

Portland City of Roses – Things to Do

REFERENCES

Visitors Bureau of Greater Portland

www.visitportland.com

Portland Tourist and Vacation Information

701 SW 6th Ave

Portland 97204

503-275-8355

www.travelportland.com

Portland Travel Magazine

<http://www.travelportland.com/things-to-see-and-do/pdfs/2011-12-travel-portland-magazine>

GETTING AROUND PORTLAND and VICINITY

LAND TRANSPORTATION

Portland's public transportation system includes MAX (Metropolitan Area eXpress) light rail, Tri-Met buses, and the Portland Streetcar. Fares range from \$2.05 - \$2.35, less for seniors ("honored citizens"), the disabled and youths. Tickets are interchangeable among the three and can be purchased aboard buses or ticket machines along the MAX and Streetcar stops. Complete information about Portland's public transportation system is available at <http://trimet.org>.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

The pickup area for taxis and town cars is located in the center section of the airport terminal's lower roadway on the baggage claim and departure level. Most transportation providers serve downtown Portland and can take approximately 20-40 minutes from Portland International Airport, depending on traffic.

If you are traveling light and do not mind walking two blocks, you can board the MAX (Metropolitan Area Express, <http://trimet.org>) Red Line at the baggage claim level of the Portland International Airport (follow the signs to MAX Light Rail). Get off the train at the Lloyd Center stop and the Hilton Doubletree hotel is across the block to your left.

CLIMATE

The temperature in Portland generally varies between 56° F (13° C) in the evening to 80° F (27° C) during the day in July/August in Portland. The low humidity makes summer months very pleasant and comfortable. You may need a sweater or light jacket in the evening especially when around or on the water.

TRAVEL OREGON

Portland, otherwise known as "**The City of Roses**", is a robust and vibrant city with endless things to see and do. *Frommer's Guidebooks* declared Portland to be one of the world's top travel destinations for 2007. *AARP The Magazine* recently named Portland one of the top five places to live in the U.S. Music, food, art festivals abound throughout the city during the summer months. Museums, art galleries, unique retail shops, and restaurants of all varieties are within minutes of the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel.

The State of Oregon is famous for its award winning wineries and golf courses, as well as its breathtaking coastline, rivers and mountains. We hope you will venture out and experience Portland and the surrounding countryside while you are in Oregon.

Following is a sampling of events and destinations while you are visiting. Visit the websites www.travelportland.com (provided by Travel Portland) and www.frommers.com to see an extensive list of activities that are scheduled while you visit Portland.

PORTLAND EVENTS

Downtown Portland and the Willamette River

First Thursday Gallery Walk

"First Thursday" is an after-hours evening gallery walk that takes place on the first Thursday of each month. On Thursday, August 1, galleries and shops in Old Town, the Pearl District and downtown will stay open late, inviting the public to mingle with the artists and explore new exhibits. The streets buzz with performers, sidewalk artists and enthusiastic crowds, and many galleries offer free appetizers and wine.

<http://www.firstthursdayportland.com/>

Flicks on the Bricks

On five Friday evenings in July and August, Pioneer Courthouse Square will be transformed into an outdoor movie theater for the entire community to enjoy. Each Flicks on the Bricks event will kick off at 7 pm with live entertainment provided by KINK.FM followed by movies which will begin at dusk. Admission is free and attendees are encouraged to bring low back chairs, pillows, cushions or bean bags to truly make the Square their 'living room.' Food and beverages will be available for purchase on-site.

<http://www.uniquely-portland-oregon.com/flicks-on-the-bricks.html>

Noon Tunes Summer Concert Series

Since 2002, Pioneer Courthouse Square has celebrated summer with two free lunchtime concerts every week in July and August. The popular Noon Tunes Concert Series showcases the best in regional and local musical Talent each Tuesday and Thursday from noon-1 p.m. (Tuesdays and Thursdays; Pioneer Courthouse Square, 701 SW 6th Ave.; 12:00-13:00; free)

For updated 2013 events at the Pioneer Courthouse Square see:

http://www.thesquarepdx.org/calendar_june2013.htm

Oregon Brewers Festival

The 26th Annual Oregon Brewers Festival, July 24-28, is one of the nation's longest running and best loved craft beer festivals. Situated on the west bank of the Willamette River, with towering Mt. Hood as a backdrop, it is the ideal venue for anyone who loves craft beer. With a laid back attitude and scores of award-winning beers, the festival reflects the essence of the city of Portland.

