

Venue Spotlight

Meydenbauer Center



MODERN CONFERENCE FACILITY IN A CONVENIENT LOCATION

Bellevue, Washington, a modern, vibrant city only 15 minutes from downtown Seattle, has emerged as a favorite destination for gatherings of all types. The compact, walkable downtown is full of one-of-a-kind shopping, dining and cultural experiences. Easy access from all directions makes Bellevue a handy gateway to all that the Puget Sound region offers.

Situated in the heart of downtown Bellevue, the Meydenbauer Center is a full-service conference and event center attracting conventions, corporate meetings, banquets and fundraisers. Warm colors, expansive hallways and lobby areas, and an abundance of natural lighting make the Meydenbauer Center an attractive choice for any type of gathering.

The venue has 54,000 square feet of space and maximum flexibility making it suitable for a six-person meeting or a gala celebration with 3,000 attendees. The column-free Center Hall is a 36,000-square-foot room that can accommodate up to 200 trade show booths or 3,500 guests in a theater-style arrangement. For greater flexibility, the hall can be separated into two equal sections. Generous pre-function areas provide space for check-in tables or a welcome reception.



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Additional options include the flexible fourth-floor space that can be divided into as many as nine rooms that can be configured in a variety of layouts. With rooms ranging in size from 1,000 to 6,000 square feet, the fourth floor can accommodate groups as large as 600. The third-floor Executive Conference Suite offers a private gathering space with a capacity of up to 60. These rooms attract corporate board retreats or committee meetings, and they are a convenient location when serving as the convention headquarters or for hosting a VIP reception.

The modern 410-seat Theater is the facility's performing arts theater and lecture hall. The Theater is an ideal location for a presentation, talk or artistic performance. High quality sound, striking lighting options and an unobstructed view from every seat makes this one of the region's finest performing arts venues.

Bellevue is the heart of Seattle's tech scene and the Meydenbauer Center is designed for high-tech gatherings. The facility features the latest in high-end audiovisual and lighting capabilities, high-speed internet via WiFi or wired connections and full-service technical support are available to enhance any gathering. Meydenbauer Center Catering offers a wide range of menu options for meals and break-time refreshments. The catering department has the resources for any group, whether it is a working lunch for a 20-person corporate board meeting or a banquet for thousands.

The downtown Bellevue location means the Center is easy to get to and handy for any type of function. With more than 4,000 hotel rooms within a short walk of the Center, groups will be able to find the appropriate lodging for attendees from out of town. Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is only thirty minutes away.

Groups will find Bellevue's central location ideal for exploring the Puget Sound region. Visitors wanting to explore the region will find that downtown Seattle is just a quick trip across Lake Washington, while the region abounds with team building, recreational and sightseeing



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opportunities. Groups will enjoy exploring nearby Kirkland's fun waterfront parks and galleries, and a tour of the Woodinville Wine Country offers a wonderful post-conference experience.

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Salem Convention Center



EXCEPTIONAL MEETING SPACE AND LODGING UNDER ONE ROOF IN THE HEART OF OREGON'S CAPITAL CITY

Located in the downtown business and entertainment district, the Salem Convention Center combines convenience with a modern, versatile meeting space. This facility, offering more than 30,000 square feet of function space, was built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification standards. In fact, the Center recently received certification as an EarthWISE business by Marion County for its recycling, waste reduction and energy conservation programs.

The first-floor 8,750 square-foot Santiam Ballroom holds up to 1,000 guests and divides into as many as six separate rooms. Spacious light-filled galleries serve as exhibit, reception or pre-function space. Its South Gallery opens onto the Courtyard and Sculpture Gallery.

The second-floor Willamette Ballroom measures 11,400 square-feet and accommodates up to 1,500 attendees. The ballroom divides in half or up to four equal-sized rooms. Across a wide hallway, four generous-sized breakout rooms add to this level's versatility. The Willamette Foyer, with soaring ceiling height and window walls, feels like an aerie and makes the perfect location for a reception.

Complimentary high-speed WiFi and built-in audiovisual technology are supported by on-site technicians to ensure seamless presentations. Plasma screens at room entrances reduce the need for printed signage. Free underground parking and a convenient

loading area make access a breeze.

Executive Chef, Tory Knaus, brings an extensive knowledge of Northwest Cuisine from his many years working in hospitality businesses across the region. His culinary team incorporates local, seasonal products into their menus, showcasing Oregon's agricultural bounty, while also providing flexibility through customized meals to suit planners' needs.

For hotel accommodations, look no further than the connected 193-room Grand Hotel. Literally steps away from the meeting rooms, the Grand Hotel's large, suite-like rooms feature areas for sleeping, working and lounging, as well as refrigerators, microwave ovens and coffee makers. Guests enjoy complimentary WiFi, free parking and a complimentary hot breakfast. Hotel services include a 24-hour business center, indoor pool and spa and a fitness center. The hotel's Bentley's Grill serves lunch and dinner, plus a late-night bar menu in the lounge. The restaurant's extensive wine list reads like a "who's who" of Oregon and Northwest winemakers.

Salem Convention Center is close to the State Capitol building and government offices, as well as Willamette University. Being in the heart of Salem's commercial district, you'll find plenty of shops and restaurants. A short walk brings you to the to the Willamette River. Take a stroll through Riverfront Park and visit the Carousel with vintage hand-carved and painted horses.

Nearby cultural attractions include Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Willamette Heritage Center, Gilbert House Children's Museum, Elsinore Theater, Reed Opera House, Bush House and Bush's Pasture Park, Historic Deepwood Estate and Mission Mill Museum. Plus, Salem is in the middle of Oregon's Willamette Valley wine region. Plan some extra time for a relaxing drive through the countryside and visit a few of the region's more than 500 wineries. BY TAMARA MULDOON

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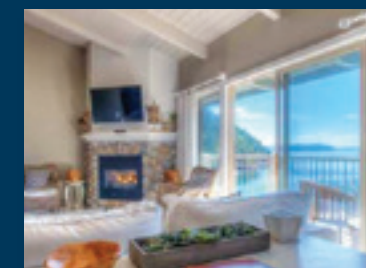
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