
Timberline Lodge in Oregon

When skiers think great slopes, they think Oregon. And when skiers want a great place to stay while skiing in Oregon, they choose the Timberline Lodge.

Timberline Lodge is more than a great place to ski; it's a lodge with history. A master craftsman built Timberline Lodge during the Great Depression. It's a majestic building that many will recognize from the movie "The Shining". Many of the outdoor scenes from the classic film were shot at Timberline Lodge in Oregon.

The lodge was completely built by hand, and remains very well preserved. Hand-woven draperies and hand-hewn beams create a rustic charm that beautifully reflects the history of this stunning building. The lodge itself sits amid 1400 acres of land. Thirty-five trails have been created for beginner, intermediate and expert skiers. Timberline Lodge's top elevation is 8504', with a vertical drop of 2501', and six chair lifts are available.

A unique feature of Timberline Lodge in Oregon is that it's the only lodge in the United States to offer year-round snow skiing. There is an area of Timberline Lodge called Palmer Snowfield that is permanently covered in snow. Beginners are not always allowed on Palmer Snowfield; the conditions are evaluated each day, and the staff determines who will be allowed access to the area.

Skiing, snowboarding, snow shoeing, hiking and lodge tours are main attractions at Timberline. Powder is King here, so all activities are snow-related. Mount Hood, where Timberline is located, is an active volcano considered to be dormant. Tremors are occasionally felt, and steam vents are often visible. Skiers and non-skiers alike must visit the Magic Mile for an unmatched panoramic view of the Cascade Mountains.

Timberline Lodge offers guests a selection of dining options. The Cascade Dining Room is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, however hours of operation do change depending on the season. Guests can also choose to dine at the Blue Ox, Ram's Head, Market Cafe, Wy'East or the Mount Hood Brewing Company.

Skis and equipment is not available to rent at Timberline Lodge. It is essential that you bring your own equipment, but you can buy smaller items like goggles and gloves at the lodge. Some clothing items are also available for purchase. There is a ski and snowboard school on the premises offering private instruction and group lessons.

The historic Timberline Lodge in Oregon is a great choice of skiers looking for a rustic getaway. There may be more luxurious resorts out there, but if your idea of the perfect vacation is pristine slopes and very cool old resort lodge, you can't beat Timberline.