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WEDDINGS AT THE GARDEN



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Experience the beauty and tranquility of the University of Alberta Botanic Garden and see why so many couples choose us as the site for their wedding ceremony and photographs. Our gardens, breathtaking scenery and dedication to customer service combine to create the perfect location for a special day.

"The wedding staff & team were amazing – friendly, reachable, able to field all of our questions and positive throughout our planning."

*– Miranda & Joe,
married on the Wedding Patio*

A momentous occasion deserves an exceptional setting, and we offer five extraordinary ceremony sites - the Wedding Patio, Alpine Garden, Primula Dell, Kurimoto Japanese Garden, and new for 2019, the Aga Khan Garden. After your ceremony, you will have access to most areas of the Garden for your photos – no need to travel elsewhere for a memorable backdrop!

If your ceremony is in another location, but you would like to take your wedding pictures at the Garden, you can book our location for a 2 hour photography session.

For more information or to schedule a consultation, please contact:

WEDDING & EVENTS DEPARTMENT

780-492-3138

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The Wedding Patio



PRICING

Wedding Patio	2 to 75 guests	Mon.* to Thursday	\$1000
Wedding Patio	2 to 75 guests	Fri., Sat., & Sun.	\$1900
Wedding Patio	76-200 guests	Mon.* to Thursday	\$1800
Wedding Patio	76-200 guests	Fri., Sat., & Sun.	\$2600
Wedding Patio	201-250 guests	Mon.* to Thursday	\$2100
Wedding Patio	201-250 guests	Fri., Sat., & Sun.	\$2850

Holiday Mondays are priced at weekend rates. Prices do not include GST. A 50% non-refundable reservation deposit is required at the time of booking.

The Wedding Patio is located adjacent to our Grebe Pond, with flower gardens, a quaint bridge and a bounty of trees. Indoor rain backup in the Pine Pavilion is only steps away. The Wedding Patio can accommodate groups of most sizes, from intimate gatherings to parties of up to 250 guests.

YOUR CEREMONY AT THE WEDDING PATIO INCLUDES:

- Admission and free parking for all guests
- Ceremony site reserved for two hours (including one hour prior to ceremony start time)
- Chairs & signing table set up by Garden staff
- Signage and staff to direct guests to ceremony site
- Golf cart shuttle service for wedding party, immediate family, elderly & disabled guests
- Two-hour photo session anywhere in the Garden, before or after ceremony (does not include photographer)
- Rain backup in the Pine Pavilion
- Access to indoor showhouses for photos in case of rain
- One-hour rehearsal with wedding staff
- Complimentary engagement photo session (does not include photographer)

"Thank you for doing everything you did to make our day perfect. We couldn't have asked for it to be better!"

*– Kristin & Phil,
married on the Wedding Patio*

Kurimoto Japanese Garden



PRICING

Japanese Garden	2 to 35 guests	7 days a week	\$1950
Ozawa Pavilion	2 to 35 guests	4 hour reception rental	\$325
Ozawa Pavilion	2 guests	Overnight rental	\$500

Prices do not include GST.

The Kurimoto Japanese Garden is an exquisite setting for intimate ceremonies of 35 guests or fewer. This renowned five-acre garden features a curved wooden bridge, Japanese lanterns and pagoda, waterfalls, pond and more. Rain backup is inside the Ozawa Pavilion, a traditional Japanese teahouse overlooking the Garden. The Ozawa can also be rented following your ceremony for a cozy reception in an unforgettable venue.

YOUR CEREMONY IN THE KURIMOTO JAPANESE GARDEN INCLUDES:

- Admission and free parking for all guests
- Ceremony site reserved for two hours (including one hour prior to ceremony start time)
- Chairs & signing table set up by Garden staff
- Signage and staff to direct guests to ceremony site
- Golf cart shuttle service for bridal party, immediate family, elderly & disabled guests
- Two-hour photo session anywhere in the Garden, before or after ceremony (does not include photographer)
- Rain backup in the Ozawa Pavilion
- Access to indoor showhouse for photos in case of rain
- One-hour rehearsal with wedding staff
- Complimentary engagement photo session (does not include photographer)

"Everything was perfect!"

