



Portland

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Portlanders respond eagerly to the summons of the city's unofficial motto: "Keep Portland Weird." While the real Portland differs from the exaggerated version famously portrayed in *Portlandia*, some quirky traits do hold true. Known for its thriving food, beer, and coffee scenes, Portland blends creativity with whimsy. It's the hometown of culinary legend James Beard and offers unique experiences like weddings at doughnut shops, 'brew 'n' view' theaters, and even a vegan strip club.

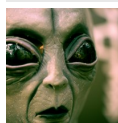


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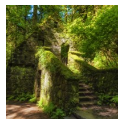
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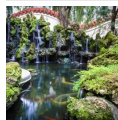
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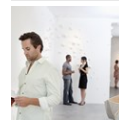
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Portland has earned acclaim for its vibrant dining scene—CNN even named it one of the "world's best cities for street food"—as well as its renowned coffee culture and the unique, whimsical spirit of its residents. This creativity has led to distinctive phenomena, such as "brew 'n' view" movie theaters that serve drinks during film screenings and food cart pods—clusters of food trucks with fixed locations. Many of these food carts have become so successful that they've transitioned to permanent brick-and-mortar locations.

To truly experience the city, visit the famous Saturday Market, an open-air event featuring live music, international foods, and locally made crafts. Another great way to spend an afternoon is to bike through Portland, stopping at various craft breweries or popular restaurants along the way.

DO & SEE



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Portland is green, fun, and, at times, weird: the city's collection of museums contains not only the esteemed Portland Art Museum but also quirkier exhibits, such as The Freakybuttrue Peculiarium, with its "alien autopsy table," or the Movie Madness museum with the shower scene set-up from "Psycho." While these two and more help "Keep Portland Weird" — as the city's unofficial motto goes — a thriving food, coffee, and bar scene make for a seemingly endless exploration of world cuisines, craft brews, and coffee roasters.

Coffee Culture



Dubbed the "home of American coffee culture," Portland knows what it takes to brew the perfect cup. In a 2016 survey of 100 U.S. cities, Portland topped the list, boasting the most coffee roasters per capita and the highest number of cafés. With so many spots to enjoy a great cup of coffee, you might think there's little room for discovery — but that couldn't be further from the truth.

Portland's coffee scene continues to evolve, with unique additions like Oracle Coffee Company, run by Andy Hurley, the drummer of Fall Out Boy and a self-described "vegan straight-edge

anarchist."

The choices are endless, but for a glimpse of where it all began, visit the original Stumptown Coffee Roasters location at 4525 Southeast Division Street. Many credit this tiny space with launching Portland's rise to coffee fame, now a chain with outlets from New York to LA.

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Portland Saturday Market



From March to the day before Christmas, the Portland Saturday Market unfolds along the Willamette River, offering much more than just shopping. This lively open-air market feels like a low-key party, complete with live jazz music, international food vendors, and local artists and designers showcasing their creations. Attracting nearly a million visitors annually, it's a vibrant gathering spot for both locals and tourists alike.

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Address: 2 SW Naito Parkway, Portland

Opening hours: Sat 10am–5pm, Sun 11am–4:30pm

Phone: +1 503 222 6072

Internet: www.portlandsaturdaymarket.com

Email: info@saturdaymarket.org

Breweries



Portland's beer culture dates back to the 1980s when the craft beer movement first began to gain momentum. What started as a handful of breweries has since become a defining element of the city's identity—earning it the nickname "Beervana." Today, Portland is home to roughly

80 (and counting!) craft breweries.

A fun way to explore Portland's beer scene is by taking a bike tour that stops at a few local breweries. For those looking to sample a lot in a short amount of time, we recommend Loyal Legion, with 99 local brews on tap, or Apex, where you can taste some of the city's finest craft beers.

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Food Cart Pods



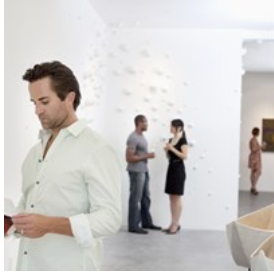
Portland earned its CNN-recognized title of "home to the world's best street food" thanks to a unique phenomenon: the "food cart pods." These clusters of food trucks and stalls, which enjoy semi-permanent locations and often feature shared dining areas with tables and seats, offer a diverse array of cuisines. With several hundred food carts, you can find everything from classic Americana burgers to Korean-style tacos.

Notable food cart pods include those on Fifth and Third Avenues in downtown Portland, as well as the Portland State University campus. Other popular pods are Cartopia and Cartlandia in Southeast Portland, Prost Marketplace in the Northeast, and Killingsworth Station, among several others.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.foodcartsportland.com

Portland Art Museum



Ranked among the most prominent cultural institutions in the Pacific Northwest, the Portland Art Museum features dedicated centers for Native American and Northwest art, alongside rotating exhibitions and permanent collections in its Asian and Modern & Contemporary art wings. The museum also houses two renowned masterpieces: Monet's Water Lilies and Van Gogh's The Ox-Cart.

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Address: 1219 SW Park Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Wed-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon & Tue closed
Phone: +1 503 226 2811
Internet: <https://portlandartmuseum.org>
Email: info@pam.org

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)



The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is a gigantic playground for both adults and children. Focusing on natural sciences and technology, the museum features several labs in five exhibition halls - chemistry, paleontology, space, and more. You can also explore the USS Blueback Submarine and a planetarium. The Empirical Café and Theory Restaurant will provide you with refreshments if needed.

