

COLUMBIA GORGE

hotel & spa





CELEBRATE IN *modern elegance*

Built in 1921 by timber tycoon Simon Benson, the Columbia Gorge Hotel quickly became known as the "Waldorf of the West." A magnificent villa perched on a scenic cliff, the hotel offered sweeping views of the majestic Columbia River, as well as the very finest accommodations and dining in the northwest.

The hotel was a favored retreat for movie stars like Clara Bow, Rudolph Valentino, and Shirley Temple, presidents like Roosevelt and Coolidge, and other social and political dignitaries. These were the days of steamers and speakeasies, of Valentino and the Model T, a time when people were dancing the Charleston and listening to jazz at The Cotton Club.

The hotel continues to provide the same lush, romantic ambiance and lavish service that has attracted the political and social elite...but you don't have to be royalty to experience the royal treatment.

Since 1921, couples from all over the world have come to the Columbia Gorge Hotel to make vows, create memories, and rekindle romances. Named one of the "Top 10 Places to Get Married" by Citysearch.com, this historical hotel, with its stunning 208-foot waterfall, gorgeous landscapes, and sweeping vista of the Columbia River, is an idyllic setting for the celebration of your lifetime.





VENDOR collection

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1 To me the most important thing is to get the best photos possible. In order for them to be the best photos possible, my clients need to be enjoying themselves. You do not need to be worried about anything. You do not need to be taken away from your party because time is running out. From the moment you book Bryce Jenkinson Photography for your wedding day, you get everything you need to capture the day with style and ease in the most comprehensive way.

Bryce Jenkinson Photography "Studio I Do" | 971.533.4687
www.studioido.net

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2 Helping you say "I do." As seen on My Fair Wedding 2011.
NW Vows | 360.772.9725 | www.nwvows.com

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3 The beauty of nature surrounds us. Capturing it and presenting it is our profession. As you celebrate love, we decorate it with natural elegance.
Tammy's Floral LLC | 800.942.1051 | www.tammysfloral.com

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4 It's your day, and it's our job to make it special. That's why we provide the best in customer service, planning, and quality equipment at an affordable price. We'll create the customized wedding experience you and your guests deserve.

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5 It has been my privilege to serve people since 1970 as an ordained Christian pastor on staff of five congregations in Western Washington. *Carroll R. Myers, Pastor / 360.254.3030 / www.carrollmyerspastor.com*

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6 I started RedLine Music eight years ago, but before that I was a karaoke DJ on Friday and Saturday nights. I always knew I loved music and DJing from a very young age. Being in this business, you have to know your music. I have more than 20,000 songs to pull from and still counting. I love any old-school hip-hop or '80s rock; they are just great songs to dance to. *RedLine Music / 503.860.2387 / www.redlinemusicdj.com*

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7 The award-winning photography of Michael Peterson will capture the romance of your wedding with unique artistry. Our uncompromising dependability and professionalism will allow you to relax knowing all the photographic details will be taken care of. We are enthusiastic, fun, and confident, most of all, we truly LOVE weddings.

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WEDDING *checklist*

12 or More Months Before

- ☐ Take a deep breath and get ready to embrace a whirlwind of people, planning, and excitement. Your day is right around the corner!
- ☐ Plan and host your engagement party.
- ☐ Talk with your fiancé and all parents or family members you choose to involve regarding budget, style, size of event, location, and attendees.
- ☐ Begin researching and visiting reception sites.
- ☐ Reserve the ceremony site, reception site, and accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- ☐ Book your hotel room for your wedding night and pre-wedding night.
- ☐ If preferred, hire a wedding consultant.
- ☐ Start shopping for your wedding dress. A number of bridal boutiques are available in your area.
- ☐ Select your wedding party attendants.
- ☐ Send save-the-date cards with hotel information to guests.
- ☐ Send your engagement notice to your local newspaper. Be sure to get multiple copies of the newspaper in order to send to grandparents and other family members.

10 to 12 Months Before

- ☐ Research and choose your officiant, if he/she is not already part of your ceremony site.
- ☐ Start researching and booking vendors.
- ☐ Discuss any premarital requirements with your officiant or clergy member.
- ☐ Create gift registries at local department stores. Many registries are also available online for those guests purchasing gifts from out of town.
- ☐ Shop for the bridesmaids' dresses and accessories.

