OMSI

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

Event Planning Guide

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Valid through December 2026

Available for 25 to 2,500 guests, OMSI is where elegant dining meets science-fueled fun. Celebrate under the stars in a world-class planetarium or explore the exhibit halls, OMSI is a stunning backdrop for intimate dinners and lavish receptions alike. Enjoy seasonally-inspired culinary creations at Portland's premier waterfront venue.

OMSI spaces and services include:

- Waterfront Venue and City Views
- Interactive Exhibit Halls
- Empirical Theater
- Kendall Planetarium
- Blueback Submarine
- Complimentary Bus Parking
- Theory Catering by Epicurean Group

Book your private event:

- Corporate or Social
- Business Meeting or Seminar
- Elegant or Casual Reception
- Staff Appreciation
- Holiday Celebration
- Company Picnic
- Team Building

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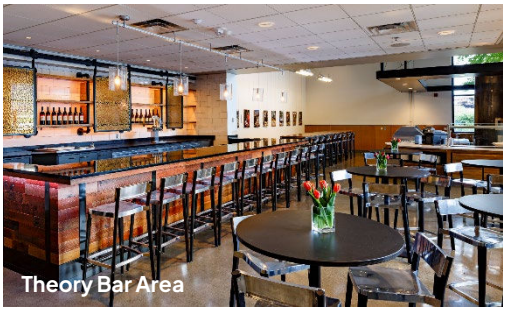
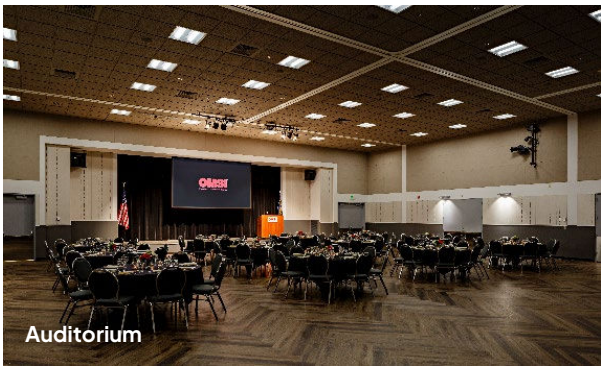

Theory Bar Area

Theory Patio

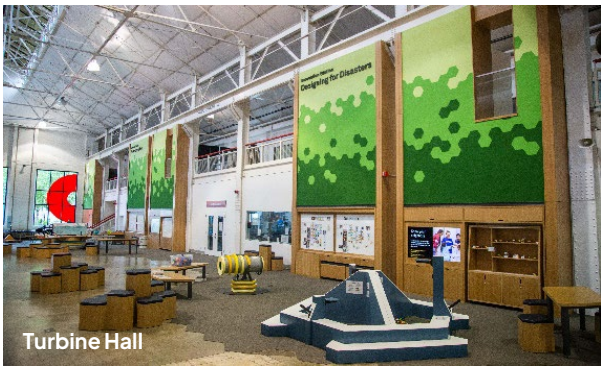
Private Event Spaces

Riverfront Courtyard

Kendall Planetarium


Auditorium

Science Playground


Turbine Hall

Museum Map

2nd Floor
Featured Exhibit Hall
Sala de Exposiciones Itinerantes
Paleontology Lab
Laboratorio de Paleontología
Earth Lab
Laboratorio de Ciencias de la Tierra
Life Lab
Laboratorio de Ciencias Biológicas
Natural Sciences Hall
Sala de Ciencias Naturales
Science Playground Ages 0–6
Área de Juegos Científicos (para niños de 0–6 años)
Discovery Lab
Laboratorio de Descubrimientos
1st Floor
Willamette River
Back Courtyard
Patio trasero
Theory Restaurant
Restaurante Theory
Featured Exhibit Hall
Sala de Exposiciones Itinerantes
Back Courtyard
Patio trasero
USS Blueback
USS Blueback
Eastbank Esplanade
Explanada este
Empirical Theater
Cine Empirical
Event Space
Espacio para eventos
Emprical Café
Café
Science Store
Tienda del Museo
Empirical Hall
Sala Empirical
Main Lobby
Vestíbulo princial
Sub Tours Start Here
Las visitas al submarino empiezan aquí
Motion Simulator
Simulador de movimiento
The Curium Ages 4–8
The Curium (para niños de 4–8 años)
Chemistry Lab
Laboratorio de Química
Physics Lab
Laboratorio de Física
Space Science Hall
Sala de Ciencia Espacial
Planetarium
Planetario
Turbine Hall
Sala de Exposiciones de Tecnología
Auditorium
Auditorio
Classroom 1
Salón de clase 1
Group Lunch Area
Área para comer
Turbine Hall Mezzanine
Exposiciones adicionales
Concierge
Conserje
Elevator
Elevador
Escalator
Escalera mecánica
Family Restrooms
Baños familiares
Nursing Room
Sala para amamantar
Restaurant / Cafe
Restaurante / Café
Restrooms & Water Fountain
Baños y bebedero
Sack Lunch Area
Área para comer
Second Floor Wheelchair Access
Acceso al segundo piso para personas en sillas de ruedas
Stairs
Escaleras

Planning Your Event

VENUES

Theory Restaurant

The perfect location for your next dinner or evening reception with waterfront views of the Portland skyline. Theory offers an open, airy floor plan with custom furnishings, reclaimed wood accents and a fireplace.