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Address: 1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9:30am-5:30pm, Mon closed
Phone: +1 503 797 4000
Internet: <https://omsi.edu>
Email: info@omsi.edu

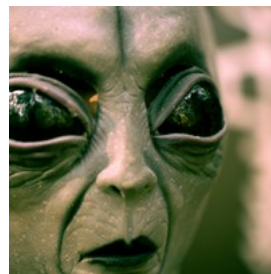
Portland Japanese Garden



Portland's Japanese Garden spans 5.5 acres and is often considered the finest of its kind outside Japan. This serene oasis features tranquil waterfalls, koi ponds, and lush greenery, providing a peaceful retreat year-round. The garden also hosts a charming café that offers traditional Japanese tea ceremonies, with tea and snacks imported directly from Japan.

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Address: 611 SW Kingston Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Wed-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon 10am-5pm, Tue closed
Phone: +1 503 223 1321
Internet: <https://japanesegarden.org>
Email: info@japanesegarden.org
More Info: Free guided tours are available daily at noon.

The Freakybuttrue Peculiarium and Museum



This museum of oddities is a temple of all things weird, bizarre, and — at times — gross and creepy. From an alien autopsy table and (somewhat disturbing) crime scene recreations to treats served at the on-site café (dessert with crickets and scorpion bits, anyone?), the Peculiarium is a bloody good time if you're not too squeamish (or underage).

Photo: Leo_Visions/Unsplash
Address: 2234 NW Thurman Street, Portland
Opening hours: Daily noon-7pm
Phone: +1 503 227 3164
Internet: <https://peculiarium.com>
Email: peculiarium@freakybuttrue.com

International Rose Test Garden



Experience firsthand why Portland is known as the "City of Roses" by visiting its Rose Test Garden, the oldest official rose garden in the U.S. Established during World War I, the garden was originally created as a refuge for roses threatened by bombings and potential extinction. Not only did the roses survive, but they have continued to thrive and bloom in Portland. The garden is open to visitors from April through October, with the peak bloom occurring in June.

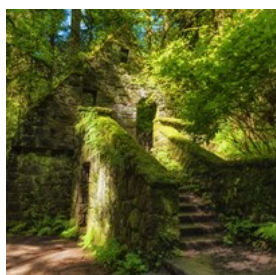
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Address: 400 SW Kingston Avenue, Portland

Opening hours: Daily 5am-10pm

Phone: +1 503 823 3636

Forest Park



Portland is home to the nation's largest wooded urban park—Forest Park. A short hike in, and you'll find it hard to believe that civilization is just steps away. With 70 miles of trails winding through the forest and offering views of the Willamette River, you'll often have nature all to yourself. However, you're also likely to run into locals jogging or walking their dogs—expect to be greeted with a friendly "hello."

If you have the time, hike up to Pittock Mansion, a stunning French Renaissance-style château that once belonged to Henry Pittock, a prominent publisher and businessman. Today, the mansion serves as a historic house museum open to visitors, offering panoramic views of the city.

Another popular destination within Forest Park is the so-called "Witch's Castle"—the moss-covered ruins of an abandoned stone house. Despite its eerie name, there's no record of witchcraft here. However, legend has it that its original inhabitant was the first person in Oregon to be sentenced to execution for murder in 1859.

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Opening hours: Daily 5am-10pm

Lan Su Chinese Garden



Lan Su Chinese Garden, a tranquil oasis in downtown Portland, was built as a gift from Portland's sister city, Suzhou, China. The garden features decorative rocks imported from China by the workers who helped construct it. Visitors can enjoy guided tours (included in the admission price), explore rare plants native to China, and relax in a traditional tea house. The garden also hosts a rotating array of cultural events and activities.

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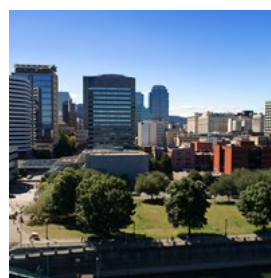
Opening hours: Thu-Tue 10am-6pm, Wed closed

Phone: +1 503 228 8131

Internet: <https://lansugarden.org>

Email: info@lansugarden.org

Tom McCall Waterfront Park



Before you head out to explore parks further afield, take a stroll through one of Portland's most popular urban spaces: the Tom McCall Waterfront Park, overlooking the Willamette River. There's usually plenty of activity here,

given all of the cyclists, skateboarders, joggers, and picnickers that come here, but even more, come to attend major outdoor events and festivals held here throughout the year. On hot summer days, many flock to the refreshing Salmon Street Springs.

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Opening hours: Daily 5am-midnight
Phone: +1 503 823 7529

DINING

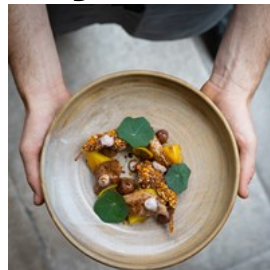


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Portland's vibrant food scene is fueled by the city's proximity to exceptional local farms, allowing chefs to create ever-changing, seasonal menus. From fresh produce to artisanal products, Portland's kitchens thrive on what's locally available.

