

VENUE Spotlight



Elevate your Meeting to New Heights

TIMBERLINE LODGE

Oregon's Timberline Lodge is set on the slopes of Mount Hood. One of two original ski areas in North America, the venue is a historical and memorable place to host a meeting or event.

The Lodge's intrinsic value of place, space and comfort brings people together in a unique way to enjoy moments from the past and to make plans for the future. The centrally located walk-around fireplace invites guests to meet and linger, and the heated outdoor pool is open year-round.

Timberline Ski Resort is one of few places boasting summer skiing. Palmer Snowfield is open to ski camps, Olympic athletes, racers and the public from June through September. The mountain, peppered with active team-building opportunities, is perfect for hiking, scavenger hunts and historic tours. Near the resort, guests can join in zip lining, alpine tubing and even whitewater rafting on the Deschutes River. The winter season offers forty-one trails crisscrossing across the mountain for skiing and boarding.

The Lodge has four designated event venues ranging from 1,100 to 2,400 square feet. With so much to offer in this spectacular setting, planners should schedule their next meeting at Timberline Lodge. John Burton, Director of Marketing and PR, tells groups to "Create memorable, meaningful, and useful experiences with your staff or partners, 6,000 feet up at Timberline Lodge, an unsurpassed Mt. Hood National Landmark."

There are six dining options at the Lodge, and catering is available for groups from 40 to 500. The Cascade dining room is famous for its breakfast buffet and fine dining in the evening. The Ram's Head Bar serves casual food and is an ideal place for a cocktail. The Blue Ox Bar features pizza and microbrews. The WY*East Day Lodge highlights a casual bar with a sundeck primed for watching mountain activity and a café serving burgers and pizza.

The lodge's 70 guest rooms provide a comfortable respite after a long day of meetings or an afternoon on the slopes. The Silcox Hut, located another 1,000 feet up the mountain, can accommodate another 22 overnight guests in a rustic setting.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration (WPA) funded the building project for Timberline Lodge during the heart of the Depression. Timberline sits boldly on the south side of Mt. Hood, and its construction provided work for hundreds of people in the 1930s. Riddled with difficult times, this resort's 75-year-long history includes two closures including a war-time closure in 1942. Today the resort runs at full speed thanks to the US Department of Interior designating it a National Historic Landmark in 1977.

Timberline Lodge is located in the Oregon cascade Mountains, about 60 miles east of Portland. A 90-minute drive from Portland brings visitors to this scenic wonderland. By Tracy Beard

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Take Center Stage at This Unique Venue

GESA POWERHOUSE THEATER

A 120-year old building in the center of Walla Walla, Washington, the Gesa Power House Theatre, provides the location for a memorable seminar, conference, meeting or special event. Originally constructed to supply coal gas that was piped throughout the city to light the streets, businesses and homes, the venue has been converted into a renowned performing arts venue.

Recently, the interior of the building has been transformed into a state-of-the-art performance venue. The interior design was inspired by the world famous Blackfriars Theater in London, England, however the 19th-Century exposed brick walls harken to the building's industrial beginnings. While the theater is renowned for performance art, it can also host meetings or events. Its central location provides easy access to all downtown Walla Walla's dining and lodging.

With seating for 300, the main theater is the ideal setting for a seminar, training session or demonstration. The comfortable seating also makes it a good option for a conference. The upstairs Electric Lounge is a multi-level space that is ideal for receptions, meetings or sit-down dinners. For a unique experience, you can conduct a business meeting or formal dinner on the stage with the auditorium seating as a backdrop. In the first-floor lobby area, large doors make it easy for groups to enjoy the region's mild climate with an indoor-outdoor event.

The Gesa Powerhouse Theatre is located only a few blocks from the Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center. Groups meeting at the Marcus Whitman, or one of the other hotels in downtown Walla Walla, will find the Theatre an attractive location for an offsite gathering. An evening reception or an afternoon meeting will add a special touch to any conference.

The venue's event staff will help you find the right outside vendors such as catering and entertainment to make your event a success. WiFi is available throughout the building and parking is easy.

Even though it is a compact city, Walla Walla provides plenty of options for group activities. Downtown Walla Walla has boutique and vintage shopping in a relaxed environment. A thriving arts and culture scene features art galleries, interesting museums, and year-round symphony and stage performances.

With a mild and dry climate, Walla Walla offers a variety of outdoor activities. Several highly-regarded golf courses challenge golfers of any level. Casual cyclists can meander through the bike paths and rural roads past wheat fields and vineyards. The nearby Blue Mountains have a more challenging cycling environment. During the winter, Walla Walla makes a great base camp for skiing, snowboarding, and other winter adventures.

Located in the heart of the Northwest, Walla Walla is easy to reach. Drive times on major highways are nearly equal from Seattle, Portland, and Boise. Alaska Airlines provides three direct flights a day to Walla Walla from Seattle. The Tri-cities airport, about a 50-minute drive from Walla Walla, offers connections to a variety of major U.S. cities.

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