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PRETTY PORTLAND

Explore Oregon's trendiest town

By Lisa Davis

FAMOUS FOR ITS BEER and food scene, Portland, Ore., is also beautiful, surrounded by mountain peaks and bordered by a scenic river. The epicenter for hipsters and artists who have contributed to its chill atmosphere, the city is seeing even more additions to the list of restaurants, breweries and hotels that boost its attractiveness.

"Portland has come into its own in the last few years," says Marcus Hibdon, communications and public relations manager for Travel Portland. "We have more breweries than any other city in the world. We have an exploding urban wine scene. Our local neighborhoods are brimming with incredible shops and cafes. It's a craft culture city where everything is done well."

Grab your appetite and camera and explore the local cuisine, style and landscape.



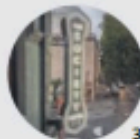
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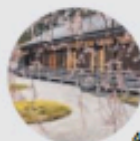
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TASTY TREATS

One of Portland's newest restaurants (opened March 2017) is **Top Chef Masters** Season 4 winner Chris Cosentino's **Jackrabbit**. Its meat-heavy menu (items include sweetbreads and oxtail) is served amid décor such as chandeliers made from bikes and flooring built from local wood. gajackrabbitgo.com

The city's first food hall, **(1) Pine Street Market**, features nine local restaurants inside the historic Carriage & Baggage Building. pinstreetpdx.com

Local favorite **Pok Pok PDX** has been serving Thai and Vietnamese dishes (try the fish sauce chicken wings) in Portland for more than a decade. pokpokpdx.com

Nomad.PDX is another new choice, offering 10- and 20-course tastings. "It's edgy, wild and delicious food," says Hibdon. nomadpdx.com

For French-inspired seafood, try Chef Vitaly Paley's **Headwaters**, which is also home to a Russian-style tea service based on Paley's grandmother's recipes. headwaterspdx.com

DRINK UP

With the world's largest concentration of breweries, it's tough to choose just one in Portland, but for starters, head to **(2) Wayfinder Beer** and enjoy a lager or ale (or both) inside the 110-seat taphall or on the outdoor deck. wayfinder.beer

For wine tastings, there's the urban winery **ENSO**, or

slip a glass of organic wine at **Dame**. ensowinery.com; damerestaurant.com

TUCK IN FOR THE NIGHT

(3) The Society Hotel transformed a former sailors' hotel into hip lodging. The rooftop has 360-degree views of downtown, the Lan Su Chinese Garden, the Willamette River and — on clear days — Mount Hood. thesocietyhotel.com

Other new accommodations are popping up in Portland, including the 120-room **Hi-Lo Hotel**, which opened this spring in the historic Oregon Pioneer Building. Tip: It's near the future site of the year-round, indoor-outdoor James Beard Public Market, named for the famous Portland chef and set to open in 2020. hi-lo-hotel.com

GET OUTDOORS

(4) The Portland Japanese Garden has several new additions, including three LEED-certified buildings designed by architect Kengo Kuma (who is also architect of the new National Stadium for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics). The buildings include classrooms, a library and a cafe that serves traditional Japanese tea. Five new garden spaces, including a public water garden and a bonsai terrace, are also part of the expansion. japanesegarden.com

Nature must-sees not far from Portland include **Mount Hood**, less than an hour away to the east, and to the west, Oregon's Pacific coast. The **Columbia River Gorge**, 30 minutes from Portland, has waterfalls and hiking trails. www.fs.usda.gov/mthood

One of the best ways to experience nature in Portland is by bike. The **Biketown** bike-share program offers single-ride and day passes. biketownpdx.com

Ride through the **Pearl District**, known for art galleries and breweries — and the largest independent bookstore in the U.S., **Powell's Books**, which takes up a whole city block. explorethepearl.com; powells.com

Or take the MAX light rail over the popular car-free **Tilikum Crossing Bridge**, which at night transforms into an art installation of more than 200 LED lights that are said to correlate to the Willamette River's speed, height and temperature. trinet.org/tilikum

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