The city is also home to a roster of James Beard Award-winning chefs, some of whom have deep local roots, while others have come from across the country to make their mark. A standout example is Top Chef alum Doug Adams, whose restaurant Bullard has become a go-to spot for fans of his mouthwatering smoked meats, showcasing his modern take on Texas-style barbecue with a Pacific Northwest twist.

Le Pigeon



Le Pigeon is one of Portland's most cherished dining destinations, led by the exceptionally talented, two-time James Beard Award-winning chef Gabriel Rucker. This iconic restaurant helped put Portland on the culinary map with its inventive take on French-inspired cuisine. While its foundation is undeniably French (with dishes like the rich beef cheek bourguignon), Chef Rucker is known for pushing boundaries, blending classic techniques with unexpected flavor combinations and global influences.

Le Pigeon offers a unique casual fine dining experience. Guests can enjoy an intimate view of the open kitchen from the coveted 10-seat bar, available for walk-ins—though these spots fill up fast. To fully experience Rucker's creativity, opt for the 5- or 7-course tasting menus, which showcase the chef's versatility.

Photo: Matthew Mclwaine/Shutterstock.com
Address: 738 E Burnside Street, Portland
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5pm-10pm, Sun closed
Phone: +1 503 546 8796
Internet: www.lepigeon.com
Email: info@lepigeon.com

Gracie's Apizza



Gracie's Apizza is a one-person, wood-fired pizza shop in North Portland, serving what many locals and visitors alike claim to be the best pizza in the city. Known for its fresh, seasonal ingredients and creative salads, the restaurant also offers a great selection of affordable wines. Seating includes a few cozy indoor spots and

picnic tables in a charming little courtyard.

Due to its popularity, be sure to place your order online or arrive soon after they open — they frequently sell out.

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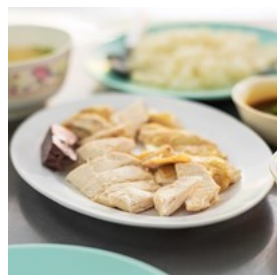
Address: 7304 N Leavitt Avenue, Portland

Opening hours: Thu-Sat 5pm-8pm

Internet: www.graciesapizza.com

Email: hello@graciesapizza.com

Nong's Khao Man Gai



Don't be fooled by the apparent simplicity of Nong's Khao Man Gai's signature dish: the chicken is delicately poached, the rice is

cooked in chicken broth for added flavor and body, and it's all brought together by a scrumptious ginger-garlic chili sauce so good that it's even sold by the bottle. While the original Thai food cart that started it all is no longer in operation, there are now two permanent locations in Portland.

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Address: 609 SE Ankeny Street C, Portland

Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm

Phone: +1 503 740 2907

Internet: <https://khaomangai.com>

Email: nong@kmgpdx.com

More Info: 2nd location: 417 SW 13th Avenue

Afuri



Afuri, a renowned ramen chain from Tokyo, chose Portland for its first overseas restaurant, thanks to the city's soft water that closely

resembles Japan's, even bypassing major cities

like London and New York. The chain quickly expanded to two locations, each serving its famous yuzu shio ramen, which features a delicate "chintan" chicken broth. This broth offers a subtler flavor compared to the thicker "paitan" pork broth used in tonkotsu ramen. Afuri's menu also includes both types of ramen, along with sushi, nigiri, and the popular "chef's spoons"—miniature samples showcasing seasonal dishes.

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Address: 923 SE 7th Avenue, Portland

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 5pm-10pm, Fri-Sun 11:30am-10pm

Phone: +1 971 386 2945

Internet: <https://afuri.us>

Email: info@afuri.us

Güero



What began as a humble food cart proved so successful that it now occupies a permanent spot in the Kerns neighborhood, along the

foodie-beloved Northeast 28th Avenue. Güero initially gained popularity for its splendid "tortas"—generously sized Mexican sandwiches—but it has since expanded its appeal with a laid-back ambiance, quick service, and an impressive selection of tequila and mezcal.

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Address: 200 NE 28th Avenue, Portland

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 503 887 9258

Internet: <https://guerortortas.com>

Kachka

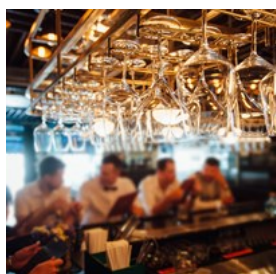


One of Portland's most intriguing restaurants offers a kitschy mock-up of the Soviet Union through an American lens: think old

propaganda posters, Khrushchyovka-style wallpaper, and an impressive vodka selection. Experience what Russians call 'salad' by trying the "herring under a fur coat" (no greens, but plenty of mayo), or opt for the full "zakuski" spread to sample a bit of everything.

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Address: 960 SE 11th Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Sun-Tue & Thu 11am-3pm / 4pm-9pm; Fri & Sat 11am-3pm / 4pm-10pm; Wed closed
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Internet: www.kachkapdx.com
Email: info@kachkapdx.com

Canard

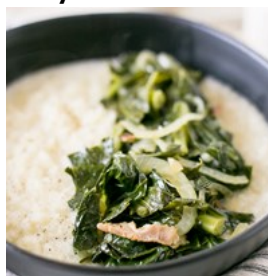


Canard, the highly anticipated sibling restaurant of Le Pigeon, quickly garnered acclaim after its opening in 2018, earning the title of

"Restaurant of the Year." Led by renowned chef Gabriel Rucker, Canard is a chic French restaurant that draws inspiration from various global cuisines. Its biggest draws continue to be the innovative brunch offerings and expertly crafted cocktails.

