The Dossin Great Lakes Museum will amaze your guests and give you a wedding day you will never forget. Planning is easy, so let’s get started!

Choose your space package: You are welcome to host your ceremony, reception, or your entire wedding at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. Please see our available spaces to build your wedding package.

Catering: You can choose from several options on our approved catering list, including full service catering, caterers who focus mainly on the preparation and serving of food, or you can choose to use food trucks. You will make all your refreshment arrangements directly through the caterer. If you choose to hire a caterer that is not full service, you will need to also hire one of our approved bar tending services to serve your alcohol and to handle several other event services. Please find all their menus, pricing, and contact information at https://detroithistorical.org/dossin-great-lakes-museum/suggested-caterers

Adult beverages: Clients are permitted to supply their own alcoholic beverages. Your selected caterer or one of our approved bar tending services must be hired to serve the alcohol.

Vendors: You are permitted to select outside vendors to supply your linens, flowers, décor, music, D.J. photo booths, and other items. We have provided a list of preferred vendors if you would like suggestions. All vendors must comply with museum policies.

Waterfront Wedding Packages
An additional 10% discount is offered for wedding rentals occurring November through April. Capacity is always subject to change based on your additional set up requirements.
CEREMONY OPTIONS

Included with all ceremony options are the guest’s chairs and set up and tear down, a.v. equipment, event liability insurance, a free rehearsal as long as it is scheduled within museum hours, access to the museum’s lot for guest parking, and the option for the bridal party to take photos before or after the wedding. For clients holding the ceremony only, two hours of event time is permitted with one and a half hours of set up time and one hour of tear down time.

Indoor
(Available year round)

Gothic Room
• Up to 75 guests seated (folding chairs are included) - $850

DeRoy Hall
• Up to 175 guests seated (folding chairs are included) - $1,350

Outdoor
Available May through October

Waterfront Patio
• Up to 100 guests seated.
• An indoor rain option included as long as the ceremony is outside of museum hours and the appropriate space is not being used for your reception.
- $1,500 (Standard white folding chairs and a.v. are included)

Tented Riverfront Lawn
• Up to 175 guests
• An indoor rain option included as long as the ceremony is outside of museum hours and the appropriate space is not being used for your reception.
- $3,500 (A frame tent with windowed sides and standard white folding chairs and a.v. are included)
RECEPTION OPTIONS

Included with all reception options are the usage, set up and tear down of the museums tables and chairs, a.v. equipment, event liability insurance, access to the museum’s lot for guest parking, access to the museums exhibitions for guests, and two meetings with your professional onsite event manager. For clients holding exclusively their reception, five hours of event time is permitted.

Indoor
(Available year round)

DeRoy Hall and Waterfront Patio
• 75-100 guests seated or up to 150 guests strolling
- $1,750 (with the waterfront patio, May-October)
- $1,000 (without the waterfront patio, November- April)

Entire Museum and Waterfront Patio
• Up to 250 strolling dependent on set up requirements
- $3,500 (with the waterfront patio, May-October)
- $2,500 (without the waterfront patio, November- April)

Outdoor
Available May through October

Tented Lawn Reception
• 75-100 guests seated or up to 150 guests strolling.
- $3,750 Includes frame tent with windowed sides, tables, and standard white folding chairs are included with the rental
POLICIES
Serving Alcohol: The Detroit Historical Society and its museums do not own a liquor license. The only events that may have a cash bar are nonprofits who obtain a one day special liquor license through the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The application and associated fees are the responsibility of the client. All alcoholic beverages must be served by one of the Detroit Historical Society approved vendors. Clients may provide their own alcohol as long as it is free for guests and the caterer is hired to serve the alcohol.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum Access And Parking
The Dossin Great Lakes Museum is located on Belle Isle State Park. Every vehicle entering Belle Isle State Park must have the State Recreation Passport. If any vehicles attending and event at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum does not have a Passport, they can be purchased upon entrance to the park or at a Customer Service Center. More information on the Recreation Passport can be found online at Michigan.gov/recreationpassport.

Detroit Customer Service Center
1801 Atwater Street
Detroit, MI 48207
313.396.6890

Contract Process and Requirements
Securing Your Date: Your event date is confirmed with a returned signed contract and non-refundable deposit of no less than 50% of the total rental amount. The balance is due 14 days prior to your event. Once an event has been confirmed with a signed contract and deposit, the client may only make changes to the contract that are of an equal or greater monetary value.

Event Management: After your event is confirmed, your assigned event manager will contact you to begin getting your event details and to schedule any onsite appointments before your event. Staff will create a floor plan for your rented spaces, obtain your vendor’s contact information, and confirm the timeline for your event. On the day of your event your event manager will be onsite to ensure the floor plan is set up accordingly, to assist your vendors into the building, and to be your main point of contact throughout the event.

Exclusive Caterers
All food items must be provided by one of our approved caterers or approved food truck. There are occasionally some exceptions made due to religious dietary restrictions. In the case when an exception is made, the caterer must sign the non-exclusive caterer’s waiver and be a licensed business able to comply with Detroit Historical Society event operations and insurance requirements. Additionally, the client must pay an additional $500 deposit, which is refundable dependent on the client’s chosen caterer fulfilling all the obligations set forth in the non-exclusive caterer’s waiver.

Food Trucks
The Detroit Historical Society permits food trucks to caterer events at both museums. Food trucks must operate in designated spaces and guests must go outdoors to be served. The client and food truck service must comply with the Society’s Food Truck Policy. Clients who utilize food trucks must use one of our approved bar tending services for their bar service and table busing during the event.

CATERING SERVICES
Durden’s Catering
Contact: Chef, Rytonie Durden
Phone: 313.350.6408
Email: durdenscatering@ymail.com
Website: durdenscatering.com

Forte Belanger
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2 Unique
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Lazy Bones Smokehouse
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BARTENDING SERVICES
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