



## THE LODGE GARDEN<sup>OF</sup> THE GODS CLUB

### QUICK FACTS

The Lodge at Garden of the Gods Club features luxury accommodations with breathtaking views of the Garden of the Gods landmark with its spectacular natural formations, sheer cliffs and abrupt towers, balancing rocks and oak-covered valleys, all framed by the snow-capped Pikes Peak. It is a place where natural beauty, relaxed elegance and standard of excellence are without comparison. All of the resort's 66 Lodge guest rooms—12 of which are suites—boast spectacular views of the Garden of the Gods national landmark and Rocky Mountains.

At the Lodge at Garden of the Gods Club, guests can spend their days being as active or as pampered as they desire. Guests can energize their spirits and sharpen their senses at the full-service spa and salon, or they can opt to enjoy the afternoon with a stroll through the crisp mountain air, an invigorating tennis match, or a refreshing swim in one of the property's two swimming pools. Additionally, the Lodge at Garden of the Gods Club offers a 27-hole championship golf course featuring bunkered greens, towering pines and the landscaping of the lush mountain range.

- 66 Lodge rooms and suites
- More than 10,000 square feet of event space ideal for weddings, business meetings, or retreats
- A full complement of audiovisual services and business services, as well as an array of catering choices
- Club amenities available to Lodge guests:
  - 27-hole championship golf course
    - Driving range
    - Practice greens
    - Golf pro shop
  - Tennis courts (11 outdoor, 2 indoor)
  - Recreation Center
    - Family pool
    - Children's splash park
    - Playground
  - Full-service Spa & Salon
    - Outdoor infinity-edge resort pool heated year-round
    - Hot tub
  - Fitness room in the Lodge
  - Sports Club in the golf clubhouse
  - Fine dining at the Lodge dining room
  - Casual dining at the Lodge lounge
  - Casual dining at the Kissing Camels Grille and Lounge

#### Contact Information:

For **Lodge room reservations**, please call 800.923.8838 or 719.632.5541, email [fdesk@ggclub.com](mailto:fdesk@ggclub.com), or book online at [www.lodgeatggclub.com](http://www.lodgeatggclub.com). For **information on hosting an event**, please contact Karen Serfass, conference services manager, at 719.520.4982 or [kserfass@ggclub.com](mailto:kserfass@ggclub.com). For **media requests or photos**, please contact Christina White, communications director, at 719.329.6916 or [cwhite@ggclub.com](mailto:cwhite@ggclub.com). You are also welcome to use any of the 22 images available on our media site, [www.preferredhotelgroupimages.com](http://www.preferredhotelgroupimages.com). To log in, use [medialink@ggclub.com](mailto:medialink@ggclub.com) and the password Medialink (case-sensitive).

### AMENITY DESCRIPTIONS



## Championship Golf

Members and guests of Garden of the Gods Club can experience the serenity of the championship Kissing Camels Golf Course. This challenging 27-hole classic course designed by J. Press Maxwell and Mark Rathert features bunkered greens, towering pines and the landscaping of the lush mountain range. Former host of the Senior Women's Amateur Tournament, this 46-year-old course spans more than 7,000 yards per 18 holes. The driving range and practice facilities offer members and guests the opportunity to work on their game, and personalized golf instruction by PGA professional staff is available. The fully stocked golf shop carries the latest golf equipment and fashions and accessories for gentlemen, ladies and children.

## Health and Wellness

At Garden of the Gods Club, health and wellness have always been important. In addition to great tennis facilities and a championship golf course, the club offers members and Lodge guests a state-of-the-art fitness experience at its 4,900-square-foot Sports Club. With a stunning location, great equipment and personalized service, the Sports Club is the premier fitness facility in Colorado Springs.

This unique Sports Club features floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the lush green fairways of the Kissing Camels Golf Course and Pikes Peak. Members and Lodge guests enjoy group exercise classes including yoga and indoor cycling as well as a dedicated Pilates studio outfitted with the latest equipment. With strength training being a vital part of staying fit and strong, the Sports Club features a strength training circuit and free weight area with a staff of personal trainers available to guide members and guests through customized fitness and wellness plans. In addition, a combination of cardiovascular machines lines the large glass windows overlooking the magnificent views. Each cardio machine features a 15-inch personal LCD TV screen, MP3 connection, and built-in virtual trainer, giving Members and their personal trainers the ability to monitor their workouts and progress.

