

A photograph of a bride and groom dancing in a grassy field. The bride is wearing a white, tiered wedding dress and the groom is in a light-colored suit. They are both smiling and looking at each other. In the background, there are green trees and large, rugged red rock mountains under a clear sky.

*Destination Weddings*  
*at*  
**SAGUARO LAKE GUEST RANCH**

**2026 VENUE GUIDE & PRICING**

# SO MUCH History of The Ranch



## *Rich History*

Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch was created out of the work camp built in 1927 to facilitate the construction of Stewart Mountain Dam between 1928 and 1930. The main lodge functioned as the mess hall, ice house, and commissary for the construction crew. The workers lived in cabins lining the roadway to the new dam. The dam is the last in a chain of four reservoirs that provide flood control and irrigation to the Phoenix Valley.

## *From Work Camp to Fishing Lodge*

When the dam was completed, Phil and Marie Lewis from Kansas purchased the work camp from Salt River Project, and negotiated a concessionaire permit from the U.S. Forest Service and Department of Interior to provide services to the public. The first marina was built on the east side of the dam and the work camp was turned into a fishing resort with a general store, gas station, restaurant, and overnight cabin rentals. Phil and Marie added the touches that still give Saguaro Lake Ranch its charm today. The native river rock walls and fireplaces were built by several local artisans, originally from Mexico. Heavy reinforcing steel from the dam was used for curtain rods, and indoor plumbing was added. Western motif Monterey oak furniture was purchased for the rooms and remains today as a timely reminder of that period.

## *From Fishing Lodge to Arizona Guest Ranch*

Although the ranch started out commercially as a fishing lodge, it soon became a popular guest ranch by offering an Arizona 'destination vacation' for tourists from across the country. The attractions it offered back then differ little from those that still draw guests today: the scenic beauty of the quiet rural setting, the fine winter climate, and the western ranch atmosphere, as well as the variety of outdoor recreation opportunities in the Salt River Recreation Area and the Tonto National Forest. Today the ranch is still owned by the Durand family that bought the property from the Lewis's in 1948. Three generations have managed the ranch – John and Dottie Kissinger, Steve and Susan Durand, and sons Justin and Kevin Durand.



## *Location Location Location!*

The stunningly beautiful location of the ranch makes it a great location for shooting movies, music videos, & commercials.

## *Famous Guests*

Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch has played host to some famous guests over the years including Dr. Karl Meninger, Mary Martin, Glen Campbell, Henry Ford III, Gaylord Perry, Norman Rockwell, Bill Moyers, Senator Carl Hayden, Senator Barry Goldwater, Rob Lowe and famed Western artist Lon Megargee.

## *The Ranch on Film*

The Ride – Starring Michael Biehn and Jennifer O'Neill  
Family Plan – Starring Leslie Nielsen and Judge Reinhold  
Arizona Summer – Starring Morgan Fairchild & Lee Majors – Directed by Joey Travolta  
Skinwalkers – Starring Wes Studi and Adam Beach  
Invasion – Starring Luke Perry and Kim Cattrall  
Down Will Come Baby – Starring Meredith Baxter  
The Lost Child – Produced by Hallmark, Starring Mercedes Ruehl  
All My Friends Are Cowboys  
Water Rustlers - Dorothy Page  
The Singing Cowgirl - Dorothy Page

## *Music Videos*

Sarah Darling "You Can't Call Love"  
Terri Clark "Now That I Found You"

