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Phoenix, Arizona 85008

Mission Statement:

The Garden's commitment to the community is to advance excellence in education, research, exhibition and conservation of desert plants of the world with emphasis on the Southwestern United States. We will ensure that the Garden is always a compelling attraction that brings to life the many wonders of the desert.



Thank you for your interest in bringing a group to the Desert Botanical Garden! This packet is designed to assist in planning your discovery of the desert. Green since 1939 and centrally located in beautiful Papago Park, the Garden is a wondrous and captivating way to experience the beauty of the desert without leaving Phoenix. The Garden's collection includes over 20,000 catalogued plants representing one of the most important documented collections of desert plants in the world.

General admission discounts for our self-guided are available for groups of 10 or more. We also specialize in a variety of private tours and educational activities for groups of 10 or more. Most visitors plan to spend at least 1.5-2 hours with us and we recommend that you schedule additional time at the end of each visit for guests to visit the Garden Shop.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions and I look forward to assisting with your group's visit!

Best Regards,

Chelsey Keller

Corporate Event and Group Sales Coordinator

Desert Botanical Garden Group Pricing

Minimum guarantee: 10 People (unless otherwise noted)

All pricing is per person

Self- Guided Group Visits



Adults	\$20.00 (Ages 19-59)
Seniors	\$18.00 (Ages 60+)
Children	\$8.00 (Ages 4-18)
Music in the Garden Concert Tickets	\$20.00 (Ages 21+)
<i>Las Noches de las Luminarias</i> Tickets	\$25.00 adults & seniors/\$10.00 children

Guided Group Visits

(See next page for tour descriptions)



Guided Group Adult	\$25.00 (Child: \$15.00)
Desert Dish Garden Activity	\$50.00 <i>30 minute classes & 1 hour tour</i>
Afternoon Tea in the Garden	\$65.00 <i>2 hour tea & 1 hour Garden tour</i>
Taste of the Southwest Cooking Demo	\$90.00 <i>2 hour demo & 1 hour Garden tour</i>

Native Cultures and Plants of the Southwest

(Includes admission to the Desert Botanical Garden and Heard Museum)



Adult & Senior Self-Guided Tour	\$35.00
Adult & Senior Guided Tour	\$40.00
Add on a Guide at the Heard Museum*	\$20.00 flat rate per Heard Docent
*(1 guide per 20 guests)	

Enhance Your Visit



Boxed Lunch Options	Please inquire for menus and pricing
Breakfast Options	Please inquire for menus and pricing
Bottled Water or Soda	\$2.00 per drink
Audio Tour (add on to self-guided tour)	\$3.50 additional
Butterfly Pavilion (Fall and Spring)	\$2.00 additional

Desert Botanical Garden Group Tour Options:

DESERT DISCOVERY TOUR

1 Hour Guided Tour

Minimum: 10

Follow the brick path: take the Garden's main trail and learn the unique characteristics of desert plants from around the world. The loop trail features outstanding displays and exhibits including the *Sybil B. Harrington Cactus and Succulent Galleries* and the *Berlin Agave Yucca Forest*. This tour focuses on desert plant biology where you can explore the great diversity of form, texture and color found in this wondrous array of cacti and succulents from around the world. You will also learn how desert plants are uniquely adapted to survive and thrive in a harsh desert environment.

DESERT DISCOVERY TOUR WITH ETHNOBOTANY

1 Hour Guided Tour

Minimum: 10

Taking the same trail as the above Desert Discovery Tour, this tour focuses on people's interactions with desert plants. Learn the amazing ways people use desert plants for food, tools, and shelter. This is our most popular tour and features such plants as saguaros, agave, mesquite, prickly pear, and jojoba as you traverse through the highlights of our collection.

SPRING WILDFLOWER TOUR

1 Hour Guided Tour

Minimum: 10

Available March– May

There is truly nothing like the Sonoran Desert in the springtime. As the desert explodes with color, stop and view the Mexican poppies, Penstemon, Desert Lupine and many other wildflowers on the Desert Botanical Garden's exquisite *Harriet K. Maxwell* Desert Wildflower Loop Trail. Learn about pollination and which flowers attract which pollinators. The transformation of the desert into these incredible blooms is a seasonal sight not to be missed!

BIRDS OF THE SOUTHWEST TOUR

1 Hour Guided Tour

Minimum: 10

The Desert Botanical Garden is home to many birds including the Western Screech Owl, Gila Woodpecker, and Anna's Hummingbird. As your group strolls through the Garden, the rich notes of the various birds echo along the path while an ever-curious and personable Gambel's quail tags along. This tour focuses on how birds interact with desert plants and is recommended in the early hours of the day.

