

PORTLAND

1 MINUTE/1 HOUR/1 DAY GETAWAY

Portland boasts a rich creative vibe, whether you're in Nob Hill, the Pearl District or the Cultural District. Famous for great coffeehouses, gourmet and international cuisine and thriving nightlife, it offers galleries, theaters and museums, too. But it's also place to "go green" with parks, trails and gardens to balance the developing skyline that attests: Portland is a city "on the rise."

1 MINUTE

The Weather Machine in Pioneer Courthouse Square 701 S.W. Broadway • 503-223-1613

Every noon, this whimsical landmark forecasts the weather with mist, whistles and horn blasts. You'll know what to wear according to the figure that appears—a sun for a clear day, a blue heron for drizzle and a dragon when storms are approaching.

Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park S.W. Naito Pkwy., from Clay to Glisan Sts. • 503-823-7529

Here's where to go for a quick walk, run, blade or bike ride—or where to share a picnic and watch the world go by. You can also visit the park's many landmarks, like the Battleship Oregon Memorial, the Salmon Street Springs fountain, the Japanese American Historical Plaza and more.

1 HOUR

Portland Art Museum 1219 S.W. Park Ave. • 503-226-2811

Built in 1892, it's still one of the 25 biggest museums in the country. Open rooms are filled with over 300,000 works of art, including unique American, European, Northwest and Native American sculptures, paintings and drawings. Perhaps most notable, though, are the constantly changing exhibits.

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) 1945 S.E. Water Ave. • 503-797-4000

It's a virtual playground of over 200 hands-on exhibits. Explore everything from diving into an earthquake in a motion simulator to swimming the depths of the ocean in a submarine to reaching into the unknown galaxy in the state-of-the-art planetarium. There's a café, too, if you get hungry, and the Science Store if you'd like a souvenir.

1 HOUR (CON'T)

The Pearl District travelportland.com

Industrial buildings have been renovated into unique shops, galleries and eateries, and cobblestone streets still exist. Along with the quaint feel, it's one of the city's main areas to shop for home furnishings and one-of-a-kind art, as over 100 stores are open year-round. Sidewalk cafés abound, too.

Powell's City of Books 1005 W. Burnside • 503-228-4651

Spanning an entire city block, this bibliophile's dream is the largest used & new bookshop in the world, and has wowed visitors since 1971. Powell's recipe for success is unique: used and new, paperbacks and hardcovers sit side by side on the same shelf. With a knowledgeable staff, a rare book room, author events and over a million books to browse, Powell's has something for everyone.

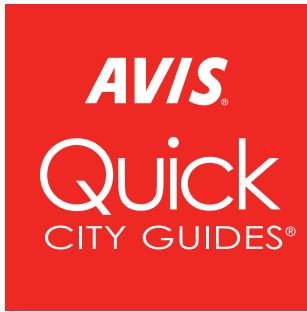
1 DAY

Washington Park 400 S.W. Kingston Ave. • 503-823-3636

For 322 acres, you can stroll around the Hoyt Arboretum, with a huge tree and shrub collection, the internationally revered Japanese Garden, with five styles of gardens, and the Oregon Zoo, featuring their famed elephants. Also, the 4.5-acre International Rose Test Garden offers elegantly manicured rows of the blooms.

The Oregon Coast nwcoast.com

Dramatic cliffs, pristine sandy beaches and charming towns typify the breathtaking 350-mile Oregon coast. Seaside and Cannon Beach are among the most popular seaside vacation spots, and just a short drive south lie the quaint havens of Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler, where you can get away from it all and play on the Nehalem Bay and River. Lincoln City, larger and farther south, offers an array of hotels and restaurants to explore, and if you want to venture even farther, you'll find Newport, Waldport, Yachats and Florence, where you can visit the Oregon Coast Aquarium and the Sea Lion Caves.



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GOURMET DINING AND LOCAL FAVORITES

GOURMET DINING

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In the heart of the bustling Pearl District, you can opt for either the upscale dining room or the casual café. Either way, the Mediterranean/Italian/French-inspired menu has delights like a trio of caviar, sautéed foie gras and gnocchi with black truffles.

250 N.W. 13th Ave. • 503-226-3394

Portland City Grill

It's got city-wide views, plus innovative dishes with an Asian feel, like Hawaiian mahi mahi, miso-glazed black cod and ginger-hoisin lamb chops.

111 S.W. Fifth Ave., Ste. 30 • 503-450-0030

Paley's Place

The feeling here is of a Euro-casual bistro. The menu relies on locally grown ingredients, and includes sophisticated fare like an American Kobe beef steak tartare appetizer, and entrées of sautéed sweetbreads and goat cheese ravioli. You can wrap things up with profiteroles filled with lavender ice cream.

1204 N.W. 21st Ave. • 503-243-2403

Genoa

Decked with elegant antiques, fresh flowers and rich tapestries, this Italian establishment has a seven-course prix-fixe menu (or four-course upon request), which isn't printed. Your server will explain the entrée courses, which come with an antipasto, soup, pasta, fish or salad and dessert.

2832 S.E. Belmont St. • 503-238-1464

The Heathman Restaurant & Bar, *The Heathman Hotel*

Elegant Art Deco furnishings, an open kitchen and Andy Warhol animal prints make for a warm and elegant atmosphere. Award-winning chef Philippe Boulot utilizes his French cuisine to showcase the array of fine ingredients the Northwest offers. Expect dishes that feature locally-grown mushrooms, berries, greens and the like, as well as line-caught salmon and organically raised lamb. An extensive wine list highlights Oregonian offerings. Reservations highly recommended.

1001 S.W. Broadway • 503-241-4100

LOCAL FAVORITES

Huber's

It's the oldest restaurant in Portland with a local favorite specialty—roast turkey. It's served up in all different ways, from piccata to pot pie. Meats, seafood and pasta are also available, as is their renowned Spanish coffee.

411 S.W. 3rd Ave. 8 503-228-5686

Jake's Famous Crawfish

For over 100 years, this seafood spot has become a local institution. The décor is rustic, making you feel right at home. There are several seafood choices, from sturgeon to ahi tuna to, of course, crawfish. There's also a berry cobbler for dessert.

401 S.W. 12th Ave. • 503-226-1419

Paragon

A Pearl District favorite, Paragon features soaring windows, subtle tones, and an airy, sophisticated feel. Expect simple, robust cuisine, like mussels with orange-Sambuca butter, butternut squash tortellini or hangar steak with truffled twice-baked potato. A large, elevated outdoor patio allows for street-side dining in warmer months.

1309 N.W. Hoyt St. • 503-833-5060

Andina

Wood floors, high-back booths and colorful linens lend modern warmth to Andina's décor. Expect an eclectic mix of traditional Peruvian and contemporary cuisines, like a rack of lamb with potato-cheese timbale or roast chicken with Peruvian peppers and English pea-basil sauce. For a lighter meal, dine next door at the restaurant's Mestizo bar, offering Andina's small dishes and starters, a seafood bar and live music.

1314 N.W. Glisan • 503-228-9535

Lucy's Table

Velour curtains, metallic tones and crisp table linens make a warm, sophisticated setting for creative Northwest cooking with Mediterranean influences. The menu changes often to take advantage of seasonal produce, game and seafood, but does include year-round staples like the goat cheese ravioli with crispy shallots and pancetta and the braised rabbit with polenta.

704 N.W. 21st Ave. • 503-226-6126