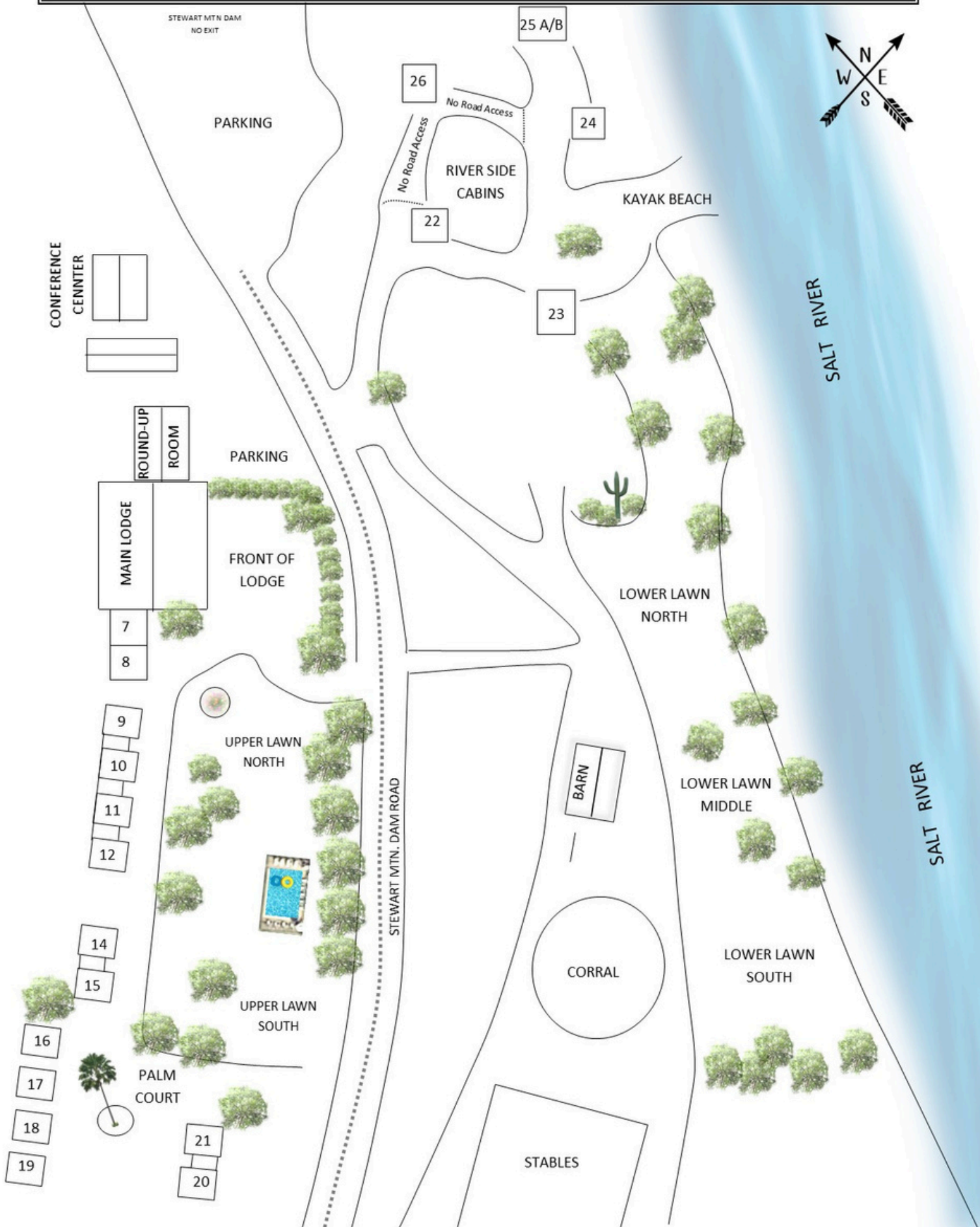
## *The Original Guest Ranch Owners*

**John Kissinger & Dottie Durand**



# Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch

## PROPERTY MAP



# Exclusive Destination Wedding Venue

Exclusive ground use and lodging are reserved for a complete "Wedding Weekend" event with a two-night experience, creating lifelong memories for you and your guests.

## Whats Included?

- Ranch grounds & cabins reserved exclusively for you & your guests
  - Check-in Friday at 3pm to Check-out Sunday at 11am
- (20) 8' X 30" rectangular banquet folding tables (no linen provided)
- (200) Dark Brown Resin Folding Chairs w/ Ivory Seat Cushion
- Portable executive restroom rental
- Wedding Day Outside Catering Vendor Fee (WAIVED - a \$400 value)
- Parking for up to 200 guests (not valet)
- Exclusive bed & breakfast accommodations for your in-house guests
  - Hearty Ranch Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday mornings for lodging guests (1 hour duration)
  - Ranch Deli Lunch for up to 60 guests on wedding day (1 hour duration)

- Photo Site Fee Waived for engagement photo session with your photographer
- Horseback Riding and Kayak operations will remain open with consideration for your ceremony.