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Address: 734 E Burnside Street, Portland
Opening hours: Daily 4pm-10pm
Phone: +1 971 279 2356
Internet: www.canardrestaurant.com
Email: info@canardpdx.com

Dirty Lettuce



Dirty Lettuce is a fully vegan restaurant offering hearty and flavorful soul food. If you're into Cajun or Southern cuisine but have a plant-based diet,

this place has got you covered. Its menu features a vast array of vegan comfort food, including seitan-based BBQ ribs, Konjac shrimp fries, and other vegan Southern staples.

Photo: Kim Daniels/Unsplash
Address: 4727 NE Fremont Street, Portland
Opening hours: Wed 4pm-8pm, Thu-Sun noon-8pm, Mon & Tue closed
Phone: +1 503 875 2350
Internet: www.instagram.com/dirtylettucepdx

Tusk



Airy and chic, Tusk is a Middle Eastern-inspired restaurant that is all about fresh and — in their own words — "aggressively seasonal"

produce. Chef and owner Sam Smith was Chef de Cuisine at Ava Gene's before he started Tusk. His time there can be traced through Tusk's tremendous plant-based dishes (Ava Gene's made a name for itself for its way with vegetables).

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Address: 2448 E Burnside Street, Portland
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-9pm, Fri & Sat 5pm-10pm
Phone: +1 503 894 8082
Internet: <https://tuskpdx.com>

Luc Lac Vietnamese Kitchen



Luc Lac Vietnamese Kitchen is beloved for its expertly crafted yet unpretentious Vietnamese dishes, ranging from "bánh mì"

baguettes to Pho soup, and an array of rice and vermicelli bowls. Its late weekend hours make it a go-to spot for post-party meals, so be prepared for a possible wait to be seated.

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Address: 835 SW 2nd Avenue, Portland

Phone: +1 503 222 0047

Internet: <https://luclackitchen.com>

Pine Street Market



Portland's first food hall may be compact, but it offers a delicious snapshot of the city's vibrant restaurant scene.

At Pine Street Market, Shanghai's Best serves freshly made dumplings, while La Carreta Pura Vida is known for its Costa Rican comfort food. For something sweet, The Mini Donut Company delights visitors with its irresistible mini donuts.

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Address: 126 Southwest 2nd Avenue, Portland

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Internet: www.pinestreetpdx.com

CAFÉS



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Portland is widely recognized as one of the premier coffee cities in the world, with its name being nearly synonymous with "coffee culture" both within the USA and beyond. Visitors can enjoy an exceptional cup of coffee at virtually any corner of the city, ranging from traditional, robust espresso to a decadent Peanut Butter Fudge Mocha, which can be savored at Jim & Patty's Coffee.

Stumptown Coffee Roasters



One of Portland's most prominent representatives of what's known as the "third wave coffee movement,"

Stumptown began as a single shop in 1999, only to expand nationwide during the following two decades. Founder Duane Sorenson went many extra miles to ensure that not only the final product but also the process of its procurement were above par. Needless to say, an amazing cup is to be had at any of the iconic shop's nationwide locations.

Photo: Nathan Dumlao/Unsplash

Address: 128 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland

Opening hours: Daily 7am-5pm

Phone: +1 503 295 6144

Internet:

www.stumptowncoffee.com/pages/portland-downtown-cafe

Email: info@stumptowncoffee.com

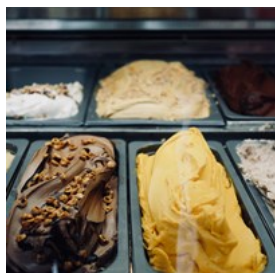
Coava Coffee Roasters



Picking only a few of Portland's many excellent coffee shops and roasteries is an impossible task, but Coava truly does check most boxes: they use single-origin beans, have several spacious, laptop-friendly outlets in Portland, and their coffee, quite simply, tastes amazing. Coava started as a one-man (Michael Higgins) garage roasting and brewing operation, now growing to become one of Portland's most beloved places to get coffee – which is saying a lot.

Photo: [Branislav Nenin/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 1300 SE Grand Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Daily 7am–6pm
Phone: +1 503 894 8134
Internet: www.coavacoffee.com
Email: info@coavacoffee.com

Salt & Straw



Salt & Straw is a trendy artisanal ice cream parlor renowned for its inventive and unique flavor combinations, such as honey lavender, pear & blue cheese, and arbequina olive oil. Its popularity often leads to lines forming quickly, but a visit is definitely worth it—even on chilly days.

Photo: [Erwan Hesry/Unsplash](#)
Address: 838 NW 23rd Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Daily 11am–11pm
Phone: +1 971 271 8168
Internet: <https://saltandstraw.com>
Email: hello@saltandstraw.com

Voodoo Doughnut



Much like Portland itself, Voodoo Doughnut doesn't hold back on whack and creativity in either flavor (their bacon-and-maple bar is a big hit) or product names (an "Old Dirty Bastard," anyone?). The shop is often bustling with standing-room-only crowds and long lines, but the experience is well worth it.