The Oregon Brewers Festival exists to provide an opportunity to sample and learn about a variety of craft beer styles from across the country. Eighty-four craft breweries from all parts of the nation offer more than 30 styles of handcrafted brews to nearly 80,000 beer lovers during the four-day event. A Buzz Tent offers another 50+ rare and specialty beers.

The festival's focus is craft beer, but there's more than sampling involved. The event features live music all four days, beer-related vendors, beer memorabilia displays, beer writers and publishers, homebrewing demonstrations, and an assortment of foods from a variety of regions. (Tom McCall Waterfront Park; Main entrance at S.W. Oak Street and Naito Parkway, www.oregonbrewfest.com)

Oregon Zoo Summer Concerts

For the up to date schedule and ticket information see:

<http://www.oregonzoo.org/visit/2013-summer-concerts>

Portland Saturday Market

Stroll down row upon row of local handcrafted items and homemade foods. The Portland Saturday Market—open Sundays too—is the nation's largest open-air craft market. Talk directly to the artists and learn about their creative styles and products. (Waterfront Park and Ankeny Plaza in Historic Old Town Chinatown; Saturdays 10:00-17:00; Sundays 11:00-16:30; www.portlandsaturdaymarket.com)

Portland Timbers Soccer

Major League Soccer's newest addition, the Portland Timbers located in downtown Portland. See the game schedule at: www.portlandtimbers.com

Portland Thorns Soccer

National Women's Professional Soccer League added Portland's Thorns FC to its schedule.

Visit www.portlandtimbers.com and click on the **Thorns FC** tab for full information on the team, their schedule, and ticket information.

Saturday Portland Farmers Market

This market, located at Portland State University, attracts a large crowd of people seeking the finest and freshest produce from local farmers as well as breads, cheese, flowers and more. (South Park Blocks between SW Harrison & SW Montgomery; 08:30 - 14:00; Saturdays only)

Wednesday Portland Farmers Market

Local farmers provide fresh produce, flowers and other items to the business crowd and downtown residents. (South Park Blocks between SW Salmon and SW Main behind the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall; 10:00—14:00; Wednesdays only)

Portland Pickathon 2013

This is an annual festival in Happy Valley, Oregon and just 15 minutes by car from Portland. The Pendarvis Farm is the perfect place to have six venues for performers and music lovers. Rather than listing the lineups, visit <http://www.pickathon.com/lineup> .

PORTLAND ATTRACTIONS

Art Galleries

The Pearl District, loosely bordered by W. Burnside and NW Hoyt, and NW 13th and NW Park, represents a good share of the gallery arena. Galleries can also be found in fairly concentrated numbers in the Skidmore District (roughly between Front and Fourth Aves. from SW Oak to NW Glisan St.) and the city's downtown core.

Oregon Historical Society

In the heart of Portland's Cultural District, the Oregon Historical Society houses treasures of the Northwest, a priceless collection that tells the story of Oregon from its earliest people to the present day. Exhibits are designed for visitors of all ages, with artwork, artifacts, photographs, audio/visual presentations and hands-on displays for children. The Oregon Historical Society Museum Store is Portland's premier spot for distinctive Northwest gifts, including jewelry, artwork, books and games. (1200 S.W. Park Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97205; Museum Store: S.W. Broadway at Madison; for hours and admission charge visit www.ohs.org)

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)

Imagine a place where you can journey to the outer reaches of the galaxy, feel the power of an earthquake, climb aboard a real submarine, uncover a fossil, enter the

world of virtual reality, or travel the globe in a five story high IMAX® domed theater. You can also enjoy a view of the city while dining at the OMSI Market Café or find the perfect gift at the Science Store. With more than 200 hands-on exhibits, there is something for everyone in the family. Touch, explore, question, and discover at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), located on Portland's waterfront. Open year-round; hours vary. (1945 S.E. Water Avenue, Portland, Oregon; www.omsiedu)

Pittock Mansion

Experience the charm of a lost era as you learn about Henry and Georgiana Pittock and the beautiful estate that symbolizes the growth of Portland. Admire remarkable antique furnishings and fine arts set in a 1914 National Historic Register property. Pack a picnic basket and enjoy a sweeping view of mountains, rivers and the city. (3229 N.W. Pittock Drive, Portland, Oregon 97210; for hours and admission charge visit www.pittockmansion.org)

Portland Art Museum

Find out why the oldest museum in the Northwest, the Portland Art Museum, is internationally renowned for exciting art experiences. Located in the heart of downtown's cultural district, the Museum's campus includes an outdoor sculpture court and historical interiors. Tour the world and travel through history in magnificent permanent collection galleries, six stories of modern art and special exhibitions. (1219 S.W. Park Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97205; phone: 503 226-2811; for hours and admission charge visit www.portlandartmuseum.org)