CUSTOM WEDDING SUITE  
Prickly Pear Paper

## Pricing Breakdown - February, March & April

Site Fee	\$11,500.00
6.3% Sales Tax	\$724.50
18% Service Charge	\$2,070.00

**SITE FEE TOTAL** **\$14,294.50**

Minimum Required Lodging (2 Nights - 19 cabins)	\$10,450.00
7.27% Lodging Tax	\$759.72

**LODGING MINIMUM TOTAL** **\$11,209.72**

- You have the option to pay for your guests or have them pay for their own cabins
- We will handle the reservations and billing.
- 19 cabins for 38 guests - breakfast included (Saturday & Sunday)
- \$275 + tax per night (**2 nights required on all cabins**)
- Lodging Cost is based on double occupancy
  - Additional adults \$35 per night (Ages 13+)
  - Additional Youth \$20 per night (Ages 4-12)
  - Children 3 & under are FREE
- **SLR can accommodate up to 60 in-house guests**

**Total \$25,504.22**

**\*\* Anything less than \$10,450.00 or in lodging is the responsibility of the Bride & Groom\*\***



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## Pricing Breakdown - October-December

Site Fee	\$10,500.00
6.3% Sales Tax	\$661.50
18% Service Charge	\$1,890.00

**SITE FEE TOTAL** **\$13,051.50**

Minimum Required Lodging (2 Nights - 19 cabins)	\$9,500.00
7.27% Lodging Tax	\$690.65

**LODGING MINIMUM TOTAL** **\$10,190.65**

- You have the option to pay for your guests or have them pay for their own cabins
- We will handle the reservations and billing.
- 19 cabins for 38 guests - breakfast included (Saturday & Sunday)
- \$250 + tax per night (**2 nights required on all cabins**)
- Lodging Cost is based on double occupancy
  - Additional adults \$35 per night (Ages 13+)
  - Additional Youth \$20 per night (Ages 4-12)
  - Children 3 & under are FREE
- **SLR can accommodate up to 60 in-house guests**

**Total \$23,692.15**

**\*\* Anything less than \$9,500 in lodging is the responsibility of the Bride & Groom\*\***



## Pricing Breakdown - May & September

Site Fee	\$10,000.00
6.3% Sales Tax	\$630.00
18% Service Charge	\$1,800.00

**SITE FEE TOTAL** **\$12,430.00**

Minimum Required Lodging (2 Nights - 19 cabins)	\$8,550.00
7.27% Lodging Tax	\$621.59

**LODGING MINIMUM TOTAL** **\$9,171.59**

- You have the option to pay for your guests or have them pay for their own cabins
- We will handle the reservations and billing.
- 19 cabins for 38 guests - breakfast included (Saturday & Sunday)
- \$225 + tax per night (**2 nights required on all cabins**)
- Lodging Cost is based on double occupancy
  - Additional adults \$35 per night (Ages 13+)
  - Additional Youth \$20 per night (Ages 4-12)
  - Children 3 & under are FREE
- **SLR can accommodate up to 60 in-house guests**

**Total \$21,601.59**

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# Deposits & Payment Schedule

Deposits & Payments are required in the following manner:

- \$1,500 deposit to be applied to the site fee **at the time of booking.**
  - \$500 non-refundable processing fee
  - \$1000 non-refundable 31 days after booking.
- **180 days (6 months) prior to event:** 2nd Deposit is due (non-refundable) \*see agreement for details.
- **90 days (3 months) prior to event:** 3rd Deposit is due (non-refundable) \*see agreement for details
- **29 days prior to event:** Remainder of Add On's & Beverage Packages is due. (non-refundable)
  - Final guest count for rehearsal dinner, reception and Saturday lunch count is required at this time.
- **5 days prior to event:** All cabins will be charged. This allows our staff to focus on you & your guests needs and be available to assist you better.

\*\* The Site Fee and Beverage Package pricing in this agreement reflects a 3% Cash Discount. Cash, Checks & Wire Transfers are acceptable as payment for the site fee and beverage packages. Any other forms of payment such as Credit Cards are also acceptable, however a 3% processing fee will apply.

All lodging charges are to be paid by credit card unless paid for by the Bride & Groom. (No fee will apply.)

## Rehearsal Dinner Options



### *Cowboy Cookout Rehearsal Dinner*

Everyone is already here, why not have your Rehearsal Dinner on site Catered by our Executive Chef? Give your guests the Authentic Arizona Ranch Experience on Arrival day with our Cowboy Cookout Rehearsal Dinner

**\$55 - \$60 Tax**  
**(An 18% Service Charge applies)**

\*\* Custom Menus Also Available\*\*

### *Outside Caterer or Food Truck*

Have your favorite food truck or caterer in mind? Bring in your Caterer of choice for your rehearsal dinner and host your friends and family any where on property. (You will have use of our tables and chairs, however you will need to provide your own linen & catering staff for set up/clean up of all items)

