

Portland, Oregon



The shining ribbon of the Willamette River glides through Portland, spanned by the graceful arcs of its characteristic bridges. The city itself has sterling aesthetic qualities, with a cohesive layout and lush gardens, while close at hand are the wilder beauties of forested slopes, creekside glades, and the bounty of the Willamette Valley. An appreciation for life's pleasures suffuses everything from the renaissance in seasonally inspired, flavorful cuisine to an enthusiastic outdoor culture, which embraces getting around town by bicycle. The wealth of microbreweries, coffeehouses, cultural amenities and crafts artisans reveals facets of an overall philosophy that life is a hands-on art.

Memorable Experiences

Fragrant Walks

Clouds of sublime fragrance enchant at the International Rose Test Garden.

Artisanal Brews

Sample some of the world's finest beers at the city's microbreweries.

Pristine Skiing

Schuss the runs or traverse the back country on Mount Hood's white flanks.

Natural Exploration

Flower-lined trails in Tryon Creek Park invite a leisurely bicycle cruise.

Distinctive Details

Abundant, lush parks and gardens are a hallmark of Portland, the gift of forward-thinking city planning. For quiet reflection, soul-stirring beauty or lively recreation, the benefit of nature is always nearby.

Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends


Pittock Mansion

High on a hill, ruling its domain in stately fashion, the ornate and stately house is a treasure from the time of Portland's transition from settlement to bustling city. Completed in 1914, the house draws upon Turkish, English, and French designs.


Destination Information

Country United States
State Oregon
Elevation 50 feet
Population 575,930 (City) 2,159,720 (Area)
Language English

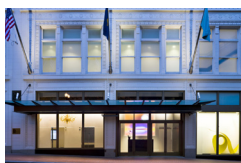
 **Area Code:** 503
Country Code: 1

 **Portland International Airport (PDX)**

 **Transportation:**
Car, Taxi, Light Rail, Bus

 **US Dollar (USD)**

Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



The Nines

525 SW Morrison
Portland, Oregon 97204
Phone: 877-229-9995



Culture

A citywide engagement with the arts, enriched with creative expression.

Highly Recommended



Portland Art Museum

A striking sixty foot high glass and steel inverted-angle tower centers the south facade of the dramatically renovated and expanded Portland Art Museum, marking the Jubitz Center for Contemporary Art. The museum's extensive and growing modern and contemporary holdings include renowned art critic Clement Greenberg's important private collection and the recent gift of a rare early Van Gogh, 'The Ox-Cart.' Equally strong are the collections in Asian, European and Native American art, silver, photography, prints and drawings.

Address: 1219 SW Park Avenue
Phone: (503) 226-2811



Portland Center for the Performing Arts

Within the intimate surrounds of Winningstad Theatre, a play unfolds, capturing the audience with its intensity. From the plush seats of Keller Auditorium, laughter resounds for a comedian's witty routine. Portland's performing arts come to the community from an umbrella organization that brings together five venues and a diverse assembly of performing arts companies including Portland Opera and Oregon Ballet Theatre. Together, they present dance, symphony, pops, Broadway shows, children's events, lectures and comedy.

Address: Main Box Office: 1111 SW Broadway
Phone: (503) 248-4335



Oregon Symphony

With its glowing gilt, arched mirrored panels and sparkling crystal chandeliers, the grand lobby of the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall serves a sumptuous feast for the eyes. Inside this Rococo Revival styled hall is the home of the Oregon Symphony, which presents a rich program of classical, pops, and children's concerts throughout the season. The symphony also brings their art out of the hall, with traveling performances to smaller cities throughout the state.

Address: 1037 Southwest Broadway
Phone: (503)228-1353

Local Charms



Alberta Street Galleries

The lively Alberta district has made supporting the arts a community endeavor. Galleries, bars, coffee houses, restaurants and boutiques function as spaces to showcase an ever-changing roster of local and global arts and crafts. The annual Art Hop, a street fair with seventeen blocks closed to auto traffic, features art, craft, food, live music and performance. Also, a monthly evening gallery and studio crawl, Last Thursday, invites visitors to view work displayed all through the district.