Photo: [Jessica Henderson/Unsplash.com](#)
Address: 22 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Daily 5am–3am
Phone: +1 503 241 4704
Internet: www.voodoodoughnut.com

Deadstock Coffee Roasters



Deadstock Coffee Roasters is a sneaker-themed coffee shop offering both classic and inventive signature drinks in a relaxed, laid-back atmosphere. Rather than a fixed menu, you simply tell the baristas your preferences, and they will skillfully prepare it for you.

Photo: [Wade Austin Ellis/Unsplash](#)
Address: 408 NW Couch Street, Suite 408, Portland
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 8am–3pm, Sat 8am–4pm, Sun 9am–4pm
Phone: +1 971 220 8727
Internet: <https://deadstockcoffee.com>

Pix Patisserie

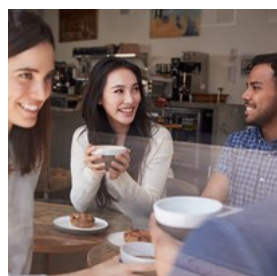


Pix Patisserie is a charming French-style dessert shop that offers a mouth-watering array of pastries, including macarons, pear rosemary

cake, and the award-winning Amelie, a cake made with orange vanilla crème brûlée and chocolate mousse. The patisserie's impressive champagne and wine list has also garnered acclaim.

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Address: 2225 E Burnside Street, Portland
Phone: +1 971 271 7166
Internet: www.instagram.com/pixpatisserie

Sweeedeedee



Sweeedeedee is a charming café renowned for its delicious breakfast menu and house-baked pies. Be prepared for a wait, as the café is popular and tends to fill up quickly. It's the perfect spot for a leisurely meal, so plan accordingly if you're short on time.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5202 N Albina Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-3pm, Fri & Sat 10am-3pm / 5pm-10pm
Phone: +1 503 201 7038
Internet: www.sweeedeedee.com

Måurice



Måurice is too popular to be as quaint as everyone says it is, yet the pace really slows inside this self-described "pastry luncheonette" as you grace your taste buds with one of Kristen Murray's Nordic-French creations. The menu changes daily, so we can't promise you'll get to try those same heavenly creations you've heard others rave about, but we're certain you won't be leaving disappointed.

Photo: tartanparty/Shutterstock.com
Address: 921 SW Oak Street, Portland
Opening hours: Wed-Sat 11am-4pm, Sun-Tue closed
Phone: +1 503 208 4177
Internet: www.instagram.com/maurice_pdx
Email: hello@mauricepdx.com

Proud Mary Cafe

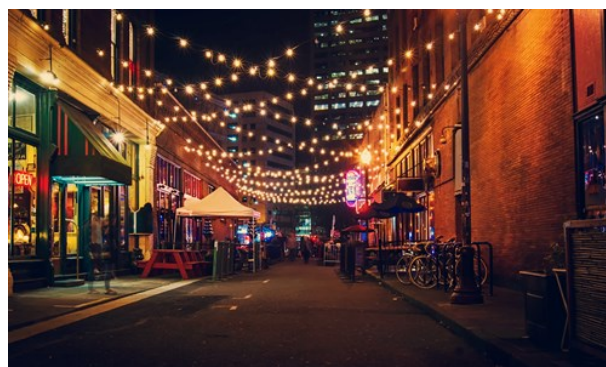


Proud Mary Cafe is a modern Aussie-style café featuring bright wooden interiors combined with exposed brick walls and window-facing counters.

This hip café offers a diverse menu, ranging from the sweet, like almond and coconut chia pudding to the savory, with its smoked pork belly sandwich and marinated chicken salad. Vegetarian options are also available alongside a limited selection of cocktails and smoothies.

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Address: 2012 NE Alberta Street, Portland
Opening hours: Daily 8am-4pm
Phone: +1 503 208 3475
Internet: <https://proudmariycoffee.com>

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Portland's nightlife has a unique, laid-back vibe that mixes creative energy with plenty of local flavor. You'll find everything from intimate live music spots and indie theaters to rooftop bars with stunning city views. For travelers, it's easy

to slip into the local rhythm—whether you're sipping craft cocktails in a tucked-away speakeasy, sampling a flight at a neighborhood brewery, or catching an impromptu comedy show.

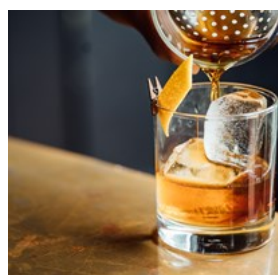
McMenamins Kennedy School



Housed in a renovated 1915 elementary school, this venue combines history and entertainment, featuring multiple bars, a restaurant, a brewery, a movie theater, and even a soaking pool. Each bar has its own distinctive atmosphere, from the cozy, book-lined Library Bar to the more lively Boiler Room Bar. The Kennedy School hosts live music, events, and movie screenings, making it a fun destination for a laid-back evening or a night of exploring different experiences in one location.

Photo: DisobeyArt/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5736 NE 33rd Avenue, Portland
Phone: +1 503 249 3983
Internet: www.mcmenamins.com
Email: generalinfo@mcmenamins.com

Scotch Lodge



Scotch Lodge is a whiskey-focused cocktail bar that also serves Pacific Northwest-inspired small plates in an unpretentious yet elegant setting. You'll have a tough time choosing from their cocktail menu, which features unique options like the Blade Runner (made with cognac, sweet vermouth, cocoa butter washed-Campari & liqueur d'orange), the Pandan Old Fashioned (featuring tequila), and the Sport Mode (crafted with Japanese gin),

among other delicious options.