Providing breathtaking views of the majestic surroundings, Garden of the Gods Club features 11 outdoor tennis courts with Plexi-cushion surfaces and two seasonal indoor courts. With a full-time USPTA-certified professional on-site and a full-service tennis shop complete with leading-edge equipment, fashion and accessories, members and guests will always be prepared for a game.

A great place for families during the summer months, the Recreation Center features a junior Olympic-sized swimming pool and wading pools, a children's spray garden, cabanas, locker rooms, a snack bar, a recreation room with table and video games for all ages, a multipurpose room for social events, four tennis courts, a basketball/soccer court and a children's playground.



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#### Spa and Salon

Along with the Sports Club, Garden of the Gods Club's Spa and Salon is devoted to enhancing overall well-being through a variety of professional services that encourage the renewal of mind, body and spirit. Members and guests can enjoy relaxing massages, therapeutic approaches to bodywork, skin care services that relax the mind and nourish the skin as well as those that target a specific skin deficiency and deliver a solution, along with body treatments that range from the thoroughly soothing to the more cosmetically inclined. In addition, the full-service salon offers hair, manicure and pedicure services. The stunning infinity-edge resort pool is perched high on the mesa and is the perfect location to enjoy beautiful Colorado days.

#### Gourmet Fine and Casual Dining

Ever since Garden of the Gods Club opened in 1951, it has been known for its legendary gourmet dining experience. At the main dining room in the Lodge, the innovative cuisine and impeccable service are set amongst the most magnificent view in Colorado Springs. Located next to the dining room, the lounge at the Lodge offers a relaxing place for members and Lodge guests to enjoy a cocktail before dinner. The lounge also provides casual dining for lunch and dinner 7 days per week year-round.

Overlooking the lush green fairways of the Kissing Camels Golf Course, the completely renovated Kissing Camels Grille offers a comfortable casual dining experience with a warm ambiance. The lounge is perfect for a relaxing cocktail and snack after a round of golf.

Please click on the links below for detailed information:

[Lodge Brochure](#)

[Lodge Dining Room and Lounge](#)

[Kissing Camels Grille and Lounge](#)

[Spa Information](#)

[Wedding Price Sheet](#)

[Event Planning Guide & Catering Menus](#)

[Event Venue Floor Plans](#)



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### LOOKING BACK: GARDEN OF THE GODS CLUB'S HISTORY

From atop the mesa in northwest Colorado Springs, the view has always been magnificent, but Al Hill and his wife Margaret dreamed of developing the land into something more. The couple's purchase of the property in 1949 marked the beginning of a private club, luxury resort and residential community that would pair manmade elegance with an unparalleled natural setting.

Construction of Garden of the Gods Club began in May 1950. In September, the Hills gathered with Colorado and Texas friends for a dedication ceremony involving placement of a copper capsule into the lobby fireplace wall. A snapshot of the times, the capsule contained bubble gum, a bottle of Dr. Pepper, a Coke, a Hopalong Cassidy comic book, a plat of the survey for the development, current magazines and newspapers, brochures and curios commemorating Seven Falls, Jacoby's book on Canasta and "other items" that reportedly included an unlucky chameleon who scurried into the capsule the moment before it was sealed.

On June 10, 1951, the Hills invited local residents to an Open House and donated the fifty-cent admission charge to the Junior League. The official Grand Opening celebration was spread over three days, June 14-16, to allow as many members as possible to participate. The lavish event, which featured gourmet food, live music and dancing, launched Garden of the Gods Club as a premier private club in the western United States. The same year, *The Gazette Telegraph* described the club as "a mecca for those interested in fine taste and splendor."

Garden of the Gods Club quickly became an exclusive retreat for Hollywood's elite, captains of industry, and political and literary luminaries. Visitors included Robert Mitchum, Claudette Colbert, Gene Autry, John Wayne and Walt Disney. Members and guests enjoyed the immaculate tennis courts, gorgeous pool, gourmet dining and extravagant events.

