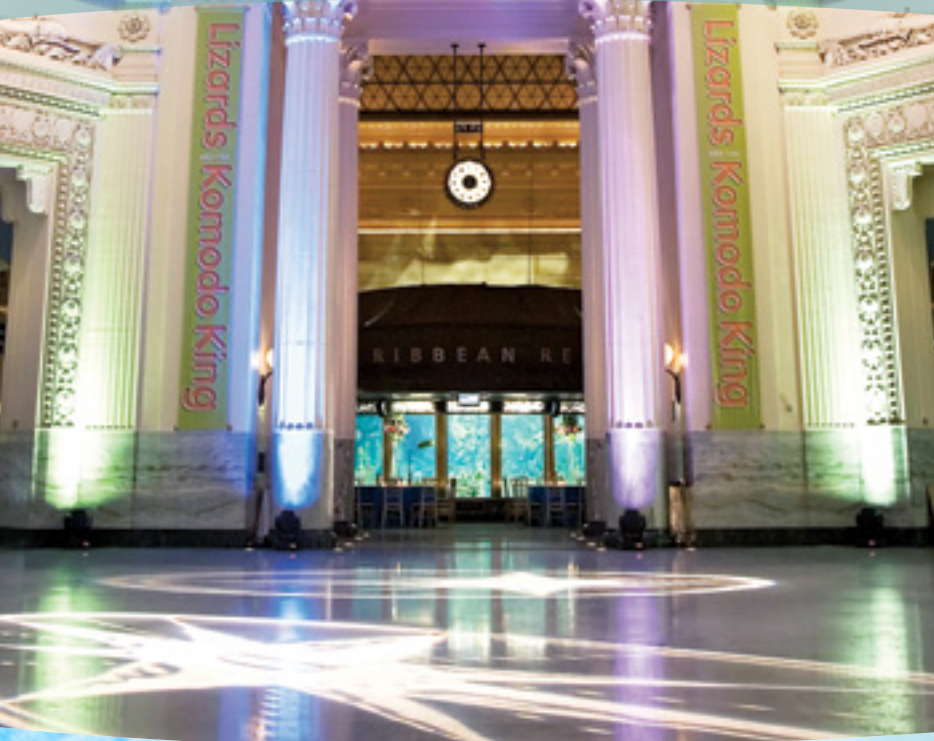




Private Events at Shedd Aquarium



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Let Shedd cater to you

Discover another side of Shedd Aquarium – as a spacious, gracious setting for your next special event.

Whether you're looking for an underwater wonderland for a wedding reception, a cool coastline for cocktails with whales, or a state-of-the-art meeting facility, Shedd and its events-and-catering team can fulfill all your needs. Of course, we get a little help from our more than 32,000 amazing aquatic animals from around the world. They will make your event utterly unique. We will simply make it an unparalleled success!

For more information, or to book your next event, call us at 312-692-3276.

Spectacular spaces

Shedd Aquarium



ABBOTT OCEANARIUM

Begin the evening with a cocktail reception on the mezzanine level overlooking a stunning re-creation of a Pacific Northwest coastline. Guests can stroll down to the water's edge to visit with dolphins, beluga whales, sea otters, a sea lion and fascinating fishes and sea stars.

Capacity, reception | 500 (mezzanine)

Capacity, reception | 1,000 (mezzanine, Polar Play Zone and sea otter cove)

Capacity, theater | 1,000 (amphitheater)

WILD REEF

This magical Indo-Pacific coral reef exhibit, filled with delicate corals, majestic sharks and rays, and rainbow-hued schooling fishes, is available for viewing. (No food or beverages are allowed in this area.)

NORTH TERRACE

Take your event outdoors! This seasonal space combines a sweeping vista of the lakefront and skyline with gentle breezes and amenities like a full canopy (May through October) and bar — perfect for a cocktail reception.

Capacity, reception | 280

Capacity, dinner | 120

LAKESIDE TERRACE

This new space, also open May through October, combines stunning views of the lakefront and skyline with a gentle waterfall and wildflower garden — the ideal space for a wedding reception.

Capacity, reception | 280 (without tent)

Capacity, dinner | 150 (without tent)

CARIBBEAN REEF (ROTUNDA) AND AQUARIUM (GALLERIES)

Classical Greek architecture and our signature 90,000-gallon Caribbean Reef exhibit create a setting fit for King Neptune. Whether seated around the turquoise reef habitat or in the aquarium's elegantly vaulted galleries, your guests will dine in the company of a dazzling array of fishes and other aquatic life.

Capacity, dinner | 230 (rotunda)

Capacity, dinner | 680 (rotunda and aquarium galleries)

Capacity, reception | 1,200 (rotunda, aquarium and Oceanarium)

MAIN FOYER/KOVLER HALL

This majestic soaring space will dazzle your guests. The classical Greek architecture is enlivened with superlative sea life ornamentation in marble, bronze and terra cotta. It's a grand space to dance the night away!

