Evening Packages

*Prices valid as of April 8, 2025

Philadelphia Zoo, home to over 1,900 rare animals in 42 acres of Victorian gardens, provides a stunning venue for special events. Guests can enjoy cocktails amidst vibrant birds, dine near great apes, and celebrate with exotic big cats. The zoo offers various settings, including a LEED-certified building with educational exhibits, glass displays for close animal encounters, and outdoor plazas with scenic views and fountains.

Venue Locations

Evening rentals come with exclusive access to a private venue from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, complimentary parking in designated secure lots, and dedicated event hosts to ensure everything runs smoothly.

PECO Primate Reserve

Capacity: Cocktail-Style | 200 guests ~ Sit-Down | 150 guests

With engaging exhibits and a versatile layout, this venue offers endless opportunities for your custom event. Guests will dine amongst great apes and spirited small primates, including majestic silverback gorillas and frolicking lemurs. And in fair weather, the venue's boardwalk entry makes for a welcoming cocktail hour location. PECO Primate Reserve is truly like no other venue in the city.

Rental Fee - \$8,000

Rare Animal Conservation Center and Impala Plaza

Rare Animal Conservation Center Capacity: Cocktail-Style | 200 guests ~ Sit-Down | 160 guests Impala Plaza Capacity: Cocktail-Style | 250 guests

The Rare Animal Conservation Center is home to some of the Zoo's most exotic and endangered animals and is one of the Zoo's most popular event venues. Adjacent to the Conservation Center, Impala Plaza features a grand fountain with a backdrop of mature trees and is surrounded by Zoo360 ® animal trails. Rental of Rare Animal Conservation Center includes use of Impala Plaza (weather permitting) for cocktail hour.

Rental Fee - \$7,500

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KidZooU: Hamilton Family Children's Zoo & Faris Family Education Center

Capacity: Cocktail-Style | 100 guests ~ Sit-Down | 60 guests

Delight kids of all ages at your next celebration at KidZooU! This LEED Gold-certified building has incredible indoor galleries and gorgeous outdoor vistas housing heritage breeds goats, lambs, and many more. This is the perfect venue for hosting a "green event" and highlighting your dedication to conservation!

Rental Fee - \$3,000

McNeil Avian Center

McNeil Avian Center Capacity: Cocktail-Style | 75 guests ~ Sit-Down | 40 guests Plaza Capacity: Cocktail-Style | 100 guests ~ Sit-Down | 80 guests

Birds of a feather party together. The neoclassical Bird House features an original historical façade, countered by a state-of-the-art interior filled with colorful exhibits full of sights and sounds. Step outside onto McNeil Plaza and continue the soiree overlooking beautiful vistas of Bird Lake.

This venue is only available May through September.

Rental Fee - \$3,000

Big Cat Falls

Capacity: Cocktail-Style | 125 guests ~ Sit-Down | 60 guests

Big Cat Falls is home to big cats from around the world, including beautiful African lions, snow leopards and rare Amur tigers. This indoor/ outdoor exhibit is perfect for a strolling cocktail hour or an intimate seated dinner during warmer months. This venue is only available May through September.

Rental Fee - \$4,500

Want Double the Fun?

Perhaps you're having a difficult time selecting your favorite animals? Philadelphia Zoo has the solution for you, and discounts too! Combination rental packages are popular with event guests because they have the opportunity to see more of America's first zoo. Start your event with a cocktail reception in one location and finish the evening with a delicious dinner surrounded by another incredible animal experience.

When selecting two or more venues for your event, a 15% discount will be applied to the venue rental fees.

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Along with fascinating animal encounters with wildlife from around the globe, Philadelphia Zoo offers countless entertainment options to make your special event unforgettable. Please inquire for availability and additional options.

DJ (Three-Hour Rental) - \$900

For party animals that love to dance and fete together, a DJ is the perfect choice to provide a wide variety of musical selections throughout the event.

Access to ZooShop - \$250 per location*

*If guests spend more than \$250, this fee will be waived.

Allow your guests the opportunity to purchase a Philadelphia Zoo souvenir from our main gift shop!

Philadelphia Zoo Photo Booth Rental - \$450 per booth

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or just having a wild time with family and friends, our photobooth is the perfect way to create lasting memories.

Face Painting or Henna Tattoos - \$350

Price based on one (1) artist for two (2) hours

Add flair and color to your party and your guests with custom face painting or henna tattoos!

Face painting artists can complete 20 small designs per hour

Henna tattoo artists can complete 15 small designs per hour

Caricatures - \$350

Price based on one (1) artist for two (2) hours

Treat your guests to custom art mementos that capture the fun from a fabulous Zoo event!

Caricature artists can complete 8 color designs or 20 black and white designs per hour

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Speak with your event manager about these and other additions that will make your Zoo event fun and memorable for guests!

Evening Attractions Tickets

Wild Explorer Virtual Reality - \$500 Rental plus \$8 per rider

Explore the ocean's depths, soar above the plains of Africa, and trek deep into the forest—all from the comfort of Philadelphia Zoo! Wild Explorer Virtual Reality is a 360° visual experience with a motion seat, an immersive VR headset, and audio. Explore the wonders of wildlife like never before in this brand-new attraction, available now! Guests must be at least 35" tall and fit the headset for this experience. Children ages 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

All prices listed below include a two-hour rental of complimentary rides. Ride availability is based on weather conditions and sunset times.

Amazon Rainforest Carousel - \$500

Riders of all ages will be treated to sounds of the Amazon, while gliding along on animals such as jaguars and anacondas right outside the Zoo's historic Treehouse building!

SEPTA PZ Express Kiddie Train - \$500

Your youngest event guests can enjoy a quaint ride on our very own SEPTA PZ Express Kiddie Train, a charming reminder of the Zoo's Victorian heritage.

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