Photo: Adam Jaime/Unsplash
Address: 215 Southeast 9th Avenue, Suite 102, Portland
Opening hours: Daily 4pm-midnight
Phone: +1 503 208 2039
Internet: www.scotchlodge.com
Email: hello@scotchlodge.com

Barrel Room



Crowd-pleasing events at the Barrel Room happen on Friday and Saturday evenings when their signature "dueling pianos" take place: two performers take turns entertaining guests by playing requested songs. They even host fundraising and holiday parties, mostly in the airy outdoor area, equipped with bars serving drinks and snacks.

Photo: Igor Normann/Shutterstock.com
Address: 120 NW Couch Street, Portland
Phone: +1 503 242 0700
Internet: www.barrelroompdx.com
Email: reservations@barrelroompdx.com

Expatriate



Expatriate is a hip cocktail lounge offering a unique selection of drinks, including Taiwanese beer and Italian white wine. Although limited, their drink menu is original and sure to please. To complement your beverage, Expatriate serves small bites like James Beard's onion and butter sandwich alongside more substantial dishes such as hot fried chicken strips and their signature Expatriate Nachos.

Photo: Igor Klajn/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5424 NE 30th Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5pm-midnight, Sun 5pm-10pm, Mon closed
Phone: +1 503 867 5309
Internet: www.instagram.com/expatriatepdx

Revolution Hall



Once a high school auditorium, Revolution Hall has been brilliantly reimagined into one of Portland's most exciting venues for music, entertainment, and socializing. Perched atop the building is the Roof Deck, offering stunning 360-degree views of downtown Portland. Open seasonally from April through October (weather permitting), it's the perfect spot to enjoy craft cocktails, local beers, and casual bites like bratwurst platters while soaking in the scenery.

For more indoor fun, head down to the Show Bar, where you can catch live sports, especially on Monday nights, or enjoy a concert, movie, or comedy show in their state-of-the-art auditorium.

Photo: Jake Hukee/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1300 SE Stark Street #203, Portland
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7:30am-11pm, Fri & Sat 7:30am-midnight
Phone: +1 971 808 5094
Internet: www.revolutionhall.com

White Owl Social Club



The White Owl is able to meet anyone's needs for food: vegan burgers feature their signature "impossible patty," but there are also chicken wings and sandwiches for meat-eaters. To complement the food, they offer a variety of

house cocktails and a selection of locally brewed draft beers that change daily. Live music is also featured at the bar, making for a fun night out in Portland.

Photo: Oskar Helgason/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1305 SE 8th Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Tue-Thu 4pm-midnight, Fri & Sat 4pm-2am, Sun 4pm-midnight, Mon closed
Phone: +1 503 236 9672
Internet: www.instagram.com/whiteowlsocialclub

Crystal Ballroom



Housed in a historic building over a century old, the Crystal Ballroom is a one-of-a-kind music venue where charm and artistry come together. The grand chandeliers, stunning murals, and unique floating dance floor—which adds an extra spring to your step—create an unforgettable atmosphere. The venue hosts a dynamic lineup of national and international artists, from big names to rising stars, across a wide range of musical genres. Check the Crystal Ballroom's website to see what's happening during your visit and catch a show while you're in town.

Photo: PopTika/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1332 W Burnside Street, Portland
Phone: +1 503 384 2511
Internet: www.crystalballroompdx.com
Email: crystal@mcmenamins.com

SHOPPING



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Portland boasts several vibrant shopping districts, and given the absence of a sales tax, the city is a prime shopping destination. Northeast Alberta Street features a diverse selection of locally made and vintage items. Southeast Hawthorne Boulevard is known for Powell's City of Books, one of the largest independent bookstores in the world. For upscale shopping, the Pearl District offers high-end boutiques and designer stores. Additionally, malls and shopping centers like Pioneer Place provide options to suit a range of budgets.

Pioneer Place

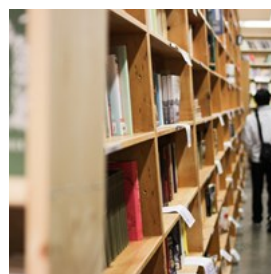


Pioneer Place is a shopping complex spanning four buildings connected by skywalks and underground passages. Inside, you'll find a range of upscale boutiques and clothing stores, as well as electronics and sportswear shops. In addition to shopping, you can enjoy dining at several restaurants and catch a movie at the local theater.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: 700 SW 5th Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-6pm
Phone: +1 503 228 5800

Internet: www.pioneerplace.com/en

Powell's City of Books



Powell's City of Books is so humongous that you'll need a map to navigate its many rooms, but don't worry—you can grab one for free when you enter.

Spanning an entire city block, Powell's is a true Portland landmark, offering over a million new, used, and rare books. Beyond the shelves, you'll find a cozy café to relax in, and the unique Espresso Book Machine, where anyone can make their dream of being a published writer come true by printing a hard-cover copy of their work in just a few minutes. Powell's is more than a bookstore; it's an experience for any book lover.