Exhibit Halls: Featured, Turbine, and Natural Sciences

Interactive and nationally acclaimed exhibits become a stunning backdrop for your private, after-hours event with each hall offering a different theme and a variety of seating and serving options.

Riverfront Courtyard

Featuring a 30' x 75' tent, this outdoor space is popular for company picnics and evening receptions and features dynamic city views along the Willamette River.

Auditorium

A multi-functional space perfect for presentations, panel discussions, lectures and meetings.

Parker Room

Located on the top floor of the Turbine Hall, the Parker Room is ideal for small professional meetings and features river and city views.

Fishbowl

Originally the Theater projection booth, the Fishbowl is a creative space for small meetings, retreats or receptions.

The Empirical Theater

Book a private screening or hold a presentation, all on the largest screen in Portland!

Planetarium

Featuring a state-of-the-art projection system, the recently renovated Kendall Planetarium is a memorable venue for meetings, concerts, or private laser light shows.

Submarine

The US Navy's last non-nuclear, fast-attack submarine the USS Blueback is ready and waiting with hourly rental options.

Science Playground

An immersive literacy and STEAM-focused space designed for children birth through six and their families. Available with rental of an additional venue space.

Bridge Lot

This 2 acre gravel lot features stunning waterfront views and is perfect for concerts, festivals and other large outdoor events.

NEED TO KNOW

Entertainment

Live music , DJ's and photo booths are welcome at your after-hours event.

Parking

500+ parking spaces are available for event guests in two large parking lots adjacent to the building. Handicapped spaces and bus parking are also available. Parking is paid through the Parking Kitty app, or can be pre-purchased for your guests.

Insurance

A certificate of liability insurance providing $1,000,000 per occurrence and naming OMSI as an additional insured is required for all events held after-hours.

Advance rental Deposit

A 50% non-refundable deposit of estimated rental charges is due along with a signed event rental agreement to reserve your space. The remaining rental balance is due by the event date.

Payment

A major credit card is required to be on file for all events. Payment can be made with a corporate check or money order, but all checks must clear ten days prior to your event.

Bar Closing

All alcohol service will end 30 minutes prior to the official event end time.

Rooms	Seating / Capacity			Room Rates
	Banquet*	**Reception***	**Theater**	
Auditorium	160	250	300	Day: $2000 Evening: $2200
Courtyard	225	300	-	$2000
Entire Museum	1000	2500	-	Call for details
Featured Exhibit Hall	120	300	-	$5000+*
Fishbowl	24	50	50	$550
Front Plaza	-	-	-	Call for details
Natural Sciences Hall	-	150	-	$3500
Parker Room	36	24	30	$550
Science Playground	-	160	-	$3500
Theory Restaurant	200	350	-	$3500
Turbine Hall	150	350	-	$3500
Bridge Lot	2 acre gravel lot	-	-	Call for details

Attractions & Additional Services

Private Empirical Theater Movie	300	$2400+
Private Planetarium Show	185	Call for details
USS Blueback Submarine, Open Boat	-	$750/Hour
AV Technician	-	$80/Hour
Lighting Package (14 Programmable Uplights)	-	$250
Sound System with Mixer & Microphone (Includes 1-Hour AV Tech setup)	-	$250
Photobooth (Self-Service, Includes OMSI Backdrop, Unlimited Virtual Captures, Print Options)	-	$850+
Open Labs & Educator Demos	-	$600+
Trade Show Permit (Required for events using 6 or more display tables)	-	$200 - $400

* Featured Exhibit and Entire Museum rental are subject to change based on special exhibits and hall closure. Banquet style is based on 60- inch rounds with eight chairs per table. Reception style is based on standing room and minimal seating, and theater style utilizes rows of chairs set with aisles on each side. Please note that rental rates are subject to change. Holiday dates may have increased rental rates and timing restrictions applied.

Epicurean Group is the premier onsite catering company known for its culinary expertise and commitment to socially responsible practices. We create food that is alive with flavor and nutrition, prepared from scratch using authentic ingredients. Our priority is the well-being of our guests, communities, and the environment.

Whether catering an event for a business meeting or a celebratory occasion, Epicurean Group promises a one-of-a-kind experience with exemplary food and service.

Our Executive Chef Phil Pagen prepares local, seasonal menus as well as authentic global fare. Whenever possible, these are produced locally using sustainable and organic practices. We provide full-service catering for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

For questions or detailed menu proposals, please contact:

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