Capacity, dinner | 160

PHELPS AUDITORIUM

Our 246-seat auditorium features state-of-the-art audiovisual technology that can be tailored to your specific needs — meeting, lecture, awards program, or multimedia presentation. Available at an additional cost.

Capacity, theatre style | 246

SOUNDINGS

Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline are the backdrop in this beautiful window-lined room. The unique and flexible space is great for a variety of events, from dinner parties to large receptions.

Capacity, dinner | 200

Rental fees



Shedd Aquarium

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH

Minimum of 100 guests

101–300 guests

\$5,000 plus \$10 per guest above 100

301–1,200 guests

\$7,000 plus \$5 per guest above 300

APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER

Sunday through Friday

Same fee structure as January through March

Saturday

Minimum of 200 guests

201–300 guests

\$7,000 plus \$10 per guest above 200

301–1,200 guests

\$7,000 plus \$5 per guest above 300

DECEMBER

Sunday through Thursday

Same fee structure as January through March

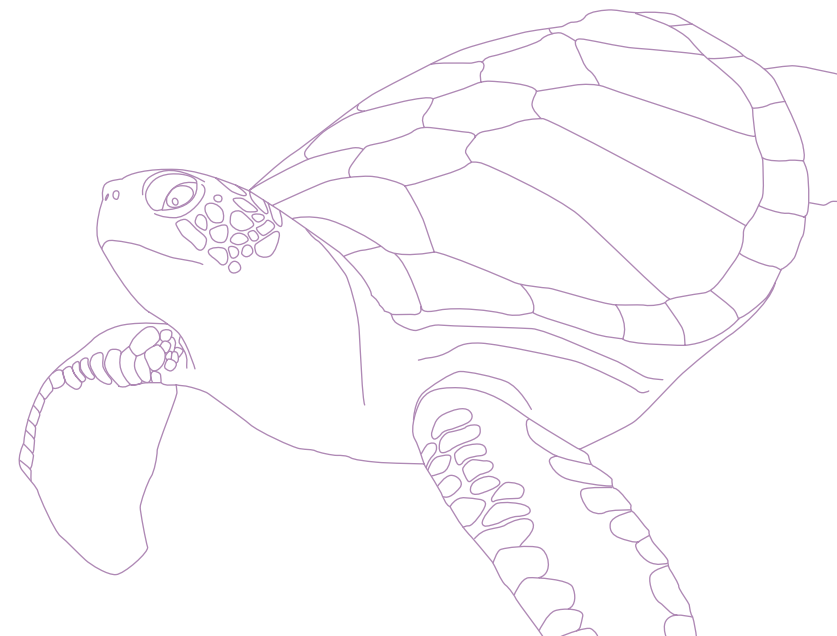
Friday and Saturday

Minimum of 300 guests

301–1,200 guests

\$8,000 plus \$5 per guest above 300

Rates subject to change.



Bar and menu

Shedd Aquarium

The aquarium's on-site culinary staff will assist you with your food and beverage needs.

BAR PACKAGES

Shedd Aquarium will supply all liquor, wine and beer. We offer standard and premium brand liquors, a selection of fine house wines, and domestic and imported beers. Please see our detailed price list for servers and bartenders.

MENUS

We can supply you with many menu options, as well as create special menus and theme ideas for your event. These sample menus to give you an idea of our capabilities.

Cold passed hors d'oeuvres

Brie wedge in puff pastry with green apple garnish
Belgian endive with beef tenderloin and bleu cheese
Grilled scallop with mango relish

Hot passed hors d'oeuvres

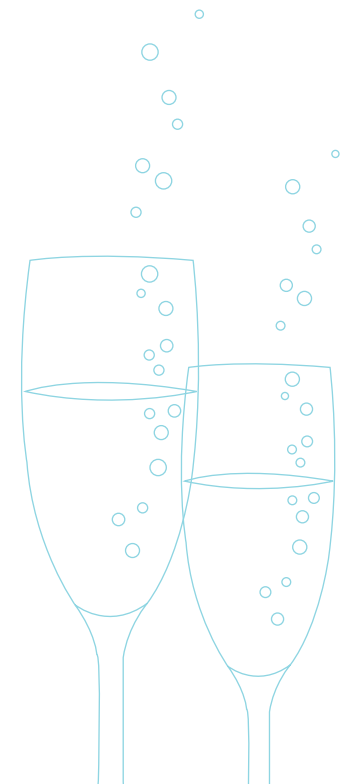
Wild mushroom wrapped in phyllo triangle
Pulled BBQ pork in a tart shell
Petite Maryland crab cake with roasted-pepper dipping sauce