Portland Classical Chinese Garden

Transport yourself to ancient China as you enter Lan Su Yuan. The Portland Classical Chinese Garden is a harmonizing blend of water, architecture, stone and poetry set against a richly planted landscape. Located in Portland's historic Old Town Chinatown, the "Garden of Awakening Orchids" is a collaboration with Portland's Chinese sister city, Suzhou. (Northwest 3rd Ave. at Everett Street; hours: 10:00—18:00; admission, \$8.50; www.portlandchinesegarden.org)

Portland Spirit

The Portland Spirit welcomes you aboard the Northwest's premier dining ship. Daily lunch and dinner cruises offer a perfect opportunity to surround yourself with unmatched views of the Portland skyline. Freshly prepared cuisine, full-service bars and live entertainment complete a river experience unlike any other. (Office: 110 S.E. Caruthers Street, Portland, Oregon 97214; phone: call for reservations and further information: 503 224-3900 or 1-800 224-3901; www.portlandspirit.com)

Portland Walking Tours

Portland Walking Tours is the #1 ranked attraction and tour in Portland. These fun and award-winning tours explore the excitement, history, food, architecture, neighborhoods, bridges, parks, fountains, artwork, and just plain weird places in Portland, Oregon.

The Epicurean Excursion, Best of Portland, Underground Portland, and Roses Gone Wild tours are available seven days a week; and the Chocolate Decadence and Beyond Bizarre tours are every weekend year-round. Join the award winning, leisurely walks with no hills and discover what guests and the media are talking about.

(www.portlandwalkingtours.com)

Powell's City of Books

More than just a bookstore, Powell's is a Portland institution. The largest independently owned bookstore in the country, Powell's has more than one million volumes of new, used, rare and out of print books and covers a city block. Powell's map helps guide browsers from one room to the next. (1005 W. Burnside;

www.powells.com/locations/powellscity-of-books)

Tom McCall Waterfront Park

It's hard to believe this three-mile stretch along the Willamette River was once a busy expressway. Rather than impatient motorists, the park is now occupied with new types of movers—joggers, bikers and rollerbladers, as well as pedestrians in the mood for nothing more energetic than a stroll. Bordered by Front Ave. (Bill Naito Pkwy.), Tom McCall Waterfront Park is taken up during the warmer months with cultural and musical events, as well as overheated folks hoping to cool off in the Salmon Street Springs Fountain at the east end of SW Salmon St.

Washington Park

Washington Park is not only one of Portland's most beautiful sights, it also contains many of the city's favorite haunts. Lying within the park's expansive boundaries are not only the requisite children's play area, tennis courts and picnic areas, but also wonderful surprises such as Metro Washington Park Zoo, Japanese Garden, World Forestry Center, Hoyt Arboretum and the international Rose Test Gardens. Washington Park has its own MAX (Metropolitan Area Express) stop, which lets you off right at the zoo entrance (at the Pioneer Square stop, take the west-bound Red Line or Blue Line trains marked "Beaverton" or "Hillsboro"). Read on for more information on these attractions.

(www.washingtonparkpdx.org)

Oregon Zoo

Trek through the tropics amid the sounds of birds, monkeys and other creatures. You're not in West Africa; you're in Portland at the zoo's African Rain Forest exhibit. After you've survived the steamy tropics, dry off in the savanna, where giraffes, rhinos and hippos graze. From the tundras of Alaska to the coastal waters of Peru, travel around the world in an afternoon. Five minutes from downtown on Hwy. 26 West, or take MAX light rail. (Washington Park, 4001 S.W. Canyon Road, for hours and admission price visit www.oregonzoo.org)

Japanese Garden

Nestled in the scenic west hills of Portland, the Japanese Garden is a haven of tranquil beauty which has been proclaimed one of the most authentic Japanese gardens outside of Japan. Encompassing five and one-half acres and offering five separate garden

styles, the Garden includes an authentic Japanese Tea House, meandering streams, intimate walkways, and an unsurpassed view of Mt. Hood. (Washington Park; for hours and admission price visit www.japanesegarden.com)

World Forestry Center

All new hands-on, interactive exhibits that are fun for the whole family are waiting to be explored at the Discovery Museum. You can get harnessed in and hoisted up 45 feet to see a bird's-eye-view of the forest, or take a wet-free raft ride in Class IV rapids. Climb underneath the forest to see the life below, or try your smoke jumping skills! Round out your adventure with video journeys to Siberia, China, South Africa and Brazil to learn about trees of the world. Come explore, discover and grow at the Discovery Museum! Five minutes from downtown Portland via Hwy. 26 or MAX light rail. (Washington Park, 4033 S.W. Canyon Road; for hours and admission price, visit www.worldforestry.org)

