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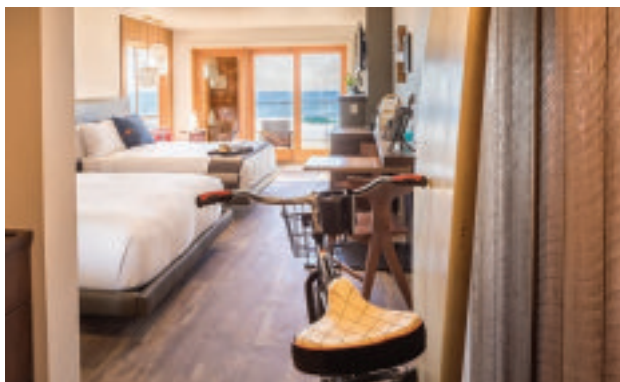
SAY CHEESE!

Holding your next event on the Tillamook Coast will bring smiles to your attendees' faces.

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Clockwise from left: Hop on one of Tillamook Coast's hiking trails; Sheltered Nook in Bay City is a complex of for-rent tiny homes; located on the grounds of a World War II naval air base, Tillamook Air Museum can be rented for events; the 235-foot Haystack Rock is a landmark on Oregon's coast; all of the rooms at Headlands Coastal Lodge and Spa feature bike and surfboard racks.





Headlands Coastal Lodge and Spa offers yoga on the beach.

Pacific City

Whatever you do, don't skip Pacific City and Cape Kiwanda. You don't drive directly through it like most towns along Highway 101, so just follow the signs south of Tillamook, and when you reach the area, you'll know it: Haystack Rock, sitting larger than life in the middle of the bay, is a big giveaway.

Here you'll find the popular Pelican Brewing, as well as a variety of lodging options. "It's like a complex," says Devlin. "Pelican Brewing can hold 80 people for a sit-down meal in its beautiful banquet room overlooking the beach. You can stay at the inn, the hotel, the fun Airstream rentals at Hart's Camp or in oceanfront cottage homes. They are all within just a few steps of each other."

The brand-new Headlands Coastal Lodge and Spa offers 33 oceanfront rooms, all featuring bike and surfboard racks. The on-site spa can treat your sore muscles after you enjoy local activities such as a hike to the top of a nearby 240-foot sand dune or biking, kayaking, surfing or riding quads. Fitness equipment and yoga and meditation classes are also available.

"[The venue] really is planned for inspiration," says Jennifer Nelson, general manager for Headlands Coastal Lodge and Spa. "Our goal is to deliver executive meetings and retreats that are inspiring from the minute you wake up."



Tillamook Cheese Factory's new visitors center opens summer 2018.

Cheese, Please

Tillamook Cheese Factory is opening a brand-new Tillamook Visitors Center this summer, but visitors can still sample cheeses and learn more about the cheese-making process at its temporary visitors center. The new 38,500-square-foot center will include a large café with indoor and outdoor seating, an ice cream counter, a coffee and espresso bar, a cheese shop, and a viewing area where visitors can see how the cheese is made and packaged. tillamook.com

The nearby Kiawanda Community Center boasts a new 2,000-square-foot conference room that can accommodate 314 people standing or 144 sitting. There is also a 500-square-foot room and an on-site kitchen.

For an unusual team-building activity, the historic dory boat fishing fleet is based at

Cape Kiwanda, as well. Even if you don't go out fishing, the thrill of watching the boats race in and land right on the beach never gets old.

Garibaldi/Bay City

Self-identified as a fishing village, the town of