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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

\*Prices apply to group tours with a contracted tour date of November 10, 2013 and later

Minimum guarantee: 10 People (unless otherwise noted)



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

Adult Self-Guided Tour (General Admission)	\$20.00 (Ages 19-59)
Senior Self-Guided Tour (General Admission)	\$18.00 Seniors (Ages 60+)
Audio Tour as an add on to a Self-Guided tour	\$3.50 additional
Butterfly Pavilion (seasonal dates in the Fall and Spring)	\$2.00 additional
Music in the Garden Group Concert Tickets	Please inquire for additional information (Ages 21+)
Las Noches de las Luminarias Group Tickets	\$25.00 for adults/seniors & \$10.00 per child

## Guided Group Visits (Prices are Per Person)

Desert Discovery Tour, Desert Discovery Tour with Ethnobotany, Spring Wildflower Tour or Bird Watching Tour	\$25.00 for 1 hour tour (Tour length varies depending on topic selected)
Afternoon Tea in the Garden (Pricing is all inclusive) <i>2 hour tea &amp; 1 hour Garden tour</i>	\$60.00 for afternoon menu <i>(please inquire for menus)</i>
Taste of the Southwest Cooking Demo & Tour (Pricing is all inclusive) <i>1 hour 45 minute demo &amp; 1 hour Garden tour</i>	\$75.00 for lunchtime <i>(please inquire for menus)</i> \$120.00 for evening <i>(please inquire for menus)</i> \$135.00 for ethnobotanical <i>(please inquire for menus)</i>
Interactive Cooking Class (Pricing is all inclusive) <i>1 hour 45 min. class &amp; 1 hour Garden tour</i>	\$95.00-105.00 for lunchtime experience \$135.00 for evening experience <i>(please inquire for menus)</i>

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

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

<u>Adult &amp; Senior Self-Guided Tour</u> : Includes Garden & Heard Admission and a boxed lunch or breakfast at the Garden. <i>(Please inquire for menu)</i>	\$40.00
<u>Adult &amp; Senior Guided Tour</u> : Includes Garden & Heard Admission, a 1-hour guided tour at the Garden and a boxed breakfast or lunch at the Garden. <i>(Please inquire for menu)</i>	\$46.00
*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: (Prices are Per Person) *Please inquire for menus*

Group Breakfast Options	\$12.95/\$17.25/\$20.25
Group Boxed Lunch	\$14.75
Upgraded Group Lunch Options	\$16.50-\$18.50
Group Picnic Dinner Options	\$23.50 + delivery fee
Bottled Water or Soda	\$2.00 per drink <i>(Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Bottled Water)</i>

## 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 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.

### PLANTS & PEOPLE OF THE SONORAN DESERT TOUR *(This tour will not be available from November 2013-May 2014)*

#### 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.*

### 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 Foods' petite sandwiches and desserts. Before or after tea, stroll the paths with a personal guide while learning about the treasures of the Sonoran Desert.

### TASTE OF THE SOUTHWEST COOKING DEMO & 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 from the menu provided. 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 & Gift Shop

11:00pm- Boxed lunch at the Garden

12:00pm-Departure for Heard

12:30-1:15/1:30: Private guided tour at the Heard

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 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 Dickens Carolers singing remind you of what the season is all about.

**PLEASE CONTACT KATELYN POULSON at 480-481-8104  
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