Photo: Voltaage/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1005 W Burnside Street, Portland
Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm
Phone: +1 800 878 7323
Internet: www.powells.com/locations/powells-city-of-books

MadeHere



If you're hunting for unique souvenirs or gifts to bring home, MadeHere is a must-visit in Portland. This shop showcases a wide range of

locally-made products by artisans, including clothing, home decor, and accessories. You'll also find handcrafted jewelry, sweet treats like locally-made chocolates, and apothecary items such as candles and skincare products.

Photo: Creative Lab/Shutterstock.com
Address: 40 NW 10th Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Daily 11am-6pm
Phone: +1 503 224 0122
Internet: <https://madehereonline.com>

Email: info@madehereonline.com

Monticello Antique Marketplace



The Monticello Antique Marketplace boasts a wide variety of over 100 vendors, ensuring that there's bound to be something that piques your interest. It features an array of vintage clothing, antique furniture, and home decor items. Once you've finished browsing through their selection, be sure to visit their in-house café, where you can indulge in a range of options from savory sandwiches to sweet tarts.

Photo: [Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 8600 SE Stark Street, Portland
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm
Phone: +1 503 256 8600
Internet: www.instagram.com/monticelloantiquemarketplace

Canoe



Canoe stocks stylish and refined objects of everyday use, from elegant stationery to interior decor pieces and various items for the home. You can easily pick out a unique gift here, especially considering that some of the products are exclusively produced for and distributed by Canoe. If something too large to fit in a suitcase tickles your fancy, they offer quick shipping.

Photo: [Karen Culp/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 1233 SW 10th Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11am-6pm, Sun & Mon closed
Phone: +1 503 889 8545
Internet: <https://canoe.design>
Email: info@canoe.design

Portland Farmers Market at Portland State University



The Portland Farmers Market is a non-profit organization that operates five markets across the Portland area, connecting over 200 local growers and vendors with those seeking organic and fresh products. Their flagship market, located at Portland State University (PSU), is not only a hub for local produce but also features live music performances, art exhibitions, and cooking classes.

Photo: [AYA images/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 1803 SW Park Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Open every Saturday from 9am-2pm from November to March, and from 8:30am-2pm from April to October.
Phone: +1 503 241 0032
Internet: www.portlandfarmersmarket.org/psu
Email: contact@portlandfarmersmarket.org
More Info: No pets are allowed in the market.

Washington Square



Washington Square is the Pacific Northwest's premier shopping center, featuring a diverse selection of stores including Nordstrom, Apple, Lululemon, and Pottery Barn. Visitors can also enjoy a variety of dining options, such as Din Tai Fung, The Cheesecake Factory, Red Robin, and Thirsty Lion Gastropub & Grill.

Photo: [RossHelen/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 9585 SW Washington Square Road, Portland
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 11am-7pm
Phone: +1 503 639 8860
Internet: www.shopwashingtonsquare.com

Tender Loving Empire



Located in Portland's West End neighborhood, Tender Loving Empire serves as a vibrant hub for local artists. It offers a space for them to exhibit and sell a diverse range of creations, from jewelry and sculptures to prints and apothecary items. They even sell music from their own record label.

Photo: Tyler Olson/Shutterstock.com
Address: 412 SW 10th Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Daily 11am-7pm
Phone: +1 503 548 2925
Internet: <https://tenderlovingempire.com>
Email: info@tenderlovingempire.com

Lloyd Center



The Lloyd Center, one of Portland's main malls, spans three floors and features a range of shops including clothing and apparel boutiques, jewelry and accessories stores, as well as pet and electronics retailers. In addition to its diverse shopping options, the mall houses the Lloyd Center Ice Rink, where visitors can enjoy ice skating. A Regal Cinema multiplex is also conveniently located nearby.

Photo: Rawpixel/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2201 Lloyd Center, Portland
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-6pm
Phone: +1 503 528 8515
Internet: www.lloydcenter.com
Email: info@lloydcenter.com

Old Town Music



Located in Southeast Portland, Old Town Music is an independent musical instrument store with a diverse range of music gear, including guitars, basses, drums, amplifiers, synthesizers, and microphones, among other items. They also offer repair services and provide options for trading or selling your own equipment.

Photo: Willow Hood/Shutterstock.com
Address: 55 SE 11th Avenue, Portland
Opening hours: Daily 11am-6pm
Phone: +1 503 295 6808
Internet: www.instagram.com/oldtownmusic
Email: info@oldtownmusicportland.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport/Visa



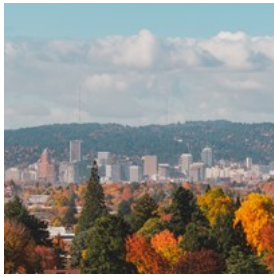
Citizens of Schengen Area countries, along with Andorra, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Ireland, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom, can visit the United States for up to 90 days without needing a visa, provided they

obtain an approved ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before their trip. All other travelers must secure a visa before visiting the U.S.

In addition, international travelers must ensure their passport is valid for at least six months beyond their intended stay. For the most current information and any updates on entry requirements, it is advisable to consult the U.S. Department of State website or contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate before traveling.

