

Suggested Itinerary:

Oregon: Portland, Willamette Valley Wine Country, Eugene, Klamath Falls and the Coast

From Portland, a centre of food, drink and originality, head out to tour the wineries of the Willamette Valley, photograph waterfalls and wildflowers in Eugene, enjoy epic hikes in Klamath Falls and go on a road trip along the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway to discover charming towns and secluded beaches.

Portland, Oregon

Suggested: 2-4 days

Residents boast, 'It's hard *not* to eat local in Portland'. The city's culinary scene is renowned for its originality, evident in the number of homegrown craft breweries along with food carts grouped around town for easy sampling. Relax at Deschutes Brewery over a Pacific Wonderland Lager and inventive brewpub fare. You'll find food vendors at the open-air Portland Saturday Market, too, along with live music and goods for sale by hundreds of local makers.

At the International Rose Test Garden, view more than 10,000 roses, especially in May and June during the Portland Rose Festival. Then, take a tour of elaborate Pittock Mansion, former home of the festival's founder.

Willamette Valley, Oregon

Suggested: 2 -4 days

The Willamette Valley is considered Oregon's Wine Country, known worldwide for its pinot noir. Opportunities for food-and-wine touring are similarly notable: More than 300 wineries operate in the region. When planning which ones you'll visit, look for wineries with on-site restaurants. Some even offer speciality pairing menus that complement Oregon wines with local, seasonal produce, especially truffles, hazelnuts and berries.

To enjoy the beautiful landscapes of this region, cycle along the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway. The route winds through nearly the entire valley, treating riders to views of distant mountains, historic towns, orchards and wineries. Stop whenever you're ready for a tasting.

Eugene, Oregon

Suggested: 2-4 days

Downtown Eugene charms with public markets, art walks and thoroughly original shops, restaurants and bakeries. Beyond the city's amenities, you'll want to devote time to natural pursuits here, particularly hiking. In spring and summer, the meadows of Marys Peak are coloured with wildflowers and butterflies. In clear weather, its summit grants views from the ocean to majestic Mount Rainier. Spencer Butte is another favourite, with trails for any skill level. Forests open up to panoramic views of the Three Sisters, a trio of volcanic peaks. Yet, Proxy Falls may be Eugene's most photographed natural wonder: Its short trail leads to two breathtaking waterfalls.

Klamath Falls, Oregon

Suggested: 2 days

Klamath Falls is an invitation to outdoor adventure, crisscrossed with zip-line courses and trails for biking, horseback riding and hiking. You'll find trails for varying skill levels, whether you want to stroll beneath towering boughs of pine or scale volcanic Mount McLoughlin. No matter your path, superior bird-watching is guaranteed: Klamath Falls is among the top bird-watching spots in the USA, featuring more than 350 species, including bald eagles and tundra swans. Adventure-seekers, note that Klamath Falls is also a convenient starting point for side trips such as exploring Crater Lake National Park, Lava Beds National Monument and the Pacific Crest Trail.



Oregon Coast

Suggested: 2 days

Take a road trip along U.S. Route 101, the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway, to discover stunning vistas and quaint towns. Enjoy brewpubs and the riverfront in bohemian Astoria, galleries in Cannon Beach and delicious Oregon cheese and ice cream at the Tillamook Cheese Factory. Try clamming in Netarts Bay, whale-watching in Depoe Bay or hiking near Florence at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, North America's largest system of coastal sand dunes. Between towns, photograph classic lighthouses, follow roadside hikes into forested ocean-side mountains and linger at secluded beaches where tide pools shelter sea stars.

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