

CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

WEDDINGS AT THE MUSEUM

A celebration billions of years in the making.

Venue | Ceremony | Cocktails | Experiences

THE RECEPTION

THE VISITOR HALL

Your reception, surrounded by wonder.

14,000
SQUARE FEET

250
SEATED GUESTS



Our signature event space offers a one-of-a-kind setting for your wedding celebration. Dine beneath Happy, our iconic Haplocanthosaurus, surrounded by extraordinary specimens and floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the Smith Environmental Courtyard.

AT A GLANCE

EVENING VENUE RENTAL

GUESTS	FRI–SAT	SUN–THURS
10–100	$5,500	$5,000
101–250	$7,000	$6,500
251–600	$8,500	$7,500
601+	$10,000	$9,000

INCLUDED WITH YOUR RENTAL

Tables and chairs | Housekeeping | Security | Event Manager | Parking garage

THE CEREMONY

YOUR CEREMONY

Begin your celebration somewhere unforgettable.

Whether you envision an outdoor ceremony surrounded by nature or an intimate ceremony inside the Museum, we offer beautiful options to create the perfect beginning to your wedding day.



THELMA AND KENT H. SMITH ENVIRONMENTAL COURTYARD

OUR SIGNATURE CEREMONY SETTING

Beautiful outdoor setting for your ceremony.

180
SEATED

ADD TO YOUR WEDDING $500

Can also be used for cocktail hour when not used for ceremony.



CORNING GALLERY

CEREMONY + WEATHER BACKUP

An intimate indoor alternative overlooking the Environmental Courtyard.

100
SEATED

ADD TO YOUR WEDDING $500

THE COCKTAIL HOUR

SET THE TONE

> Your standard cocktail hour takes place within the Visitor Hall. Looking for something a little different? Enhance your guest experience with an additional cocktail hour setting.



VISITOR HALL

INCLUDED

Your standard cocktail hour takes place within the Visitor Hall.



PLANETARIUM & GALLERY

OPTIONAL

Host cocktails beneath the stars in one of the Museum's most unique spaces. Up to 150 guests.

ADD TO YOUR WEDDING $900/HOUR



PERKINS WILDLIFE CENTER

OPTIONAL

Sip and mingle surrounded by Ohio wildlife, native plants, and beautiful outdoor scenery.

ADD TO YOUR WEDDING $900/HOUR

AN EXPERIENCE UNDER THE STARS

THE PLANETARIUM

Take your guests beyond the Museum and into the Universe with an unforgettable planetarium experience. Choose from a custom show created for your celebration or transform the space into a unique cocktail hour setting.

CUSTOM PLANETARIUM SHOW

Create a memorable experience beneath the planetarium's 40-foot dome with a custom show designed for your celebration.

98
GUESTS MAX PER SHOW

15-30
MINUTE SHOW

ADD TO YOUR WEDDING $900/HR

MULTIPLE SHOWS CAN BE SCHEDULED TO ACCOMMODATE LARGER GUEST COUNTS.



ASK YOUR EVENT MANAGER ABOUT INCORPORATING THE PLANETARIUM INTO YOUR TIMELINE

MORE TO DISCOVER

EXPLORE THE MUSEUM

Your wedding can be more than a beautiful setting. Invite your guests to explore the Museum and experience the stories of our planet, from the origins of Earth to the incredible diversity of life.





EXHIBIT GALLERIES

ADD TO YOUR WEDDING $1,500

Give your guests the opportunity to explore the Museum throughout your celebration. Food and beverage not permitted inside the galleries.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTER

ADD TO YOUR WEDDING $400/HOUR

Bring your cocktail hour to life with an up-close experience featuring several of the Museum's furry, feathered, scaly friends.

PLANNING

GOOD TO KNOW

The details that make planning easy.



EVENT HOURS

Evening weddings may begin as early as 6pm, following the Museum's public hours, with a maximum event duration of six hours.



PARKING

After-hours parking in the Museum's secure parking garage is included in your rental.



CATERING

Levy Restaurants is the Museum's exclusive food and beverage partner.



RESERVING YOUR DATE

A signed rental agreement and 50% deposit are required to reserve your wedding date.



INSURANCE

A certificate of liability insurance naming the Cleveland Museum of Natural History as an additional insured is required 60 days prior to your event.

CONTACT

CREATE A WEDDING YOUR GUESTS WILL NEVER FORGET

CONTACT

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SCHEDULE A TOUR

Monday–Friday | 10am–4:30pm

INQUIRE NOW