**\$150 Outside Vendor Fee Applies (Rehearsal Dinner Only)**

### *Desert Belle Sunset Cruise on Saguaro Lake*

Give your guests a taste of our Stunning Arizona Sunsets on the Desert Belle Boat Cruise with a catered dinner & bar. (Arranged separately through The Saguaro Lake Marina)

**480 984 8241**  
**DesertBelle@gmail.com**



# Additional Items..

**Build the Wedding you've always dreamed of and personalize it to make it your own! We are happy to provide vendor recommendations, however don't require you to use specific ones for your big day.**

## *Wedding Reception Catering* (not included)

Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch is **currently unavailable to cater your Wedding Reception**, however can provide rehearsal dinner catering on Friday night (Cowboy Cookout) and meals throughout the weekend.

You are welcome to bring in a licensed & certified Caterer or food truck of choice for your wedding reception. (no extra fee) When you bring in an outside caterer, you or your caterer is responsible for procuring the appropriate china, flatware, glassware and servers and bussers for the full duration of the event as SLR does not provide this when you use an outside caterer.

## *Music & Entertainment* (not included)

We allow you to bring in a live band or DJ entertainment for your event. The lower lawn has plenty of power to supply your entertainment. **All amplified music must be turned off by 11PM.**

## *Tents & Heaters* (not included)

Due to the nature of our outdoor venue Tents are suggested as a rain back-up. Some locations prohibit any staking in the ground.

Pre-Approved Freestanding outdoor heaters are allowed on the lawn, however please note

**NO LIVE FLAME candles or sparklers may be used!** Only LED lights and/or candles are allowed on tables or as decor.

## *Dance Floor & Additional Lighting* (not included)

The Lower Lawn has some lighting in the trees however, we recommend procuring additional bistro lighting for your reception. You are also welcome to bring in a dance floor. Please note the dance floor may only be on the grass for a total of 24 Hours. This is to help keep the grass preserved for other weddings & events.

## *Beer, Wine, Spirits & Champagne* (packages available)

Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch has a Liquor License. Add one of our Beverage Packages to your Wedding & Rehearsal Night. **(SEE PAGES 17 - 21)**

All Beverage packages are priced per person and require a bartender (1 per 75 guests)

**\*Due to our Arizona Liquor License, ALL alcohol products for the rehearsal, ceremony & reception must be pre-ordered & purchased direct from Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch & served by our procured bartenders or a licensed and approved vendor.**

## *Extra Meals*

- Additional Breakfast(s) \$15.00 + Tax
- Additional Lunches (Saturday Deli) \$20.00 + Tax
- After hours coffee / tea drink station \$35 per gallon + Tax + 18% service charge  
\*includes cups, creamers, sugar, coffee, hot water, tea bags & cocoa packets

# Ranch Amenities & Activities

## The Property Grounds

We are located in the Tonto National Forest at the foothills of the scenic Bulldog Cliffs, creating an idyllic backdrop for your special day. Sun-filled days, exciting adventures, and good company combine to create a destination wedding weekend that will live long in the memory of your guests. Our destination wedding weekend package is for the entire ranch which gives your wedding party, friends and family complete privacy and unfettered access to all our amenities and activities.

## Amenities

Saguaro Lake Ranch is the perfect place to explore and relax, as we have many amenities and activities onsite: a heated swimming pool, volleyball, shuffleboard, ping-pong, a billiard table, horseshoes, corn hole, giant jenga, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, and kayaking. Our Upper Lawn area boasts ample lawn space for all of your family & friends to gather and get to know each other over lawn games and enchanting views. We also have a pool on site that is temperature controlled year round offering your guests a place to cool off and relax. If your guests are in the mood for more adventure, they can get out and explore more of what the Tonto National Forest has to offer with our private hiking trails and Additional Activities we offer.

## Accommodations

The cabins were built in the late 1920's and while updated, are uniquely decorated with rustic Western furnishings. Each cabin has its own private bathroom, air conditioning, and heating. Although there are no TVs, radios, or telephones in the rooms, wireless Internet service is available. Our 19 rustic cabins with panoramic views each have a covered porch with table and chairs, creating ideal places to gather and converse with your family and friends. Each Bride & Groom is given a guest list to fill out, complete with cabin configurations.

## Main Lodge

The lodge is a comfortable gathering place with an inviting four sided historic river stone fireplace and upright piano. The Saguaro cactus skeleton, western prints, and desert photographs add enchantment to our lodge decor. Our guests enjoy the billiard table and authentic cowboy bar in the Round Up Room, as well as the Arizona treasures in the gift shop. The Lodge is also a great photo opportunity for finishing touches & bridal party photos.

