

Why choose Desert DJ's?

The simple answer is because you want your event to be the best so you should hire the best. Constant surveys show that guests at weddings and other events rarely ever remember the food they ate (which accounts for typically 38% of the budget) but they always remember the fun "or not so fun" time they had. It is constantly shown that the DJ can make or break the event.

What makes us shine...

We spare no expense when it comes to buying equipment, at the current moment Desert DJ's has well over \$100,000 invested in State of the Art sound, lighting, video, and computer equipment.

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions about DJ's

When should I book my date?

There is really no set answer to this question. Many factors affect Desert DJ's availability, such as event date, time of the event (afternoon or evening), and on what day of the week your event falls. The general rule is - the sooner the better. At times, Desert DJ's books events as far as two years in advance, with weddings generally booked anywhere from 6 months to 18 months in advance. At other times, you may be able to book with much less notice, however we don't recommend waiting too long. The further in advance you attempt to book your event, the more likely Desert DJ's will be available.

Can I see Desert DJ perform?

Sometimes, there are times when we can arrange for a preview of our services at a PUBLIC Event. However unlike many other DJ services we DO NOT allow anyone to preview private events. WHY? Well its simple would you like us having other clients showing up and your event? Of course not you would want all our concentration on your event. We do not use events as sales tools, nor do we hang banners or advertisements promoting our company at your event!

How do I hold my date and "book" with Desert DJ's?

To permanently hold or "book" a performance date, a client must sign and return an Entertainment Contract to Desert DJ's. The contract must be accompanied by a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit, in the amount indicated on the contract. This written agreement details all of the pertinent information regarding the event.

When is the final balance due?

Affair balances can be paid by personal check any time up to 14 days prior to the event date. Certified checks, money orders and/or cash payments of the balance due will be accepted up to seven days before the event. We will also accommodate any clients who prefer to make several payments over the time period leading up to their event. In this case, we credit your account balance for any payments received and issue you a receipt for such payments.

What does the fee you quoted me include?

This varies, however all of our packages include a complete professional sound system, several hours (based on your agreement) of continuous DJ entertainment and a qualified and knowledgeable entertainer to operate the equipment. The Desert DJ entertainer will handle all necessary announcements and will interact with you and your guests in order to create a great party.

What do Desert DJ performers wear?

Desert DJ's performers come dressed in the dress of the occasion. From casual to full black tuxedo with white shirt, vest and tie/studs or button covers, we match our dress with your needs. All clothing is well maintained, neatly cleaned and pressed. The performers are well groomed and clean-shaven at all Desert DJ events.

Does Desert DJ take breaks?

Plainly and simply - No. Our entertainment packages are for a continual period of time. Whether your affair is for 3, 4, 5 or 6 hours, Desert DJ performers are prepared to entertain you and your guests, without any delays, interruptions or breaks.

What kinds of music do you play?

Desert DJ plays all types of music, from the Big Band era of the 30s & 40s to the hottest tunes of today - including country, Motown, disco, rock, Top 40 dance, ethnic and R & B. Desert DJ performers typically carry 8-30 thousand songs to each performance, covering just about every musical genre. For a small sample, see the Desert DJ Top 100, a list of the current 100 songs most requested by our clients and their guests or the Desert DJ school dance pick hits list, a list of the most popular school dance songs.

How is the music picked?

Music selection is usually based on three factors. First, you have the opportunity to tell us what you want to hear and if there is anything that you don't want to hear. This gives us the overall framework for the event. From there, your guests' requests help determine some of the music selection. Lastly, the Desert DJ performers rely on experience to fill in the event's play list, based on the crowd's reactions and responses throughout the event.

Does Desert DJ take requests?

Yes - in addition to our clients' pre-planned request lists, we welcome direct requests from our clients and their guests throughout the event. We attempt to play as many requests as possible, as long as they fall within the clients' guidelines and are appropriate for the event and guests attending.

How many songs will be played?

This varies, since song and event lengths vary. The average song is 3 ½ minutes in length. That translates into 17 songs per hour, 68 songs in four hours and 85 songs in five hours.

When do we go through all of the details?

Final planning is generally handled 2-3 weeks prior to the event date.

When does Desert DJ arrive at the event?

Typically, Desert DJ performers will arrive at least one hour prior to the start time of the event. If additional lighting packages are booked, the arrival time may be extended to 90 minutes.

What type of equipment does Desert DJ use?

Quality is top priority for Desert DJ - from our performances to the equipment that we use. For that reason, we use only top quality, professional DJ equipment, including 100% digital technology.

What happens if the equipment breaks?

DESERT DJ's uses top quality equipment, which is maintained according to our strict maintenance schedule and replaced or refurbished yearly. For this reason, it is highly unlikely that anything would break or fail to operate properly. However, Desert DJ performers carry backup equipment to each performance. In the unlikely event there is a problem, the backup or replacement equipment can be in place in a matter of minutes, normally without the client even realizing there was a "problem".

What about optional lighting?

Lighting effects are a great way to add additional energy, excitement and ambiance to any event. From the classic mirror ball effect and multi-colored, high-energy effects that react and chase to the music to laser and computer-controlled intelligent lights, Desert DJ can customize a light show to enhance your entertainment experience. Feel free to contact us for further details and pricing.

What are Party Props?

Party Props are "theme" items to be used by you and your guests to further interact with the music. They're a great way to spice up any event. Imagine dozens of your guests rock and rolling with blow-up guitars, sax's, keyboards and drumsticks or Uncle Bob shaking neon maracas with a giant sombrero on his head. These are just two examples of the props we have available. You can customize any prop package to add that extra "sizzle" you may be looking for. Feel free to contact us for further details and pricing.

Is Desert DJ available if we decide to extend our party?

Desert DJ guarantees availability for time extensions (overtime) for all affairs with a start time of 3 PM or later. Overtime for events beginning prior to 3 PM may be available but will be subject to Desert DJ and the event venue's scheduling constraints.

Why are some DJs so cheap?

In many industries, there are requirements or certifications that business must meet before servicing customers. The reason for this is to protect the consumer and ensure that the business is being operated legally and in a safe manner. Unfortunately, there are no such standards to guarantee a professional DJ. Full-time, professional companies, like Desert DJ, take steps to ensure their long-term success as well as the well being of their clients. For example, a true professional DJ will have liability insurance and equipment insurance to safeguard against any unforeseen circumstances. True pros will also carry backup equipment to every event in case of an equipment breakdown. In most cases, the cheap (or bottom-feeder) DJ either doesn't care enough about their clients or is financially unable to provide their clients the same assurance and protections. In many cases, the adage "You get what you pay for" still applies.

Caution: The entertainment is most often one of the smallest expenses of a special event. Yet it most likely has the biggest effect on the overall enjoyment of you and your guests. Those who set out to find the cheapest rate possible set themselves up for disappointment. Whether you're spending \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$20,000 on your special day, ask yourself if you're willing to gamble with an inexperienced, uninsured, part-time DJ who may use shoddy equipment and offers you and your guests no protection or guarantees?

Will I get to Meet the DJ

Of course, we encourage in person meetings, be wary of some who like to just take your money over the phone. Desert DJ's encourages in person meetings with all our clients so that we can plan your event with you.

What events can you handle?

Desert DJ's hosts a variety of events including Weddings, Corporate Functions, Karaoke Parties, Public Events, and select private parties. See our services page to find out more about how we can make your event one to remember forever.