Hoyt Arboretum

Hoyt Arboretum is a much beloved Portland open space, covering 185 ridge top acres about two miles west of downtown. It is home to a collection of trees representing more than 1,100 species gathered from around the world. Twelve miles of trails wind through this living exhibit. The Visitor Center, at the heart of the Arboretum, offers maps, trail guides, and information. Spiraling up the southwest corner of the arboretum is the Vietnam Veterans' Living Memorial, which honors Oregonians who died or are still missing from that conflict. (Washington Park, 4000 SW Fairview Blvd.)

International Rose Test Garden

Whether you want to take in spectacular scenery or the luscious smell of fragrant roses, the International Rose Test Garden offers both. Approximately 10,000 plants, among which are more than 400 varieties of roses, flourish high above a breathtaking city view. Established in 1917, the International Rose Test Garden is the oldest operating test garden in the country. Admission is free year-round. (Washington Park, 400 SW Kingston Ave.)

Willamette Jetboat Excursions

See Portland's waterfront and more aboard the Willamette Jet boats. Enjoy the area's sights, history and scenic beauty while experiencing the fun and excitement found only in a jet boat. See giant ships, bridges, elegant riverfront homes, historic Oregon City and the majestic Willamette Falls. Reservations are highly recommended. (1945 S.E. Water Avenue, OMSI Submarine Dock, Portland, Oregon 97214; phone: 503 231-1532; www.willamettejet.com)

SHOPPING

Downtown Portland

In the heart of downtown, you will find Pioneer Place – four city blocks filled with shopping, dining and entertainment. (700 SW Fifth Ave.; www.pioneerplace.com)

Nordstrom and Macy's department stores are adjacent to Pioneer Square, and specialty shops are scattered throughout downtown Portland.

Northwest/Nob Hill

This district's main streets (Northwest 23rd and 21st Avenues) are packed with boutiques selling Portland-designed clothing and housewares. Pearl District You can sample haute couture and hot cuisine in Portland's Pearl District, which has quickly become the place to see and be seen. The Pearl is composed of 50 city blocks of industrial warehouses turned into sleek loft apartments, cutting-edge art galleries and vibrant international restaurants.

Though the neighborhood features outstanding brewpubs, delicious international cuisine and the world's largest independent bookstore, the soul of the Pearl is in its galleries. Check them out on the first Thursday of every month, when most galleries stay open late to showcase the talents of new and established artists. (www.explorethepearl.com)

Bridgeport Village (Tigard)

Bridgeport Village offers an exclusive mix of local, regional and national shops unlike any other shopping experience in Oregon. (7455 SW Bridgeport Rd., Tigard, Oregon; www.bridgeport-village.com)

Columbia Gorge Premium Outlets (Troutdale)

Columbia Gorge Premium Outlets has your favorite brands at savings of 25 to 65 percent. The center's 45 stores include Adidas, Carter's, Eddie Bauer, Gap Outlet, Harry and David, Izod, Le Gourmet Chef, Liz Claiborne, Levi's, Mikasa, OshKosh B'Gosh, Samsonite, Zales Outlet and more. Columbia Gorge Premium Outlets is located just 15 minutes east of downtown Portland. (take I-84 east to Exit 17; 450 N.W. 257th Way, Troutdale, Oregon; www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=28)

Jantzen Beach

Just this side of the Columbia River is Jantzen Beach Center. It offers wonderful surprises including a 1921 C.S. Parker carousel. (1405 Jantzen Beach Center; <http://jantzenbeachsupercenter.com>)

Lloyd Center

The nation's first major mall, Lloyd Center offers some 200 specialty shops in addition to familiar anchors. An ice rink offers entertainment. (bordered by Multnomah and Broadway, 9th and 15th Streets; www.lloydcenter.com)

Washington Square

Washington Square pulls shoppers into its many specialty shops with the help of several popular anchor stores. (9585 SW Washington Square Rd. www.shopwashingtonsquare.com)

Woodburn Company Stores

Woodburn Company Stores, Oregon's largest outlet center, features over 100 shops including Banana Republic Factory Store, Calvin Klein, Eddie Bauer, Great Outdoor Clothing Company, and Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store to name a few. (I-5 South at the Woodburn exit; www.woodburncompanystores.com)