*Activities continued on the Next Page...*





# On-Site Activities

## Horseback Riding

During your stay, your guests have to experience the "Old West" the real cowboy way – on horseback. You'll find some of the best horseback riding in all of Arizona is right on our doorstep. Our experienced wranglers and horses will make sure your guests have both a fun and a safe ride. Our On-site Stables provide guided horse trail rides through the Sonoran Desert in the majestic Goldfield mountain range. Trails take you on saguaro cactus-studded ridges, across and along the Lower Salt River, into dry arroyos, and up the creosote-covered hills that overlook Saguaro Lake. From first-timers to experienced riders, we have the perfect horse and the perfect trail ride waiting for your guests!

### Prices:

- 1 hr ride - \$75 + Tax
- 1.5 hr ride - \$105+ Tax

To book a trail ride please visit the stables directly at [www.saguarolakeranchstable.com](http://www.saguarolakeranchstable.com)

### Saguaro Lake Ranch Stable

13020 N Bush Highway Mesa, AZ 85215

480-984-0335

saguarolakeranchstable@gmail.com

### Pro Tip:

**Add a Horse or 2 to the Round Pen Corral during your Cocktail hour to take some really awesome photos and really WOW your guests!**

## Saguaro Lake Kayaking

Whether a beginner or expert, your guests can experience one of the beautiful lakes of Arizona! Guests will meet our Kayak Crew at the Butcher Jones Recreation site and will be given an orientation of basic safety and paddling instruction, also some suggestions on where to paddle and how far given the time length of the rental. After that your guests can hit the water and explore the coves of Saguaro Lake!

\*All guests will meet our Kayak Crew at the designated site and receive their Tonto Pass to park their vehicle in the recreational area. (No transportation provided)

### Price:

- 2-3 hr Self-Guided Kayak Trip - \$51-57 + Tax

**River Kayaking may be available for select wedding weekends. Typically May - September.**



TRULY  
*Beautiful*



A hand with dark nail polish holds a clear plastic cup filled with beer and a thick white head of foam. The cup sits on a light-colored wooden table. In the background, another similar cup is visible, and the scene is softly blurred, suggesting an outdoor or rustic setting.

*Beverage Packages*  
*at*  
SAGUARO LAKE GUEST RANCH

BARTENDERS, CASH BARS, & BULK PURCHASE

# Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch

## BEVERAGE PACKAGES

### PRICING BASED ON 5 HOURS

**ALL EVENTS REQUIRE A BAR PACKAGE AND BARTENDER PROVIDED BY SLR.  
(Rehearsal even when using an outside caterer, and reception)**

- \*\* 6 Hour Ceremony only & Full Weekday Weddings require a beverage package (Non-Alcoholic or Beer & Wine)
- \*\* All beverage packages require a bartender - 5 hours \$350 / 6 hours \$425 / 7 Hours \$\$\$
- \*\* All beverage packages are based on a 5 hour bar. Each additional hour: \$4 per person (minimum \$200 add on fee)
- \*\* All guests over the age of 8 must be included in the beverage package (Children under 8 are Free)
- \*\* All beverage packages include non-alcoholic beverages & final count includes anyone ages 8 & up
- \*\* Substitutions allowed upon approval for additional costs\*\*

### *Prickly Pear Package (Non-Alcoholic)*

\$15 per person plus a 6.3% tax & 18% service charge

**Soda:** Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite

**Other:** Choice of Strawberry Lemonade or Jalapeno Lemonade, Iced Tea & Water Station

**Interested in Mocktails?:** Mocktails are priced at \$2 per person additionally, please see bulk purchase page!



### *Mesquite Package*

\$30 per person plus a 6.3% tax & 18% service charge (Based on 5 hours)

**Non-Alcoholic:** Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Choice of Strawberry Lemonade or Jalapeno Lemonade, Iced Tea & Water Station

**Beer:** (Choose 1 Domestic / 2 Premium)

- o **Domestic:** Budweiser, Bud Light, Coors, Coors Light, Miller Light & Miller Genuine Draft (MGD)
- o **Premium:** Sam Adams-Boston Lager, Four Peaks-Kilt Lifter, Corona, New Belgium-Fat Tire, Blue Moon, Sierra Nevada-Pale Ale

**Wine:** Chardonnay & Cabernet Sauvignon (Sean Minor - Four Bears)

**Choice of 2 Specialty Cocktails:** (Please see cocktail list below)



### *Palo Verde Beer & Wine Package*

\$23 per person plus a 6.3% tax & 18% service charge (Based on 5 Hours)

**Non-Alcoholic:** Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Choice of Strawberry Lemonade or Jalapeno Lemonade, Iced Tea & Water Station

**Beer:** (Choose 1 Domestic / 2 Premium)

- o **Domestic:** Budweiser, Bud Light, Coors, Coors Light, Miller Light & Miller Genuine Draft (MGD)
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# Beverage Packages Continued...