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Best Time to Visit



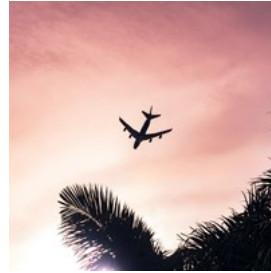
If you want to find out why Portland is known as the "City of Roses," plan a trip for the summer months of July and August, when flowers are in full bloom, the chance of rain is low, and the city hosts a number of outdoor events and festivals. This also means that you should expect the city to be packed with tourists and locals, which also brings higher prices on accommodation.

Fall and spring are both slightly more budget-friendly, so if you're not put off by the occasional rain they still make for solid choices.

The cheapest time to book a trip to Portland would be winter, the period when most of the outdoor gathering points like parks and gardens shorten their opening hours. If you're a fan of winter games, though, the nearby Mount Hood and its slopes are there for you to enjoy.

Photo: Cristofer Maximilian/Unsplash

Portland International Airport (PDX)



Portland International Airport (PDX) is located about 19 kilometers from downtown Portland, and it takes around 25 minutes to reach the city center by taxi. One of the most popular and affordable options for travelers is the MAX Light Rail Red Line, which takes about 40 minutes to get downtown. Other options include rideshare services like Uber and Lyft, airport shuttles, and local taxis. The MAX station is conveniently located outside the terminal, making public transport an efficient choice for visitors.

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Address: Portland International Airport, Portland

Phone: +1 503 460 4234

Internet: www.flypdx.com

Frequently Asked Questions about Portland (FAQs)



- Is Portland safe to visit?
Yes, Portland is still a safe city for visitors. However, remember that it is also the largest and most populous city in the state of Oregon, so always use common sense when visiting Portland. Do not leave your belongings unattended or visible in your vehicle, and make sure to lock your car doors and bikes.

- Is Portland worth visiting?

Yes, Portland is a great place to visit. The city offers an incredible array of restaurants, food trucks, microbreweries, strong coffee culture, as well as many green areas, miles of bike paths, a thriving art scene, and an eccentric character. The best part about Portland is that the city has

no sales tax.

- How many days do you need in Portland?

In order to see and visit Portland's most popular attractions, you will need from 2 to 3 days. More days, if you plan on visiting some of the state's national forests, such as Mount Hood and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

- Are there 2 Portland in the U.S.?

Yes, there are 2 Portland in the U.S., one on the west coast in the state of Oregon and another one on the east coast in the state of Maine.

Photo: Emily Morter/Unsplash

Public Transport



Public transportation in Portland is efficient, well-developed, and a convenient option for tourists. The city's transit system, managed by TriMet, includes buses, the MAX Light Rail, and the Portland Streetcar. There is no subway in Portland, but the MAX Light Rail connects downtown to key areas like the airport, suburbs, and major attractions. Buses and streetcars complement the MAX, covering the city's neighborhoods.

Travelers in Portland can use the Hop Fastpass, a reusable card or mobile app, to pay for TriMet buses, MAX Light Rail, and Portland Streetcar rides. It offers pay-per-ride options with daily and monthly fare caps, ensuring you never pay more than a day pass or monthly pass. Single tickets (valid for 2.5 hours) and day passes are also available through ticket machines or the

app, making it easy and affordable for tourists to get around. The day pass is ideal for visitors planning to use public transport often.

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Taxi



There are several taxi companies in Portland, with Radio Cab being one of the most well-known and widely used, offering services throughout the Greater Portland Metro Area. In addition, rideshare companies like Uber and Lyft are readily available in Portland, providing convenient alternatives for getting around the city.

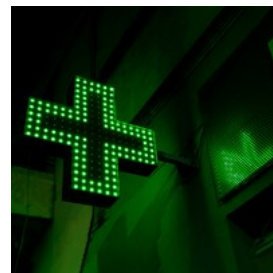
Photo: Waldemar/Unsplash

Address: Radio Cab

Phone: +1 503 227 1212

Internet: www.radiocab.net

Pharmacy



In Portland, Oregon, the main pharmacy chains include Fred Meyer Pharmacy, Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid, and Safeway Pharmacy.

Photo: Mariano Baraldi/Unsplash

Address: Fred Meyer Pharmacy - 100 NW 20th Place, Portland

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +1 503 721 4133

Post



USPS is the postal service provider for Portland.

Post offices in the city typically operate Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm, with shorter

hours on Saturdays, usually from 9am to 1pm.

Services provided include mailing letters and packages, purchasing stamps, and P.O. box rentals.

Photo: Mason B./Unsplash

Address: United States Postal Service - 715 NW Hoyt Street, Portland

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6:30pm, Sat 8:15am-5:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +1 800 275 8777

Internet: www.usps.com

Telephone



Country code: +1 Area code: 503

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Electricity



US standard voltage is 110-115V and the standard frequency is 60Hz. The sockets and the power plugs are of type A and B. Type A

plugs have two flat parallel pins, while Type B plugs have two flat parallel pins plus a grounding pin.

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Population

Metro area: 2.2 million (2024)

Currency

US Dollar (USD)

Newspapers

Portland Tribune: www.portlandtribune.com

Portland Monthly: www.pdxmonthly.com

Eater Portland: <https://pdx.eater.com>

Portland Mercury: www.portlandmercury.com

Emergency numbers

911

Tourist information

Portland Visitor Center

1132 SW Harvey Milk Street #104, Portland

+1 503 427 1372

Opening hours: daily 9am-5pm