– Jamie & Janie, married in the Kurimoto Japanese Garden

The Alpine Garden



PRICING

Alpine Garden	2 to 90 guests	Saturdays only	\$2500
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A 50% non-refundable deposit is due at time of booking. Prices do not include GST.

“Very organized, very professional and very accommodating. A great experience.”

– Kris & Shalee, married in the Alpine Garden

Tucked into a nook, surrounded by alpine plants and rocky elevations, a ceremony in this special location will create lasting memories. The Alpine Garden can accommodate up to 90 guests, with rain backup in a white tent located near the Garden’s lovely lilac collection. To preserve the beauty of this Garden, a limited number of bookings are available.

YOUR CEREMONY IN THE ALPINE GARDEN INCLUDES:

- Admission and free parking for all guests
- Ceremony site reserved for two hours (including one hour prior to ceremony start time)
- Chairs & signing table set up by Garden staff
- Signage and staff to direct guests to ceremony staff
- Golf cart shuttle service for wedding party, immediate family, elderly & disabled guests
- Two-hour photo session anywhere in the Garden, before or after ceremony (does not include photographer)
- Rain backup in the Lilac Tent
- Access to indoor showhouses for photos in case of rain
- One-hour rehearsal with wedding staff
- Complimentary engagement photo session (does not include photographer)

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Aga Khan Garden



PRICING

Aga Khan Garden	up to 75 guests	Weekday	\$1450
		Weekend	\$2350
	76-130 guests	Weekday	\$1850
		Weekend	\$2750
	131-200 guests	Weekday	\$2200
		Weekend	\$3100
	201-250 guests	Weekday	\$2500
		Weekend	\$3400

A 50% non-refundable deposit is due at time of booking. Prices do not include GST.

The Aga Khan Garden, Alberta, newly opened in 2018, is a spectacular 11-acre feature garden, with secluded forest paths, wide, stepped terraces, geometric stonework, fountains and water features that stream into wetlands. Quite simply, this Islamic-inspired garden offers a venue like no other for your wedding day. Weddings are held in a privately situated amphitheatre that can seat up to 250 guests, and following the ceremony, photos can be taken in any area of the garden.

YOUR CEREMONY IN THE AGA KHAN GARDEN INCLUDES:

- Admission and free parking for all guests
- Ceremony site reserved for two hours (including one hour prior to ceremony start time)
- Exclusive indoor "green room" access for the wedding party to prepare
- Chairs & signing table set up by Garden staff
- Signage and staff to direct guests to ceremony staff
- Golf cart shuttle service for wedding party, immediate family, elderly & disabled guests
- Two-hour photo session anywhere in the Garden, before or after ceremony (does not include photographer)
- Rain backup in the Pine Pavilion
- Access to indoor showhouses for photos in case of rain
- One-hour rehearsal with wedding staff
- Complimentary engagement photo session (does not include photographer)

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Extras



The University of Alberta Botanic Garden offers several enhancements for your wedding ceremony. Ask a Wedding Coordinator about these extras that can take your wedding day from special to spectacular!

DECOR FOR YOUR CEREMONY

Although nature provides the most striking décor at the University of Alberta Botanic Garden, we also have items for rent to make your ceremony even more special. Archways and flower urns are available. Prices include setup and takedown by staff. Since items are stored on-site, there are no pick-up or delivery charges. Call for details.

You may also choose to bring decorative items of your own. All décor items must be approved in advance by the Wedding Coordinator. Setup/tear down is not included for personal decor.

LIVE MUSIC

The beauty of the concert harp goes hand in hand with the remarkable setting of the Garden. We can arrange for live music at your wedding, provided by renowned musician Terry McDade. You can customize your musical offerings by adding extra musicians or vocalists. Or, you may prefer to bring your own musicians. Because of the special outdoor nature of our facility, be sure to consult with a Wedding Coordinator prior to making arrangements.

PA SYSTEM

A convenient portable PA system to amplify music from your iPod or CD player. Comes with wireless lapel or hand-held mic. Call for details.

POP-UP TENTS

White, 10'x10' pop-up tents are available for \$25 each if you need to shade musicians.

