

Skiing in Oregon

Oregon is famous for the ski resorts found around the state, and if you are planning a ski vacation, you should definitely consider Timberline Lodge, located near Mt. Hood. There is quite a bit of history in the area, starting with the lodge that was built by a master craftsman during the Great Depression. The Timberline Lodge also has a bit of a more recent history associated with it. Scenes from the movie "The Shining" were filmed here. Many of the exterior shots were done at Timberline Lodge.

The lodge is entirely hand made, and well maintained. The hand woven draperies and the hand-hewn beams contribute to the rustic charm and history of the place. The lodge sits in the middle of 1,400 acres including 35 trails. The trails are ideal for beginners, intermediates, and experts. The top elevation at Timberline Lodge is 8,504 feet with a vertical drop of 2,501 feet. Timberline offers six chair lifts to accommodate skiers.

One of the unique facts about Timberline is that it is the one place in the United States that offers year-round snow skiing. Palmer Snowfield is part of the Timberline Resort, and it is perpetually covered with snow. Beginners are not always permitted on Palmer snowfield # the conditions are considered each day before making this determination.

Skiing, snowboarding, hiking, snowshoeing, and lodge tours are the most popular attractions at Timberline. Here, it is all about the snow! Mt. Hood is an active volcano that is considered to be dormant. On occasion, tremors are felt, and steam vents are often visible. The Cascade Dining Room is open for three meals each day, but the hours do change with the seasons. Other food can be found at the Market Cafe, Ram's Head Bar, the Wy'East Kitchen Cafeteria, the Blue Ox bar, and the Mt. Hood Brewing Company.

Rental equipment is not offered at Timberline. You have to bring your own equipment. However, smaller items such as gloves and goggles can be bought at the lodge, along with some clothing items. There is a snowboard and ski school at the resort, and private and group lessons are available.

If the idea of a 'rustic' ski vacation appeals to you, as opposed to trips with accommodations that are a bit more elegant, then Timberline Lodge in Oregon is the place to go! Again, it is definitely all about the history and the snow here. However, whether you ski or not, you must not miss the Magic Mile, which offers a panoramic view of the Cascade mountains that cannot be beat!