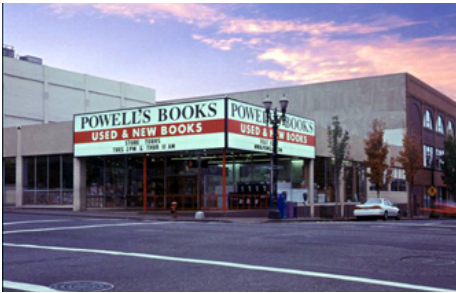
Address: Northeast Alberta Street between 11th Avenue and 31st Avenue
Phone: (503) 704-2476



Shopping

Clean, timeless style trumps passing trends in unique shops around the city.

Local Charms



Powell's City of Books

Breathtakingly tall stacks burgeoning with volumes are a paradise for casual browsers and avid booklovers alike at Powell's. Truly a palace to the printed word, one million new, used, rare and out-of-print books rub shoulders in more than one hundred twenty subject areas across nine color-coded rooms at the largest bookstore in the world. Size never precludes personal attention, however, as dedicated and knowledgeable staff are always on hand to guide the visitor to another alluring avenue of exploration within the shelves.

Address: 1005 West Burnside

Phone: (800) 878-7323

Neighborhoods



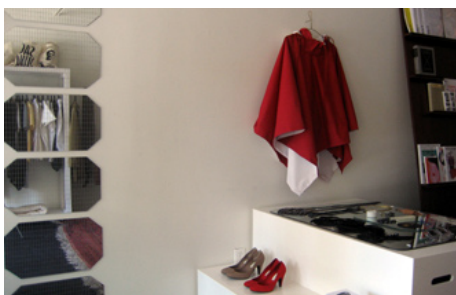
Pearl District

Once an industrial warehouse district, The Pearl is now a vibrant paradigm of urban renaissance, with loft residences commingling with shops and businesses. Warm brick buildings and leafy trees line the streets and invite the visitor to stroll, with a plethora of savvy boutiques, innovative restaurants, tempting sweetshops, and sophisticated art and crafts at every turn. Walking the charming district is the best way to explore, and a popular local tradition is First Thursdays, a monthly late-night excursion among the art galleries.

Address: Between Northwest 5th & 17th Ave and between Savier & West Burnside

Phone: (503) 227-8519

Shops & Boutiques



Stand Up Comedy

Clear Northwestern light streams through the plate glass windows at Stand Up Comedy, quietly emphasizing the special qualities of the apparel and objects on offer. An unpretentious, pared-down presentation borders on the austere, illuminating the boutique's highly distinctive point of view. Such featured lines as Arielle de Pinto and Creatures of the Wind share in a philosophy of well-crafted artisanship, and the boutique has even collaborated with one of their labels, Slow and Steady Wins the Race, a capsule collection of stylish Portland-appropriate rainwear.

Address: 811 East Burnside Street

Phone: (503) 233-3382



Canoe

A translucent white porcelain teacup, deceptively strong and sturdy, displays delicately crinkled undulations in its walls. Besides showing off the virtuoso touch of the ceramicist, the gentle folds also please the eye and hand. Indeed, all the objects at Canoe invite a touch with the clarity of their lines and the integrity of the materials from wood, glass, steel or ceramic. Pieces of essential usefulness or pure whimsy share shelf space alongside architectural toys for the home or office.

Address: 1136 Southwest Alder

Phone: (503) 889-8545



Cuisine

Seasonal northwestern ingredients inflect classic cuisines with a fresh touch.

Acclaimed



Blue Hour

A round clock marks the location of the restaurant, and its silver letters proclaim the time: Blue Hour. A simple palette of chestnut-colored floors, dark olive floor-to-ceiling drapes and white walls set off a sophisticated cuisine drawn from Italian and French traditions. The menu changes daily to reflect seasonal ingredients, especially seafoods and vegetables. Favorites include the signature gnocchi with Oregon black truffles and fontina Val d'Aosta, and "pancakes and eggs," buckwheat blini with American sturgeon caviar, crème fraiche, and chives.

Address: 250 Northwest 13th Avenue at Everett Street

Phone: (503) 226-3394



Olea

The feel of an industrial loft, replete with natural light and airy ceilings, meets warm woods and rich leather banquettes in the airy dining room of Olea. Likewise, Mediterranean-inspired cuisine finds fresh expression in the menu. Salami, artisanal cheeses and mezze shine, as do such small plates as grilled prosciutto-wrapped dates in vanilla-black pepper oil or main courses such as braised oxtail pappardelle with espresso, fried almonds, pearl onions, and roasted peppers.