GETTING READY AT THE OZAWA PAVILION

If you would like a beautiful serene spot to prepare for your wedding, or to freshen up before your photographs, the Ozawa Pavilion can be booked on your wedding day (subject to availability). The Ozawa is also an ideal location for rehearsals dinners and bridal showers, or as a quiet spot for the wedding party to take a refreshment break during a busy day. Call a Wedding Coordinator for details.

Wedding Photographs



The University of Alberta Garden provides a backdrop like no other for your once-in-a-lifetime photographs. Whether you are having your wedding ceremony at the Garden or simply wish to have your wedding pictures taken here.

FOR WEDDING PHOTOS ONLY (NO CEREMONY)

If your ceremony is elsewhere but you would like to take your wedding pictures at the University of Alberta Botanic Garden, you can book a 2-hour photograph session. There are no indoor facilities available for photo-only sessions – we recommend that you arrange for an alternate indoor location in advance, in the event of poor weather.

The Kurimoto Japanese Garden is one of our most popular location for wedding photos. This five-acre garden features a curved bridge, pond, waterfalls, pagodas and stone lanterns, and an elegant, manicured background.

Other popular photo settings include the Alpine Garden, several wooden bridges, water features, and the charming John's Folly.

Care is taken not to overbook the Garden – photo sessions are staggered and the number of groups in the Garden at any one time is limited. However, there is some overlap and there may be several groups taking photos at the same time.

INCLUDED WITH WEDDING CEREMONIES

A two hour photo session is included with all wedding ceremony bookings, with access to all areas of the Garden. If the weather is unfavorable, photos can be taken in our indoor show houses (with ceremony packages only). A complimentary engagement photo session is also included in wedding packages.

PRICING

All areas of the Garden*	2 hours	\$375	Includes admission for up to 25 people
Engagement Photos (Any Garden)	2 hours	\$75 weekends \$50 weekdays/offseason	Includes admission for couple and photographer

Prices do not include GST or photographer. Must be booked in advance. Subject to availability. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due at time of booking.

*Some areas may be restricted or unavailable due to programming or private functions.

Garden Guideline & Policies



In order to preserve the beauty of all our Gardens, and protect the enjoyment of our visitors, the following guidelines and policies must be observed by all visitors to the Garden.

- Pets are not permitted in the Garden.
- Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the Garden.
- Please assign someone to supervise young children, to ensure their safety around water and rock features, and to protect delicate plants from little hands and feet.
- Climbing rocks, waterfalls and statues is not permitted. Wading & swimming is prohibited in all water features. The University of Alberta Botanic Garden is not held responsible for any injuries that may occur.
- Climbing on trees is prohibited.
- Minimize noise so all patrons can enjoy their experience. Be considerate of wedding parties, photo groups and other visitors to the Garden.
- With the exception of beverages purchased and consumed at our fully licensed on-site concession, or pre-arranged licensed events, alcohol is not permitted at the Garden.
- Please deposit garbage and bottles in containers provided – help us keep the Garden beautiful for everyone to enjoy.
- Rice, confetti and flower petals are not allowed.
- Removal of plant material from the Garden is prohibited.
- Guests must park in the Visitor Parking Lot. No vehicles are allowed to enter beyond the parking lot without prior consent of the Wedding Coordinator.
- Limos and vehicles waiting for guests must turn off their engines – no idling please.
- Any damage to the Garden by clients or their guests will be the responsibility of the client named on the contract, and additional charges may apply.
- The University of Alberta Botanic Garden reserves the right to ask any guest who is a danger to themselves or others, or who is disrupting the enjoyment of the Garden by other guests, to leave the premises.

Wedding Booking Information & Guidelines



WEDDING BOOKING INFORMATION

- All wedding ceremonies must be booked in advance; subject to availability.
- Wedding bookings can be made with the Wedding department by telephone at 780-492-3138 during regular office hours or in-person by appointment.
- A 50% non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking. Deposits are non-transferable.
- Balance is due 21 days in advance of the wedding. It is the responsibility of the client to contact the Garden to make final payment arrangements. Failure to pay balance in full by due date may result in cancellation.
- Payments can be made by Visa, Mastercard, money order, cash or debit. No personal cheques.
- University of Alberta Botanic Garden must be notified in writing of any change of information or cancellation. Deposits are non-refundable. There are no refunds for payments made.

