

Minnetrista Catering FAQs

Do you offer tastings?

Yes! Our Head Chef would be happy to prepare a selection of menu items for you to taste. Since everything will be made for you from scratch, we charge \$25 per person for tastings and allow a maximum of six attendees. Certain restrictions apply. Please contact your coordinator for more information and to schedule your tasting.

Do you offer accommodations for vegetarians or special dietary needs?

Yes, we will accommodate any dietary restrictions you or your guests may have. Please contact your coordinator for more information.

Do you require a deposit?

Yes, we require a deposit equal to 25% of your initial food and beverage estimate, along with a signed contract, to guarantee service.

Do you have a minimum?

Yes, all breakfast, lunch, themed, and formal buffets must have a minimum of 25 people. All other orders – a la carte, appetizers, desserts, beverages, etc. – must have a minimum food and beverage subtotal of \$100 during museum hours Monday through Friday or \$300 after museum hours and on weekends. These minimums do not include taxes or fees.

Do you allow alcohol?

All alcohol must be provided by Minnetrista Catering or one of our approved outside caterers. For more information on our alcohol policies, please contact your coordinator.

Do you charge extra to cut cake?

Yes, we charge \$1.50 per person to cut and serve cake brought from an outside baker. If you would like us to cut your cake, this must be arranged with your coordinator at least 30 days before your event.

Besides the cost of food, what fees can I expect for a catered event?

Whether you use Minnetrista Catering or one of our approved outside caterers, an 18% service charge will be applied to your food and beverage total, as well as all applicable taxes. Depending on the formality, complexity, and size of your event, you may also be charged for additional service staff.

What does the service charge cover?

The service charge offsets support staff labor, administration, and facility costs.

How do you charge for labor?

We charge for extra staff by the hour, based on a four hour minimum per staff person. We do our best to estimate the amount of time that extra staff will be needed for your event, but the final cost is based on actual time worked.

Do you provide the china, silverware, and glassware for our event?

Yes, whether you use our catering or one of our approved outside caterers, Minnetrista will provide china, silverware, and glassware for your event. We have disposables available, at cost, if you prefer.

Can we take leftovers home with us at the end of our event?

Any food items leftover at the end of your event will be disposed of properly by Minnetrista staff and may not be removed from the premises. Due to this policy, your coordinator will work with you to get the most accurate guest count.