# **PORTLAND**



Portland is a dynamic metropolis located in Oregon, in the northwestern United States. Known for its eclectic culture, green spaces and numerous microbreweries, Portland offers a diversity of neighborhoods, each with its own personality and unique attractions. As you stroll along, keep in mind that the city is famous for the quality of its coffee, so coffee shop breaks and tastings are welcome!



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### WHAT TO DO

#### **DOWNTOWN★★★**

Downtown and the surrounding area represent the heart of Portland, around Old Town, on the west bank of the Willamette River. It's a large, pleasant area that can be explored on foot, juggling moods and cultures.

### PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE ★

Often referred to as "Portland's living room", this public square hosts numerous events throughout the year, a true meeting place.

#### PORTLAND ART MUSEUM ★★

The oldest art museum on the West Coast houses a vast collection of works ranging from Native American to contemporary.

### POWELL'S CITY OF BOOKS ★★★

Explore the world's largest independent bookstore, a veritable paradise for book lovers located in the heart of the Pearl District. In the surrounding streets, numerous contemporary art galleries and local designer boutiques will enhance your discovery.

#### PITTOCK MANSION ★★★

A little way from the center of town, just a stone's throw from numerous parks, this magnificent historic mansion built in 1914 offers panoramic views of the city and, on a clear day, Mount Hood from its terrace.





## THE EASTERN SHORE OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER\*\*

The other side of the river is home to a number of eclectic neighborhoods, more remote but easily accessible by public transport.

#### ALBERTA STREET ★★

To the north, the avenue is famous for its art galleries, colorful cafés and unique boutiques. Every last Thursday of the month, local artists exhibit their work outdoors, accompanied by music and street performances.

#### ANTIQUE ALLEY \*

A concentration of antique stores offering a variety of

collectibles and curios, for thrift enthusiasts.

### SOUTHEAST HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD ★

This colorful pedestrian street is home to vintage boutiques, independent bookstores and cafés.

#### MISSISSIPPI STUDIOS ★★★

Looking for a lively evening? Discover this intimate concert venue, renowned for its quality live music programming.

#### OAKS AMUSEMENT PARK \*\*

Located south of the city and ideal for late afternoons, this historic amusement park offers several rides and attractions with old-fashioned charm.



#### **GARDENS** AND PARKS\*\*\*

Sometimes nicknamed the "City of Roses" because of its many blooms in the summertime. Portland is home to countless green spaces that rival each other in beauty throughout the city.

#### LAN SU CHINESE GARDEN \*\*

Change scenery and head for China! With its exotic plants, winding paths and adorable pagoda-like teahouse, this little green space is sure to make you fall in love.

#### **PORTLAND JAPANESE** GARDEN ★★★

This is said to be the most beautiful Japanese garden in the world, outside Japan! As beautiful in spring as it is in autumn, this five-hectare park is vast yet intimate. It is located within the immense Washington Park, which is a perfect extension to the walk.

#### INTERNATIONAL ROSE TEST GARDEN \*\*

Washington Park is also home to an entire section dedicated to roses, which bloom between April and October, depending on the species. There are currently 10,000 groves representing over 650 varieties!

#### MOUNT TABOR PARK \*

Take in the sights and sounds of this ancient volcano from a height difference of around 130 metres. The slag cone has been landscaped for walkers, offering an impressive cut through the volcanic rock. With only six cities in the USA boasting their own volcanoes, this is a mustsee for volcano enthusiasts! The park offers hiking trails for all levels and a breathtaking view of the city.

#### FOREST PARK \*

One of the largest urban parks in the United States, with a total surface area of over 2000 hectares. It offers miles of hiking trails shaded by a lush forest, particularly seductive in autumn.

#### À PROXIMITÉ

#### MULTNOMAH FALLS \*

Rejoignez les chutes d'eau de Multnomah en à peine quarante minutes de route depuis le centre de Portland. Le site est accessible par une randonnée de difficulté modérée, mais il est également possible de l'approcher en voiture et de se garer tout près. Fine et puissante, la superbe cascade à deux paliers dévale un dénivelé total de 186 mètres.

#### HOOD RIVER & THE FRUIT LOOP \*

Un peu plus loin vers l'est, sur les rives de la rivière Columbia, on découvre la petite ville de Hood River. C'est un arrêt sympathique qui permet de rencontrer la vie locale et son patrimoine culturel. Explorez les collections fascinantes du musée des anciens avions et automobiles et les abondantes galeries de la ville.

Mais la visite incontournable est bel et bien à Hood River Fruit Loop, un itinéraire unique mêlant des fermes, des brasseries, des vignobles et autres vergers dont regorge la vallée fertile. Le parcours forme une boucle d'environ 56 kilomètres, propice aux échanges avec les producteurs et aux dégustations savoureuses.

#### MOUNT HOOD \*\*

L'immense Mount Hood est situé à moins de deux heures de route de Portland et à seulement une heure de Hood River. Son nom lui fut donné par le capitaine George Vancouver lors de ses explorations, d'après un amiral britannique.

Ce stratovolcan est reconnaissable à son sommet enneigé qui domine toute la région, observable depuis Portland et Vancouver par horizon clair. Une fois sur place, le chemin de randonnée est circulaire autour du volcan.

Curiosité de la zone. l'hôtel Timberline sur les flancs du Mount Hood servit de décor au tournage de The Shining, le célèbre film de Stanley Kubrick.



Portland is a city where every neighborhood tells a different story, offering visitors a multitude of experiences to discover. Whether you're an art lover, a nature enthusiast, or a gourmet in search of new flavors, Portland has something to offer for every type of traveler.

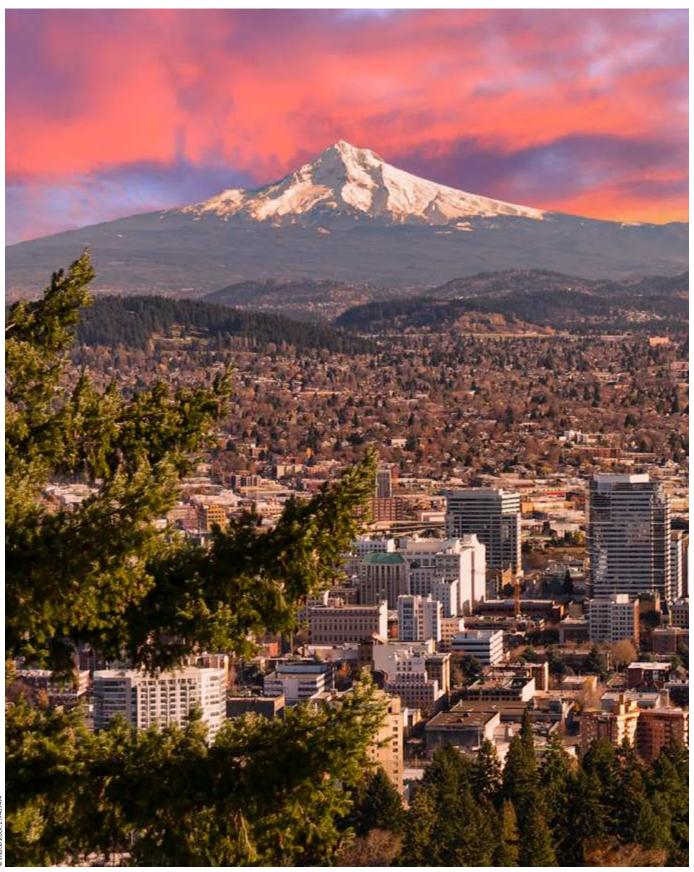












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