



Traveling to Portland? Here are 4 Places You Cannot Miss

Description

From must-visit attractions to hidden gems, Portland's top attractions continuously evolve to attract visitors and locals alike. It's safe to assume that you will never have the same experience in Portland twice.

Nestled beside the Willamette River, Portland is the largest city in Oregon and one of the most desirable places to live and settle in the United States. Due to its unique city attractions and creative culture, tourists come in flocks to witness the lifestyle of 'The City of Roses.'

Another reason that contributes to Portland's popularity is its proximity to other Pacific Northwest destinations. Whether you want to drive down to Columbia River Gorge or the Oregon Coast, a fantastic adventure awaits you in less than two hours of driving in any direction.

If you're all set to take your epic road trip to the culture-rich city of Portland, we have curated a list of four attractions you absolutely cannot miss during your visit.

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Washington Park

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Washington Park features several tourist attractions, including the famous Rose Test Garden, museums, and a zoo. You can spend the whole day [exploring these attractions](#) or taking a stroll through the eccentric gardens. From the Hoyt Arboretum to the Portland Children's Museum, there's plenty to see at Washington Park.

Explore Washington Park has [excellent maps online](#) to guide you through your visit.

Portland's Lan Su Chinese Garden

Photo from Lan Su Chinese Garden Official Website

Launched in the year 2000, The [Lan Su Chinese Garden](#) highlights the Chinese history and culture of the city when Portland began a relationship with the city of Suzhou, China.

Upon entering the garden, you'll be enchanted by the tranquility of plants, rocks, trees, and a lake of about 40,000 square feet. The artisans of Suzhou constructed the traditional walkways and buildings. What completes the garden is its exotic tea house, where you can attend special events like tai chi, mahjong, and tea tastings for cultural exchange.

[Click here for directions for your visit to the Portland Lan Su Gardens.](#)

Powell's City of Books

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For all the bibliophiles out there, this legendary [used bookstore](#) gives you the chance to browse over a million books. A roomy coffeehouse with a spacious infrastructure allows you to sit and read your picks during the day.

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Portland Saturday Market

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Photo from Portland Saturday Market official website

Founded in 1974, the [Portland Saturday market](#) has become one of the city's most popular open-air artist markets, having more than a million visitors every year. From the beginning of March till Christmas Eve, at least 250 vendors set up shop every Saturday morning in Old Town Chinatown. From jewelry and illustrations to home décor, you can explore a wide range of arts and crafts products at the market. You can also buy packaged foods at these stores, such as organic tea. What adds an element of charm is the live music that plays throughout the entire market.

For directions and hours of operation for Portland Saturday Market, [click here](#).

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Where to stay in Portland

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When is the best time to visit Portland



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There is no wrong time of year to visit Portland, as there is always something to see, taste, and experience in The Rose City. With the abundance of public gardens in the fall, you can enjoy the changing colors; in the Spring, the lovely blooms, and in the summer, the magnificent rose gardens. There are also many winter festivals, summer beer and food festivals, cultural celebrations, and outdoor adventures to be enjoyed by all ages. Love biking? Portland is one of the most bike-friendly cities in the United States. Add to that year-round, tax-free shopping, theater debuts, live concerts, award-winning culinary experiences, and more await you. Check out Travel Portland's [events calendar](#) to discover more things to do and help you plan your next visit.

Weather-wise, Portland has four distinct seasons. The norm is the area luckily avoids extremes, which makes visiting Portland ideal at any time of the year. Average summer days may be in the 70s, and winter rarely goes below freezing. The Pacific Northwest is best known for rainy weather; showers are typically gentle and short-lived — and locals don't let that keep them from enjoying the city.

Wrapping Up



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It's best to plan your stay for a couple of days to get the complete Portland experience of fun and sightseeing. There is so much to do and see here for all ages. You will find an energy and vibe in Portland that is unique.

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[VRBO](#) is now under the Expedia group's ownership, which many were worried about, but it hasn't panned out to be a concern. It is a massive network with access to all lodging forms should issues arise. Joelle has used VRBO for many years with her family and has had no problems with it.

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