



Japanese Garden

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Tranquility and Tea

At \$18.95 for a general admission ticket, the **Portland Japanese Garden** (611 SW Kingston Ave., 503-223-1321, japanesegarden.org) is the priciest Washington Park attraction. It is, however, like most Japanese gardens, mind-bogglingly detailed and considered the most authentic one outside the Land of the Rising Sun. Seemingly every inch is cultivated with gurgling streams, mossy stones, perfectly shaped hedges and delicate trees. It has not one but two rock gardens. And unlike most Japanese gardens, ours was recently expanded by renowned architect Kengo Kuma. The habitat now features three deceptively simple, warmly futuristic, Kengo-designed buildings. The new teahouse—which serves fried rice and sweets paired with fine teas—is particularly sleek. The glass walls look out onto the surrounding forest like an upscale treehouse. SHANNON GORMLEY.

Adorable Animal Videos, IRL

During summer, the **Oregon Zoo** (4001 SW Canyon Road, 503-226-1561, oregonzoo.com) feels more like a concert venue. That's because from June to September, the animals aren't always the star attractions when the zoo also plays host to big-name artists almost every week. If you're not chaperoning a field trip, why pay \$18 to see some elephants and giraffes when you could pay an extra \$20 and see Herbie Hancock as well? Still, recent PR nightmares aside, the zoo has enough IRL animal cuteness to keep you off Insta-

gram for at least a week: Asian elephants bathing in their giant pool, a litter of painted dog pups playing with one another (the first endangered species to be born at the facility), diving Humboldt penguins that make up the largest collection of the species in the U.S., and fluffball baby mountain goats frolicking around their rocky habitat. SHANNON GORMLEY.

Make "Rose City 'Til I Die" Your Mantra

Everyone should try becoming a Timbers fan for a day, because chances are good you'll leave the match a Timbers fan for life. Sure, chanting, singing and stomping for 90 minutes straight is exhausting—and a little annoying. But the fervor of the Timbers Army is infectious no matter where you sit. You'll find your pulse comes to match their drumbeat, and the burst of applause and whoosh of green smoke released to celebrate a goal is a transcendent experience on a near-spiritual level. That should only intensify in the newly renovated **Providence Park** (1844 SW Morrison St., 503-553-5400, timbers.com/providencepark), which has been under construction to add 4,000 seats. The project's architect has called it the Globe Theatre of soccer—picture vertical galleries of spectators shooting straight up, placing you right on top of the action. When the team returns from a brutally long 12-game road trip for their delayed home opener June 1, you better believe Soccer City's vocal cords will be well rested and ready to roar. ANDI PREWITT.