please contact the Safari West events office.

Menu Choices

Our chefs at Safari West have developed a comprehensive special event menu that is sure to impress all of your guests. This menu is served family style, providing an intimate setting for your loved ones. Though we do not allow outside catering for your meal, we welcome wedding cakes prepared in a professional, licensed kitchen.

Alcoholic Beverages & Bar Service

Meal service includes water, coffee and hot tea. Wine, beer, and soft drinks may be put onto a tab at your private bar. Your Safari West events consultant can provide you with a current bar menu for you to choose from to stock your private bar. The charges on your bar tab plus the 15% gratuity for our bartender will be added to your balance after your wedding.

Outside beer, soft drinks, and hard alcohol are not allowed on site. Safari West will permit outside wine to be brought in with a \$10 corkage fee per bottle.

Entertainment & Vendor Policy

To respect the staff that lives on property as well as our neighbors, Safari West has a strict 10pm quiet hour policy. Events must conclude with guests departing by 10pm.

All outside vendors that will be on Safari West property must sign the Safari West vendor contract. Your Safari West event consultant will be happy to furnish this upon your request.

All vendors are required to remove all equipment, props, décor, etc. at the end of the event. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a \$500 charge on your master bill. Safari West reserves the right to approve or refuse any vendor.

Accommodations

For the comfort of your guests, Safari West offers “luxu-rustic” tent-cabins each with a private bathroom and plush king or double bed. You can also enjoy spectacular views of the preserve from the tent’s balcony.

Some packages require couples to book a minimum of 15 tent-cabins. Please ask your event consultant if this requirement applies to you. We would be happy to set aside a block of tents, which your guests may reserve and pay for individually or the tent charges can be placed on your master bill. Tents-cabins do book up quickly so please let us know if you would like any set aside for your wedding.

Parking & Transportation

With the exception of the bridal party, guest parking is available no more than one hour prior to your contracted ceremony start time. Due to our facility’s limited parking, large weddings may be required to have guests park at our pull out (0.5 miles from Safari West). Safari West will contract a shuttle service to transport your guests from the pullout to the preserve. This cost will be built into your site fee.



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We would like to thank you again for considering Safari West for your upcoming wedding. Feel free to contact us by phone or email with questions or to make a booking. The Safari West events staff would be happy to give you a tour of our facility and to go over your expectations and explore what our unique location can offer you. While we do feel that site visits are an important part of planning your wedding, all appointments are by reservation only.

Sincerely,

The Safari West Events Department