8 to 10 Months Before

- ☐ Discuss plans for your bridal shower.
- ☐ Research the honeymoon.
- ☐ Order your wedding dress.
- ☐ Order the bridesmaids' dresses.
- ☐ Shop for favors and attendant gifts.

6 Months Before

- ☐ Shop for invitations.
- ☐ Prepare guest list and begin seating chart.
- ☐ Call your wedding coordinator or catering director to schedule a menu tasting.
- ☐ Reserve the groom's and attendants' tuxedos at a local tuxedo shop.

4 Months Before

- ☐ Book the honeymoon and all transportation.
- ☐ Remember passports, if needed.
- ☐ Finalize the guest list and order invitations.
- ☐ Provide information to the calligrapher so he/she can begin envelopes.
- ☐ Make appointment for dress fitting.
- ☐ Schedule bridesmaids' luncheon.
- ☐ Begin designing flower arrangements and bouquets for female attendants.
- ☐ Order wedding rings.
- ☐ Purchase any accessories (stockings, lingerie, etc.)
- ☐ Schedule ceremony rehearsal, rehearsal dinner, and departure brunch.
- ☐ Sign up for dance lessons.

2 Months Before

- ☐ Finalize and confirm all flower arrangements, bouquets, and boutonnieres for the male attendants.
- ☐ Write your wedding vows, if you wish.
- ☐ Shop for honeymoon outfits.
- ☐ Select gifts for attendants and ushers.
- ☐ Mail invitations, being sure to use proper postage.
- ☐ Get name-change forms if you plan to change your name.
- ☐ Call your wedding coordinator, catering director, and reception facility manager with an estimated guest count.

2 Months Before (continued)

- ☐ Plan all ceremonial events with the clergy member, including any music, readings, and vows.
- ☐ Schedule your rehearsal time and your rehearsal dinner.
- ☐ Secure any necessary rental equipment (chairs, tables, linens, etc.) for the ceremony and reception.

6 Weeks Before

- ☐ Print programs for the ceremony.
- ☐ Mail rehearsal/rehearsal dinner invitations.
- ☐ Pick up the wedding rings and double-check the fit.
- ☐ Try out hairstyle and makeup.
- ☐ Log RSVPs as they come in for meal choices.
- ☐ Send wedding announcement to local newspaper.
- ☐ Contact wedding coordinator about hotel room blocks; confirm reservations for appropriate guests.
- ☐ Create visitor gift baskets to place in the hotel rooms of those traveling from out of town. Remember to include directions from the hotel to the ceremony and reception site.
- ☐ Schedule final dress fitting; make sure bridesmaids have done the same.

30 Days Before

- ☐ Most room blocks will no longer be held after this date. Be sure that all visitors have confirmed their room reservations.
- ☐ Begin preparing place cards and table cards.
- ☐ Apply for marriage license. Different states have different policies. You will get a marriage license in the state in which you are married, regardless of where you and your fiancé actually live.
- ☐ Confirm schedule, arrival times, and any other arrangements with all vendors. It may be helpful to fax directions, contact numbers, and the day's itinerary to all vendors.
- ☐ Confirm honeymoon reservations including flights, hotel accommodations, and any rental cars.
- ☐ Contact wedding coordinator, catering manager, and facility manager with initial meal choices.

10 Days Before

- ☐ Make final facility rental payment.
- ☐ Confirm tuxedo arrangements.
- ☐ Begin packing for honeymoon.
- ☐ Pick up your dress and break in your shoes.
- ☐ Confirm rehearsal arrangements with bridal party.
- ☐ Contact wedding coordinator, catering manager, and facility manager with final guest count estimate.
- ☐ Schedule time to drop off favors, place cards, seating chart, etc.

3 Days Before

- ☐ Make a checklist of final things to remember.
- ☐ Drop off favors, place cards, seating chart, etc.
- ☐ Contact wedding coordinator, catering manager, and facility manager with final guest count, entrée choices, and clear any outstanding payments.

1 Day Before

- ☐ Complete packing for honeymoon; prepare to check into your hotel.
- ☐ Take some time to relax at some point during the day, and think about something besides the wedding.
- ☐ Drink plenty of fluids – especially in the summer – and avoid sodium.
- ☐ Attend the rehearsal ceremony and rehearsal dinner.
- ☐ Get to bed early and get some rest.

Day of the Wedding

- ☐ Eat a good breakfast with family and friends.
- ☐ Put wedding announcements in the mail.
- ☐ Relax and enjoy your day!

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