ADDITIONAL WEDDING INFORMATION

- Please let your guests know that the Garden is an outdoor facility, and that they should be prepared for any type of weather. Guests should also be prepared for a pleasant walk to your ceremony site – comfortable footwear can enhance the experience!
- Shuttle service is provided for the wedding party, parents, grandparents, elderly and guests with mobility issues only. All other guests must be prepared for walking to the ceremony location.
- Your shuttle is available for one hour before the ceremony and a half hour after the ceremony.
- Golf carts are not available for rent.
- The gardens are not closed off to the public during ceremonies or photographs.
- University of Alberta Botanic Garden guidelines and policies must be observed by all visitors to the Garden.

Weddings

Frequently Asked Questions



What happens to my ceremony if it rains?

All ceremony packages include a sheltered rain backup, and include access to our indoor showhouses for photos. You have until one hour before your ceremony to let us know if you want it moved inside.

How do my guests know where to go on the day of the wedding?

On the day of the wedding, a separate entrance will be opened to your guests. Wedding staff will be present to greet and direct your guests to the ceremony location.

Can I rent a golf cart for my wedding/photos?

No. Golf carts cannot be rented by the public. A shuttle service is included in ceremony packages for the bridal party, immediate family, elderly and disabled guests only. All other guests must be prepared to walk.

Golf cart service is not available to groups booked for photographs only.

How can my elderly and disabled guests get to the wedding?

With your ceremony booking, there is shuttle service for elderly and disabled guests. This shuttle will transport guests to the ceremony location, and back to the front entrance after the event.

Will a golf cart transport my wedding party around the garden for wedding photographs?

We will shuttle the wedding party to the first photo location after the ceremony. After drop off, the wedding party must be prepared for walking from one photo location to another.

Is there somewhere that the wedding party can get ready before the ceremony?

The Ozawa Pavilion, located in our Kurimoto Japanese Garden offers washroom, shower and full kitchen facilities. This Japanese style teahouse can be rented for two hours, four hours and overnight. Wedding packages in the Aga Khan Garden include access to a comfortable on-site green room. Must be booked in advance, subject to availability – please contact the Event Coordinator for more information.

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What options do I have for music for my ceremony? Is there power in the Garden?

You are welcome to bring your own sound system. There is power at the Wedding Patio and Pine Pavilion. You will need to bring your own cord.

There are several outlets in the Kurimoto Japanese Garden – you must provide a cord. There is no power in the Alpine Garden or Primula Dell – sound systems must be able to run on battery.

An alternative is to hire a live musician. The University of Alberta Botanic Garden has access to some of the finest musicians in Edmonton, and can arrange the booking for you. Please contact the Weddings Department for more information.

You can also hire your own musician(s). Please remind them that this is an outdoor facility, and that all instruments/equipment must be transported by foot or on a golf cart. Vehicles are not allowed in the Garden without advance permission of the Wedding Coordinator.

If your musicians require shelter, 10' x 10' white pop-up tents are available for an extra charge of \$25.

Is a photographer included with the wedding or photo booking?

No, a photographer is not included with your booking.

Do you have indoor photo locations?

Although we are mainly an outdoor facility, there are a few indoor locations that can be used for wedding photographs, with ceremony package bookings only. These areas are small, so photo opportunities may be limited.

Where are the washrooms located?

There are washrooms in the Administration Building between the Patio Cafe and showhouses and in the Aga Khan Garden.

There are additional washrooms near the Pine Pavilion, on the east side of the Collections.

Where are you located? Are you on the University of Alberta campus?

We are not located on the University of Alberta campus. The University of Alberta Botanic Garden is located in Parkland County – only 15 minutes from West Edmonton Mall, or 20 minutes from south side Edmonton (5 km north of Devon on Highway 60).

Do I get a discount if I am a University of Alberta employee or a student/alumni of the university?

Sorry, there are no discounts for weddings or photographs.

Can our pet take part in our ceremony?

Sorry, pets are not permitted at the Garden.