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## Specialty Cocktails

Please note that these cocktails will be made in batches for the bartenders to serve to guests to minimize lines during your event! The ingredients in the drinks will not be available at the bar to make additional types of cocktails.

### Whisky Based -

- o Old Fashioned
- o Whiskey Smash w/ Seasonal Fruit (Strawberry or BlackBerry)

### Vodka Based -

- o Jalapeno Lemonade
- o Hibiscus Mule topped with Ginger Beer
- o Dirty Shirley

### Rum Based -

- o Southwestern Rum Punch
- o Dark & Stormy

### Tequila Based -

- o Prickly Pear Margarita
- o Spicy Margarita

### Wine Based -

- o Prickly Pear Sangria

### Champagne Based -

- o Peach Bellini
- o Mimosas \*Can be added on for getting ready on Saturday Morning!



## Specialty Cocktails - Bulk Purchase

To have extra product for your guests during the day or while getting ready, you do have the option to purchase gallons of Specialty beverages.

\*\*Bulk Purchase items may be added to any of the Beverage Packages on your Wedding Day, however may not be purchased to replace a Beverage Package. We will not allow more than 2 specialty beverages per bar.

We will create as many gallons as you order, but it will not continue to be refilled. Once the product is gone, unfortunately, it's gone.

Spirits & Champagne - Estimated 15 cocktails per gallon (9oz)  
\$65 + 6.3% tax (\$4.10) = \$69.10 per gallon

Sangria - Estimated 15 drinks per gallon (9oz)  
\$50 + 6.3% tax (\$3.15) = \$53.15 per gallon

Mocktails - Estimated 15 drinks per gallon (9oz)  
\$25 + 6.3% tax (\$1.58) = \$26.56 per gallon

# Bartenders, Cash Bars & Bulk Purchase Items

## Bartenders

All Events require a bartender (1 per 75 guests)

- o 5 hours \$350
- o 6 hours \$425
- o 7 Hours - \$ TBD

## Cash Bar

Should you wish to turn your bar into a cash bar, a cashier is required in addition to the Bartender. Your Guests will have the option to pay with cash or credit card. Please Note: We do not have an on-site ATM.

- o \$50 per hour (2 hour minimum)

## Bulk Purchase - Beer, Wine & Champagne

To have extra product for your guests during the day or while getting ready, you do have the option to purchase cases of beer, wine & champagne in bulk.

**\*\*Bulk Purchase items may be added to any of the Beverage Packages on your Wedding Day, however may not be purchased to Replace a Beverage Package.**

A set up fee may apply to bulk purchase beverage stations during the daytime.

### BEER:

- o \$96 + tax per case of 24 bottles - **Domestic**
- o \$120 + tax per case of 24 bottles - **Premium**

### MALT BEVERAGE:

- o \$120 per case of 24 cans - **White Claw or Other Seltzers**

### WINE: (Four Bears by Sean Minor - California)

- o \$192 + tax per case of 12 bottles - Sauvignon Blanc
- o \$192 + tax per case of 12 bottles - Chardonnay
- o \$228 + tax per case of 12 bottles - Cabernet Sauvignon
- o \$228 + tax per case of 12 bottles - Pinot Noir

### CHAMPAGNE:

- o \$192 + tax per case of 12 bottles - Francois Montand Brut
- o \$288 + tax per case of 12 bottles - Langlois Chateau Brut
- o \$298 + tax per case of 12 bottles - Langlois Chateau Brut Rose

### NON-ALCOHOLIC: (For the Kids)

- o \$7 + tax per bottle - Martinelli's Sparkling Cider

## Champagne Toasts & Table Side Wine Service

Should you wish to have a champagne toast or wine poured table-side you will need to hire your caterer or extra service staff as SLR does not provide staffing for this.

**\*Table-Side served Wine & Champagne must be purchased in bulk\***





*Cheers!*