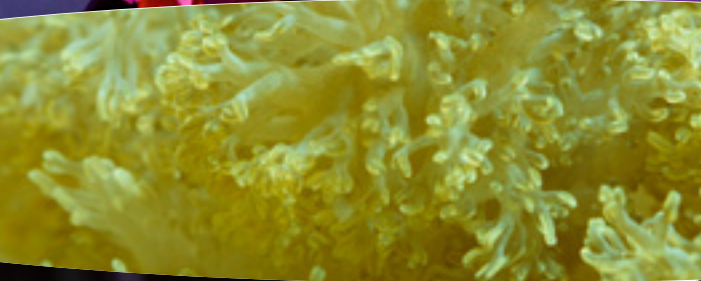
Strolling buffet

Choose the popular carving station, with your choice of turkey, beef, pork, lamb, or ham. Or pick one or more of our cuisine-themed stations: Tex-Mex, Asian stir-fry, Indian, risotto, pasta, Caribbean, potato martini bar, or, for the kid in you, a mac and cheese station

Dessert stations

Shedd's catering service is famous for its dessert tables. We offer decadent cakes, miniature French pastries, bite-sized mousse, tortes and candies, or classics such as cherries jubilee, bananas Foster and crêpes. Stations include freshly brewed fair-trade organic coffee and gourmet teas.





SAMPLE PLATED DINNER

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First course

Bibb lettuce with goat cheese, vine-ripened tomatoes and pistachio-raspberry white truffle vinaigrette

White rolls, wheat rolls and flatbreads

Duo entrée

Petit filet mignon with an herb demi-glace
Maryland crab cake with papaya salsa

Chef's selected potato and fresh seasonal vegetables

Vegetarian option

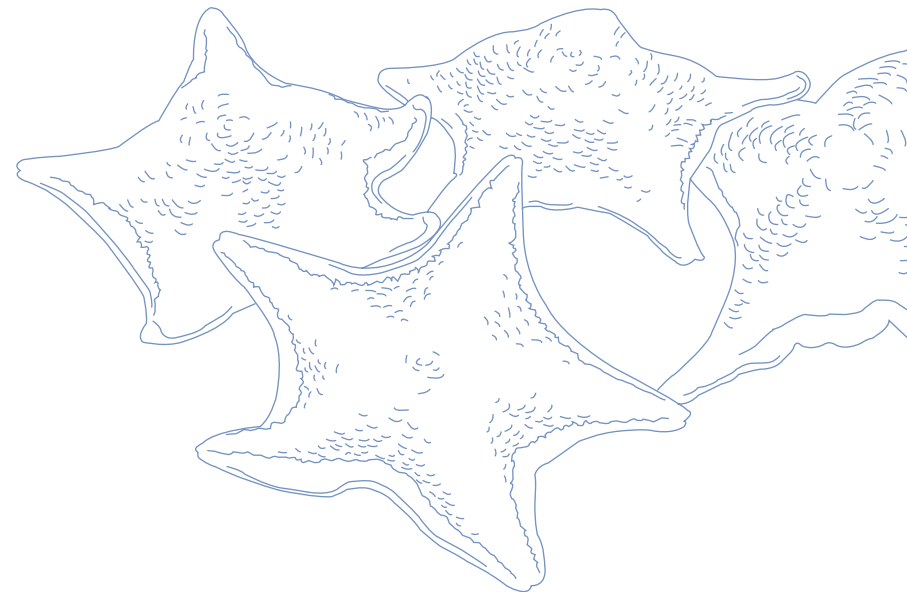
Asparagus, shitake mushroom risotto infused with white truffle oil and brunoise of vegetables

Dessert

A chocolate scallop shell filled with dark chocolate mousse

Tablesides coffee service

Organic coffee, decaffeinated organic coffee and hot water for tea



Equipment and services



Shedd Aquarium

TABLES AND SETTINGS

We offer tables and chairs to suit your event in a range of prices. The aquarium can provide 20 complimentary dinner tables. Our dinner tables are 66-inch rounds that seat 8 to 10 guests each.

Delivery and setup fee for equipment rental is based on that evening's delivery, setup, tear down and removal after the event.

Ask about our linen selection and prices. To view colors, please visit www.bbjlinen.com.

COAT CHECK

Hosted coat check, with rolling racks, can be arranged for a fee.

PARKING

Metered parking may be available along Solidarity Drive. When additional parking is required, the north Soldier Field parking garage, Planetarium parking lot, east parking lot adjacent to the Field Museum and the south parking lot located at the South Waldron garage at 18th Street are available for a fee. Call 312-235-7202 or e-mail AWhealan@soldierfield.net for more information.

Valet parking is permitted but must be arranged by the client along with rental of a parking lot from Soldier Field Auto Parking Department and approval of the valet parking company with Soldier Field. We can provide a list of companies that can handle valet parking.

TIME LIMITS

The aquarium closes to the public at 6 p.m. Events using the Oceanarium may begin at 7 p.m. in that location, but must end by 8 p.m. Events using the Wild Reef may begin as early as 7 p.m. in that location, but must end by 9 p.m. Events using the aquarium may begin as early as 8 p.m. in that location, but must end by 11 p.m. Events may be extended to 1 a.m. with prior approval; additional fees apply.

Equipment (tables, chairs, etc.) setup for an event cannot begin in the public area of the aquarium/ Wild Reef/Oceanarium before 6 p.m.