PLANTS & PEOPLE OF THE SONORAN DESERT TOUR

1 ½ Hour Guided Tour

Minimum: 10

Step off of our main trail onto the Plants and People of the Sonoran Desert Loop Trail, which is one of the largest exhibits of its kind dedicated to helping people understand the complex cultural relationships between people and plants in our region. The trail winds through five habitats that have provided people with useful plants for food, fiber, medicine and cultural purposes for 2,000 years: Desert, Desert Oasis, Mesquite Bosque, Semi-desert Grassland, and Chaparral. The story of these relationships is brought to life through cultural examples of the Tonoho O'odham and Western Apache households which you can explore. Also try hands-on activities such as pounding mesquite beans to make flour. *Please note this trail is on a dirt path and requires a large amount of walking.*

DESERT DISH GARDEN ACTIVITY & TOUR

30 minute activity and 1 Hour Guided Tour

Minimum: 15

After spending a day at the Desert Botanical Garden, your group can take home a little garden of their own in an original hand-thrown pot by local artist, Jim Sudal. Under the guidance of a knowledgeable instructor, your group will construct a cactus or succulent dish garden featuring 3 cacti, while enjoying the beauty and tranquility of the Garden. *A plant care sheet and box will be included with each dish garden. We are unable to ship cactus.*

AFTERNOON TEA IN THE GARDEN & TOUR

2 Hour Activity and 1 Hour Guided Tour

Minimum: 15

Spend a delightful afternoon in the Garden sipping tea and savoring Fabulous Food Fine Catering and Events' petite sandwiches and desserts. Before or after tea, stroll the paths with a personal guide while learning about the treasures of the Sonoran Desert with a one hour tour of your choice.

TASTE OF THE SOUTHWEST COOKING DEMO, MEAL & TOUR

2 Hour Activity and 1 Hour Guided Tour

Minimum: 15

Nurture your team with a once in a lifetime Garden dining experience. The stage is set as you enter the Garden with a private guided tour emphasizing ethnobotany and how native plants are used for food, tools, and shelter. You will be led to a private dining location where you will learn how the food is prepared and then savor every bite of delicious meal. Choose from one of three locally sourced garden fresh menus prepared by Fabulous Food Fine Catering and Events. Please inquire for menus.

NATIVE CULTURES & PLANTS OF THE SOUTHWEST

Minimum: 10

4-5 Hour Self Guided or Guided Tour

The Heard Museum, founded in 1929, and the Desert Botanical Garden, founded in 1939, have come together to present a wonderfully insightful Southwest experience acquainting your group with the diversity of the Sonoran Desert and the resourcefulness of the Native people.

This combination tour includes admission to both the Desert Botanical Garden and Heard Museum, with the option to add a boxed lunch or breakfast. Your group has the option to select to have guided tours at either or both museums. Please note that the lunch or breakfast must be held at the Desert Botanical Garden, and that both museums must be visited in the same day in order to receive the discounted rate.

Menu selections and minimum guarantee are due 5 business days in advance of the tour, and the final minimum, 2 days.

Sample recommended schedule for guided tours at both locations: (Note: museums can be visited in either order)

9:30-10:30 a.m. - Private guided Tour at Desert Botanical Garden

10:30-11:00 a.m. - Free additional time to enjoy the Garden & Garden Shop

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Boxed lunch at the Desert Botanical Garden

12:00 p.m. - Departure for the Heard Museum

12:30-1:30 p.m. - Private guided tour at the Heard Museum

1:30 p.m. - Free additional time to enjoy the property & Garden Shop

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN CONCERT SERIES

Minimum: 10

Available October -June

Spend a relaxing Friday evening strolling through the Garden and joining us on our scenic Ullman Terrace to listen to the Valley's premier musicians. Food and beverages are available during the concerts for an additional fee. *Please inquire for the series line-up. Also, please note that this is a 21+ event.*

LAS NOCHES DE LAS LUMINARIAS

Minimum: 25

Available November-December

Experience the warm, beautiful tradition of *Las Noches de las Luminarias*! During *Luminaria*, the Garden comes to life with the soft glow from thousands of hand-lit luminaria bags and thousands of white twinkle lights. As you walk the paths with a warm cup of cider, the sounds of handbells ringing and musicians singing remind you of what the season is all about.

**PLEASE CONTACT CHELSEY KELLER at 480-481-8104
or ckeller@dbg.org TO BOOK YOUR GROUP TODAY!**

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