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**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 (termed self-guided tours) 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. We recommend that you schedule additional time at the end of each visit for guests to visit the Garden Shop. Most visitors plan to spend at least 1.5-2 hours with us.

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

Best Regards,

Corporate Event and Group Sales Coordinator

## Desert Botanical Garden Group Visit Per Person Price List-2013

\*Group Rates Subject to Change\*

Minimum guarantee: 10 People (unless otherwise noted)

### Self-Guided Group Visits (Prices are Per Person)

Adult Self-Guided Tour (General Admission)	\$15.00 (Ages 19-59)
Senior Self-Guided Tour (General Admission)	\$13.00 (60+)
Music in the Garden Group Concert Tickets	\$16.00 per person (21+)
Audio Tour as an add on to a Self-Guided visit	Please inquire for additional information
Butterfly Pavilion (seasonal dates in Fall and Spring)	\$2.00 additional

### Guided Group Visits (Prices are Per Person)

Desert Discovery, Plants and People of the Sonoran Desert, Bird Watching, or Wildflower Tour (minimum of 10)	\$20.00 for 1 hour tour. Tour length varies depending on topic selected.
*Private Guided Flashlight Tour (minimum of 10)	\$20.00 (*Only offered on Thursday and Saturday evenings from May 26th-September 1st from 7-9 p.m.)
Photographic Safari (minimum of 10)	\$52.00 includes 2 hour class & 1 hour tour
Desert Dish Garden Tour & Activity (minimum of 15)	\$48.00 includes 45 minute class & 1 hour tour
Afternoon Tea in the Garden (minimum of 15)	\$52.00 includes 1 hour tea & 1 hour tour
Fabulous Food: Taste of the Southwest Cooking Demo Tour (minimum of 15) (pricing is all inclusive) <i>1 hour 45 min. demo &amp; 1 hour tour</i>	\$70.00 for lunchtime, Menus A, B, C \$120.00 for evening, Menus D, E \$135.00 for Ethno botanical Menu (day or night)
Fabulous Food: Interactive Cooking Class (minimum of 10) (pricing is all inclusive) <i>1 hour 45 min. class &amp; 1 hour tour</i>	\$95.00-105.00 for lunchtime experience \$135.00 for evening experience

### Native Cultures and Plants of the Southwest (Prices are Per Person)

*Packages are as follows: (Please note that packages do not include transportation)*

<u>Self-Guided Adult &amp; Senior</u> : Includes Garden & Heard Admission and a boxed lunch or breakfast at the Garden. Please inquire for menus.	\$36.00
<u>Guided Adult &amp; Senior</u> : Includes Garden & Heard Admission, a 1-hour guided tour at the Garden and a boxed breakfast or lunch at the Garden.	\$43.00
*Add on a <b>Guide at the Heard Museum</b> . One Heard docent recommended for up to every 20 people.	Choose either self-guided or guided above, then add a \$20.00/Flat rate per Heard Docent.

### Meals and Beverages to enhance your visit:

Group Boxed Lunch	\$14.75 (please inquire for menus)
Group Breakfast Options	\$12.95/\$17.25/\$20.25 (please inquire for menus)
Bottled Water or Soda	\$2.00 per drink (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Bottled Water)

PLEASE CONTACT KATELYN POULSON at 480-481-8104  
or [kpoulson@dbg.org](mailto:kpoulson@dbg.org) TO BOOK YOUR GROUP TODAY!

## 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, and prickly pear as you traverse through the highlights of our collection.

### 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 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 Akimel O'odham and Western Apache Roundhouse 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.

### 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 native Curved-billed thrasher echoes along the path while an ever-curious and personable Cactus Wren tags along. This tour focuses on how birds interact with desert plants and is recommended in the early hours of the day.

### 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!

### FLASHLIGHT TOUR

#### 2 Hour Activity

Minimum: 10

Available May – September

Nights in the desert are anything but dull! Nighthawks fly, night-blooming flowers open, toads sing and owls watch, as you stroll the trails, seeking surprises around each corner. Be ready to be adventurous! You will view critters such as snakes, scorpions, and desert tortoises first hand at our discovery stations! Available on Thursday and Saturday evenings only, May 26-September 1.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI

#### 2 Hour Activity (plus optional 1 Hour Desert Discovery Tour)

Minimum: 10

Get expert advice on how to improve photographs from a professional photographic instructor. The instructor will share invaluable tips on equipment and techniques the pros use and will take time to individually assist each attendee. Your safari will begin with a short introductory presentation and then you will be taught to create powerful compositions, using the uniquely adapted plants and cacti of the Garden's collection as subjects. All camera formats (digital, non-digital) are welcome. One instructor per 10-15 people.

## DESERT DISH GARDEN ACTIVITY AND TOUR

**45 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 AND TOUR

**1 Hour Activity and 1 Hour Guided Tour**

**Minimum: 15**

Spend a delightful afternoon in the Garden sipping tea and savoring Fabulous Foods' petite sandwiches and desserts. After tea, stroll the paths with a personal guide while learning about the treasures of the Sonoran Desert. A relaxing and educational experience awaits you here at the Desert Botanical Garden!

## TASTE OF THE SOUTHWEST COOKING DEMO, LUNCH & 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 a locally sourced garden fresh meal. We can also offer this as a dinner or cooking class variation (price and minimum will differ).

## 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, as well as an included lunch. Your group has the option to select to have guided tours at either or both museums. Please note that the lunch 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)

9:30am-10:30am-Private guided Tour at Desert Botanical Garden

10:30-11:00pm-Free additional time to enjoy the property & Garden Shop

11:00pm- Boxed lunch at Desert Botanical Garden

12:00pm- Departure for the Heard Museum

12:30-1:30 Private guided Heard Tour

1:30+ Free additional time to enjoy the property & gift shop

## MUSIC IN THE GARDEN CONCERT SERIES

**Minimum: 10**

**Available October -June**

Spend a relaxing Friday evening (Fall & Spring Series) or Sunday afternoon (Winter Series) with a group of friends 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 at the Patio Café for an additional fee.