Address: 1338 Northwest Hoyt

Phone: (503) 274-0800

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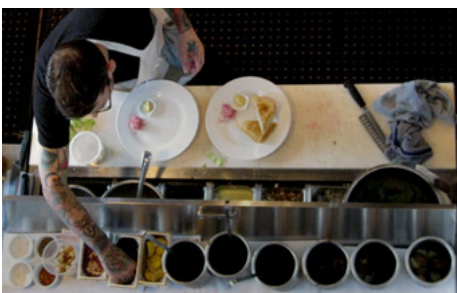
Voodoo Donut

No matter the time of day or night, if anyone in the city craves a elaborately sweet pastry, Voodoo Doughnut is ready to serve, as the unmistakable fragrance of hot sugar wafts from the compact brick storefront. At this independent-spirited shop, dozens of such offbeat creations as the Arnold Palmer, a cake doughnut covered with lemon and tea powder, and the Neapolitan, a chocolate doughnut with vanilla frosting and strawberry powder, cross the small counter. The most storied variety is the outlandish yet beloved maple bar with bacon, which regularly sells out.

Address: 22 Southwest 3rd Avenue

Phone: 3rd Avenue (503) 241-4704

Local Specialty



Clyde Commons

A soaring ceiling and lively communal tables set a casual mood. Menus appear typed on ruled notepaper and are date-stamped in red, adding a tongue-in-cheek note. Yet the dishes are serious, displaying a rugged straightforwardness that showcases the cuisine's rich flavors. Stand-outs include chicken fried livers with arugula, bacon and orange preserves, and grilled mackerel with sunchoke and salsa verde. Also notable are offerings from other stages of the meal, including house-made charcuterie to the well-thought-out cocktails.

Address: 1014 Southwest Stark Street

Phone: (503) 228-3333



Noteworthy

The region's natural beauty beckons with a myriad of wonders.

Family



World Forestry Center

The jewel in the city's crown of beautiful green spaces, the trees, gardens and trails of lush Washington Park are mere minutes from downtown, yet offer an urban oasis. One of the many notable attractions of the park is the World Forestry Center, a place of learning and wonder. The Center's Discovery Museum is just one facet of an organization whose mission is to protect the world's forests and teach about human interaction with the environment. Within the soaring Cascadian-style museum, kids and adults learn about forest ecology through interactive exhibits.

Address: In Washington Park; entrance off Highway 26 West, exit 72
Phone: (503) 228-1367

Local Charms



Portland Saturday Market

Like a buzzing northwestern souk, the Portland Saturday Market is the meeting place for Portland's well-established craft community and its customers. Held every Saturday and Sunday from February through December, a kaleidoscopic array of goods are on offer from pottery and jewelry to clothing and accessories. A delectable array of edibles is also renowned, including ethnic specialties and piping-hot pizza, as well as enticing sweets from chocolate fudge to kettle corn.

Address: 108 West Burnside
Phone: (503) 222-6072



Portland Classical Chinese Garden & Teahouse

Roofs clad in slate tiles with arching upturned corners crown the authentic pavilions and halls, their reflections mirrored in the still, lotus-adorned waters of the lake. Artful plantings of graceful Chinese species like camellia, rhododendron, bamboo and evergreens represent each of the five elements of this classic Ming Dynasty scholar's garden. They harmonize with water, rock, architecture and the poetic inscriptions engraved on archways and stone. Enjoyment of the garden is complemented by tea presentations in the traditional style within the Teahouse.

Address: Northwest 3rd Avenue & Everett
Phone: (503) 228-8131

Recreation



Portland International Raceway

The challenging turns and exhilarating straight-aways resound to the thunder of powerful engines at full throttle. Glossy primary colors of drag cars blaze under the lights of the Friday and Saturday late night racing. From CART Races and Formula USA Pro Motorcycle, to sport car club regionals and nationals, drag racing, motocross and motorcycle road racing, the Raceway is home to a packed schedule of motor sports. Bicycles get in on the action as well, with state racing association events a regular feature of the schedule.

Address: West Delta Park, 1940 North Victory Boulevard
Phone: (503) 823-7223