

# PORTLAND, OREGON

Portland is known for its creative spirit, strong sense of community and easy access to the outdoors. As Oregon's largest city, Portland combines a thriving food and arts scene with walkable neighborhoods, green spaces and scenic views of the Willamette River. With its mix of urban energy and natural beauty, Portland offers something for everyone.



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## Living, Dining, Events & Culture



Source: [City-journal.org](http://City-journal.org)

In Portland, summers are short, warm, dry and mostly clear, while winters are colder, wet and overcast. Portland's cost of living is about 16% higher than the national average. Benefits of living in Portland include its quirky culture, abundant outdoor recreation opportunities and well-known brewery scene.

Portland's dining scene is nationally recognized for its fresh ingredients, inventive menus and laid-back atmospheres. At Le Pigeon, diners can enjoy French-inspired cuisine with standout dishes like smoked rabbit pie and foie terrine. Screen Door is known for Southern comfort food favorites including fried chicken and sweet potato waffles. For Pacific Northwest flavors in an upscale setting, Jake's Famous Crawfish serves fresh seafood in one of the city's most historic dining rooms.



Source: [Theinfatuation.com](http://Theinfatuation.com)



Source: [Bensonhotel.com](http://Bensonhotel.com)

The Waterfront Blues Festival takes place over Fourth of July weekend at Waterfront Park and is the largest blues festival west of the Mississippi. Pedalpalooza runs from June through August and celebrates Portland's cycling culture with hundreds of themed, community-led bike rides. The Portland Craft Beer Festival, held each July at The Fields Park, showcases craft beer made exclusively in Oregon.

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## Outdoor Activities, Sports & Entertainment



Source: [Portland.gov](http://Portland.gov)

Portland makes it easy to enjoy the outdoors with parks, trails and riverfront spaces throughout the city. Forest Park offers more than 80 miles of hiking and running trails within one of the largest urban forests in the country. Along the Willamette River, Tom McCall Waterfront Park provides scenic paths for walking and biking with views of downtown and nearby bridges. For gardens and panoramic city views, Washington Park features attractions like the International Rose Test Garden and Hoyt Arboretum.

Portland is home to the Portland Trail Blazers (NBA), who play at the Moda Center. The city also supports the Portland Timbers (MLS), who play at Providence Park. Residents also enjoy outdoor adventure sports like rock climbing, hiking and mountain biking.



Source: [Oregonlive.com](http://Oregonlive.com)

From live music to museums, Portland offers a wide range of entertainment options throughout the city. Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall hosts concerts, comedy performances and Broadway productions in a historic downtown setting. Art lovers can explore the Portland Art Museum, the oldest art museum in the Pacific Northwest, with collections that span centuries and cultures.



Source: [Vrtxmag.com](http://Vrtxmag.com)

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## Major Employers & Getaways



Source: [About.nike.com](http://About.nike.com)

Major employers in the Portland area span the technology, healthcare and athletic apparel industries. Top employers include Oregon Health & Science University, Providence Health & Services, Intel, Nike, Legacy Health and Kaiser Permanente.

Portland's location makes it easy to explore some of the Pacific Northwest's most scenic destinations within a short drive. Head west to Cannon Beach for coastal views, sandy beaches and the iconic Haystack Rock. Travel east through the Columbia River Gorge to discover waterfalls, hiking trails and panoramic viewpoints. For a mountain retreat, visit Mount Hood where visitors can enjoy skiing, hiking and year-round outdoor recreation.

