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AMERICAN WEDDING AND CELEBRATION

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**THE KNOW BEFORE YOU GO GUIDE**



## **Dear Friends and Family,**

As our marriage celebration in the breathtaking Lost Dutchman State Park approaches, we are counting down the days until we can share this special moment with each of you. We feel truly blessed to have our closest friends and family joining us to celebrate our union beneath the majestic Superstition Mountains and under the warm Arizona sun.

To help make your trip as smooth and enjoyable as possible, we've put together this "Know Before You Go" guide. Inside, you'll find everything from local travel tips to details on the park, nearby dining, and places to explore during your stay.

October is one of the most beautiful times of year in the Sonoran Desert—expect warm days, nice evenings, and stunning sunsets that paint the mountains in shades of gold and rose.

Whether you're traveling from near or far, we are so grateful for the effort you've made to join us in such a special place. We can't wait to create unforgettable memories together—surrounded by desert beauty, laughter, and the love of our favorite people.

Here's to the adventure ahead...

With all our love,  
**Sarah & Theodore**

# WEDDING CELEBRATION WEEKEND ITINERARY

## **Saturday, Oct. 11**

5pm – 5:30pm | **Wedding Ceremony at Lost Dutchman State Park**

The ceremony is roughly a 10 minute drive from the reception venue. Please take some time to see the beautiful sunset above the mountain and take some pictures!

\*This event is outdoors.

## **Saturday, Oct. 11**

6 pm – 7pm | **Cocktail Hour at The Views at Superstition**

There will be snacks and drinks as the bridal party takes pictures and gets to the reception hall.

## **Saturday, Oct. 11**

7 pm – 10pm | **Wedding Reception at The Views at Superstition**

# WEATHER & SUGGESTED ATTIRE

October in Phoenix is part of the late summer season with weather at an average high of around 92°F on the day of the wedding.

Light, breathable clothing such as linen or cotton will be your best bet to stay comfortable throughout the day. This is a perfect time of year to visit a lake or go swimming, so bring your swim clothes and a plenty of sunscreen.

For the wedding, we request semi-formal attire. Gentlemen, light summer suits or dressy linen shirts with slacks would be appropriate. Above all, remember that comfort is key, and the ceremony will be held outside.

## PACKING ESSENTIALS

- Hat
- Breathable/Airy Clothes
- Sunglasses
- Comfortable shoes
- Swimwear
- Portable fan
- Sunglasses
- Sunblock
- Summer Clothes
- Semi-formal attire for wedding ceremony and reception

# TRANSPORTATION

Phoenix is very large and the wedding ceremony is a 40 minute drive East of downtown (over an hour from the far west side of town). The only real way to get there is by car, so it is recommended to have a rental or find someone to carpool with. Rideshare is an option, but it will likely cost you \$40-\$50 each way.

Turo is an inexpensive option in the Phoenix area and would probably be the recommended approach, but traditional car rental companies should not be too expensive, since it will still be off-season.

If you are trying to get around the city, I would recommend using Waymo. It is a nice, comfortable experience and is often times cheaper than Uber/Lyft. Even if you don't need to rideshare, I would still recommend using it to get the experience of self-driving luxury.

# GASTRONOMY

There are a plethora of delicious eats around Phoenix. Here are a few of our favorites:

- Olive and Ivy (Scottsdale)
- The Persian Room (Scottsdale)
- Fogo de Chao (Scottsdale)
- Roka Akor (Scottsdale)
- Board & Batten (Mesa)
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# THINGS TO DO

If you find yourself with extra time during your visit, there's no shortage of things to explore right here in town. For those up for a little adventure beyond the city limits, you might consider day trips to Flagstaff, Sedona, the Grand Canyon, or charming Old West towns like Bisbee and Jerome. But if you'd prefer to stay local, here are some nearby favorites to check out:

If you enjoy being outside, consider an early morning hike or an afternoon swim. Here are some options for outdoors activities:

- Lake Pleasant (fishing/swimming)
- Camelback Mountain (popular hiking destination in Scottsdale)
- Piestewa Peak (popular hiking destination in Phoenix)
- Dobbins Lookout (Drive-to lookout on South Mountain)
- Desert Botanical Gardens (Beautiful desert garden space)
- Phoenix Zoo (The largest privately-owned non-profit zoo in the US)
- Kayak the Salt River (Day trip)
- Roosevelt Row (downtown walkable arts district)
- Castles N Coasters (amusement park with coasters and mini golf)
- Hurricane Harbor (Largest Waterpark in Phoenix)

If you want to stay inside, consider some of the following options:

- The Musical Instrument Museum (Unique worldwide collection of instrument)
- Arizona Science Center (Interactive Science Museum)
- The Nash (Listen to live Jazz in downtown Phoenix)
- Butterfly Wonderland (One of the largest butterfly conservatories in the US)



**We can't wait to celebrate with you!**  
**Safe travels & See you soon!**