Garden of the Gods Club originally consisted of the lobby, bar, dining room, a small party room, 22 guest rooms and two suites to the north, three suites and four rooms on the second floor of the main building, two tennis courts and a swimming pool. Original members were primarily from Colorado, Texas and Oklahoma. The club was designed to be a tennis club, only open in the summer, but Al Hill's golfing friends eventually convinced him to add a golf course to the property.

J. Press Maxwell designed a world-class, 18-hole, 7,000-yard golf course. Over 200 acres of Kentucky bluegrass and bentgrass were planted to create the course, named after the famous Kissing Camels rock formation at nearby Garden of the Gods Park. At the same time, the Hills built a Moroccan-themed clubhouse featuring a golf shop, locker rooms and a dining room and lounge, and forty South Patio rooms were added to the club to accommodate members and their guests. The golf course officially opened for play in June of 1961. In 1962, the grand tradition of the Smoochers Ladies Invitational and the Camel Drivers Men's Invitational began, followed by the Sheiks & Shebas in 1967 and the Golden Camels in 1973. Throughout the years, Members and guests have enjoyed challenge, competition and camaraderie amongst the splendor of the golf course and surrounding scenery.

Tennis continued to be a popular pastime, and the club began hosting the Club Championships in 1967. A few years later, in 1975, Hill family members played in an exhibition that opened the two indoor tennis courts. To accommodate families with children, a Recreation Center was constructed, featuring a junior Olympic-sized pool, wading pool, and four outdoor tennis courts.



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As the club continued to attract new members, the original clubhouse was eventually rebuilt. Designed by renowned architects Lake-Flato, its soaring glass and powerful stonework captured stunning views of Garden of the Gods and Pikes Peak. In 1998, golf course architect Mark Rathert added nine holes to the Kissing Camels Golf Course, which brought the course to 27 holes.

In 2007, Sunrise Company purchased Garden of the Gods Club from Hill Development. Since then, Sunrise has invested \$5 million dollars into property improvements, including the following:

- Enhancement of the first eight holes of the west course
- Improvements to many tee boxes and planting of 68 new trees on these holes
- Upgrades to the irrigation system
- Redesign of all bunkers
- Addition of bunkers to strategic locations on the golf course
- Enhancements to the Kissing Camels golf clubhouse
  - All-new fixtures in the Golf Shop
  - New carpeting, paint, and tile throughout the building
  - Addition of state-of-the-art Sports Club
- Remodeling of Garden of the Gods Club's main lobby and lounge
- Redesign of Membership Information Center
- Guest room enhancements
  - New 42" flat-screen televisions
  - New mattresses
  - New bedding
  - New clock radios with smartphone docking

The Hills' original vision for a private club, luxury resort, and residential community is alive and well today. Whether golfing our 27-hole championship course, competing on the tennis courts, staying fit at the Sports Club, relaxing at the Spa, playing with their kids at the Recreation Center, meeting friends for dinner, or dancing the night away at one of our many parties, Garden of the Gods Club members find their days filled with family, friends, and experiences that they will cherish for a lifetime.

#### **Sunrise Company**

More than 45 years ago, Sunrise Company began developing master-planned, golf-course communities in the Palm Springs, Calif., desert resort area. Today, Sunrise Company is one of the nation's most respected residential and country club community developers. Sunrise Company's record of achievement includes the establishment of Indian Ridge and co-development of PGA West. In addition to its 13 resort communities, Sunrise Company has constructed more than 10,000 homes, built two resort hotels, and developed numerous office buildings, shopping centers and commercial hotels. Sunrise is continually pursuing new opportunities in the country's fastest growing markets. In contrast to most community developers, Sunrise builds the homes in their communities in addition to designing and operating club facilities. This allows Sunrise to control the design and quality of the homes and provides its residents and members with an integrated lifestyle-focused buying experience. With its extensive legacy of successful golf community development and the longevity of the senior management team, who average 15 years with the company, Sunrise Company is one of the most successful and experienced community developers in the United States.



