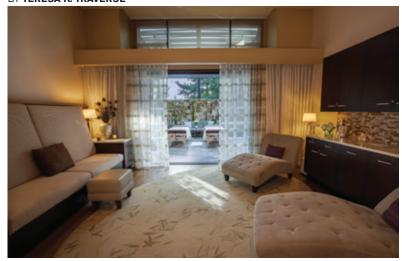
OPULENCE IN OREGON

The Allison Inn & Spa offers unparalleled luxury in the heart of Oregon wine country

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Located on the lush rolling green hills in Oregon wine country is the luxurious Allison Inn & Spa in Newberg. Surrounded by mostly rural wine country, the resort is a refreshingly modern and opulent place to stay when exploring Oregon's Willamette (pronounced "will-am-it") Valley.

Located about 40 minutes from Portland, the modern property boasts 77 guest rooms and eight suites. All guests receive a complimentary welcome snack basket in addition to plush robes and slippers to use during their stay. All rooms feature a gas fireplace, a deep soaking tub and complimentary filtered water. The penthouse suite features a spacious living room with a gas fireplace, two separate bedrooms with private baths, a gas fireplace, a bay window seat, spa-inspired bathrooms and a large balcony where guests can sit outside enjoying views of the surrounding area with a glass of wine in hand. When strolling

the lushly landscaped grounds, look forward to seeing over 500 original pieces of art from local artists all over the property.

The 15,000-square-foot Allison Spa features indoor and outdoor lounge areas outfitted with plush seating. The spa also offers an indoor swimming pool, a whirlpool and a sun terrace that's exclusive to overnight guests. Spa treatments are largely inspired by the Pacific Northwest, like the signature body treatment Deep Forest Escape. Pine, juniper and bergamot body oils are applied to the body and then warm steamed towels and light massage technique are used to complete the treatment. For a luxe experience, rent the Sky Suite Lounge with an outdoor terrace where you can relax for one hour before or after spa services. The lounge accommodates up to six guests and includes one bottle of sparkling wine. When waiting for treatments or relaxing post-treatment, spa-goers can relax in a new Himalayan salt room. Himalayan salt air is thought to potentially reduce inflammation.

It's fitting that a resort in wine country would have an extensive wine list, and The Allison's on-site restaurant, Jory Restaurant & Bar, stocks more than 500 bottles. Be sure to try Oregon Pinot Noir-the Willamette Valley is renowned for this varietal. The Pinot Noir burger is a must-try lunch special. Chef Chris Smith recently debuted five and seven-course tasting menus with optional wine pairings. The menu is designed to give diners the chance to experience the bounty of the resort's garden. Look forward to options like the silk leek soup served with Oregon black truffle and house pancetta and Fort Klamath sturgeon that's accompanied by buckwheat cappelletti. Cap off the meal with chocolate truffle beat cake. For a truly farm-to-table experience, consider dinner in the chef's 1.5-acre garden.

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