

The Japanese American Museum of Oregon

Portland, OR



An American Story

The Japanese American Museum of Oregon (JAMO) challenges visitors to confront a painful chapter of discrimination in American history and inspires them to prevent it from reoccurring.

APA worked with JAMO and Portland's Japanese American community to re-envision the museum during its move to a new location. The new JAMO is a place to immerse visitors in the atmosphere, issues, and personal stories of the Japanese American experience. Recreated environments are populated with interactive exhibits, artifacts, oral histories, and archival photos to transport visitors from Portland's thriving Japantown to the bleak barracks of Minidoka, from the heroics of the Japanese American 442nd Combat Regiment to the congressional redress of 1988 – and into turbulent present-day America.