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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q: What sets the Spa & Salon at Garden of the Gods Club apart from other spas in the area?**

A: At the Spa & Salon at Garden of the Gods Club, pampering extends beyond the time of service. Before or after their services, guests of the spa can take advantage of luxurious amenities that include a relaxing hot tub, men's and women's steam rooms and heated infinity-edge outdoor pool. The salon's manicure and pedicure stations are positioned in front of floor-to-ceiling windows that feature incredible views of the Garden of the Gods national landmark and Pikes Peak.

**Q: How can someone make a dining reservation at Garden of the Gods Club?**

A: Garden of the Gods Club's dining facilities are private and available only to members, invited guests of members, and overnight guests of our Lodge. To make a reservation, contact our dining room at 719.329.6901.

**Q: Who can use the golf course at Garden of the Gods Club?**

A: Golf members, invited guests of golf members, overnight guests of our Lodge have access to our 27-hole course, Kissing Camels, which is open year-round, weather-permitting. Green fees apply.

**Q: What is the dress code at the Lodge?**

A: Guests of the Lodge at Garden of the Gods Club are encouraged to wear proper attire (resort casual) during their stays. Men are not permitted to wear hats while inside Club buildings. Athletic attire, pool sandals, tee shirts, tank tops, etc. are only permitted at the Spa, Lodge pool, fitness center, and Sports Club. After 6 pm, denim is permitted in lounge areas but not in the main dining room. On Saturday evenings in July and August, gentlemen must wear jackets, and ladies and children are expected to dress accordingly.

**Q: What are some of the most popular attractions located near the Lodge at Garden of the Gods Club?**

A: Garden of the Gods Park, which is rated #1 on TripAdvisor.com among things to do in Colorado Springs, is located within walking distance of the Lodge at Garden of the Gods Club. Hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, and horseback riding are popular activities in the park. Other nearby attractions include Cave of the Winds, the Manitou Springs Cliff Dwellings, Flying W Ranch, Seven Falls, Rock Ledge Ranch, the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, and the U.S. Olympic Training Center. For more information on Colorado Springs attractions, please visit [www.visitcos.com](http://www.visitcos.com).

**Q: Do I have to be a member of Garden of the Gods Club to have my wedding there?**

A: No; anyone is welcome to reserve our venue for a catered wedding, corporate meeting, or other private function.

**Q: Are my children welcome at Garden of the Gods Club, and what types of activities will be available to them during our stay?**

A: Yes; children's menus are available by request at all of our dining facilities, and our Recreation Center (open from Memorial Day to Labor Day) features a family pool, toddler pool, splash park, playground, and game room.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)**



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**Q: How many members belong to Garden of the Gods Club?**

Garden of the Gods Club has more than 1500 members, some of whom live out-of-state and visit Colorado Springs seasonally.

**Q: How diverse is the membership at Garden of the Gods Club?**

A: A wide range of ages and backgrounds are represented at Garden of the Gods Club. With a wide variety of both family-oriented and adults-only events, the club offers something for everyone. The club's Young Professionals Golf Membership, which is available to those under age 40, is designed to make membership affordable for those in the earlier stages of life and career.

**Q: How much does it cost to become a member of Garden of the Gods Club?**

Membership dues currently start at just \$90 per month, and the initiation fees begin at \$1,000 with an early commitment discount available. For more information, refer to our [membership program and pricing brochure](#) or call Tracey Kalata, director of membership, at 719.520.4980.

**Q: How can I stay informed about what is happening at Garden of the Gods Club?**

A: Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), or read [our blog](#), to which you can also subscribe by email. We post helpful tips and advice, fun photos, contests, special offers and more.

## RECENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

WeddingWire 2012 Bride's Choice Award

America's Top 100 Day Spas (2011) – spAWARDS.com

2011 *Gazette* "Best of the Springs" Readers' Choice  
Best Wedding Venue (Silver)

Recognized as being among top 10 private clubs in Colorado (2011)  
*Colorado AvidGolfer* magazine

Top 3 Meeting/Event Venue, Hotel, or Resort (Holds Less Than 500) Outside Denver Metro Area (2011)  
*Colorado Meetings + Events* magazine