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BEST NEW FOODIE ROAD TRIP
NORTH COAST
FOOD TRAIL

Tillamook Region, OR

Oregon's first official food trail launched last year and includes nearly 75 stops centered around farming, fishing, brewing, and foraging. We've narrowed down our top 10 essential detours. northcoastfoodtrail.com

- 1** **North Fork 53**, Nehalem
TASTE: Oregon Coast Chai
northfork53.com
- 2** **Salmonberry Saloon**, Wheeler
TASTE: Netarts Bay oysters
salmonberrysaloon.com
- 3** **Garibaldi Portside Bistro**, Garibaldi
TASTE: Smoked Ribs (only available Thursday-Saturday)
 (971) 265-1567
- 4** **Fishpeople**, Garibaldi
TASTE: Wild Alaskan Salmon Jerky
fishpeopleseafood.com
- 5** **Debbie D's Sausage**, Tillamook
TASTE: Hot Pepper Beef Sticks
debbiedssausage.com
- 6** **Blue Heron French Cheese Company**, Tillamook
TASTE: Smoked Brie
blueheronoregon.com
- 7** **Werner Beef & Brew**, Tillamook
TASTE: The Werner burger paired with a Werner's Coastal Brown Ale (503) 842-7577
- 8** **Nestucca Bay Creamery**, Cloverdale
TASTE: Slow-ripened, tangy Kiawanda-Welsh-style cheese
nestuccabaycreamery.com
- 9** **Meridian Restaurant & Bar**, Pacific City
TASTE: Clam Chowder
headlandslodge.com/dining/meridian
- 10** **Pelican Brewing Company**, Pacific City
TASTE: Beak Breaker Double IPA
pelicanbrewing.com



BEST NEW EXPERIENTIAL TOUR OPERATOR
MODERN ADVENTURE
 Portland

Founded by travel-industry veteran Luis Vargas, this new Portland-based company curates not just extraordinary itineraries, but they also enlist incredibly cool, in-the-know trip leaders, such as L.A. chef Ray Garcia and Oregon winemaker David Adelsheim. Expertise is what sets these trips apart. On our bucket list: A spring 2020 design-focused journey in Japan led by Robin Petravic and Catherine Bailey, founders of San Francisco's Heath Ceramics. modernadventure.com



MOTOR LODGE MAKEOVER
EL REY COURT
 Santa Fe

Opened in 1936 along the original Route 66, El Rey Court's thoughtful revamp (courtesy of Jay and Alison Carroll, the creatives behind lifestyle brand Wonder Valley) pays homage to its motor inn past and the spirit of the Southwest with classic pueblo revival exteriors and painstakingly sourced Chimayo weavings, Navajo fabrics, and Saltillo hex tiles. A mezcaleria and swim club have made the hotel a destination for locals as much as it is for travelers. From \$119; elreycourt.com

BEST AIRLINE: Alaska Airlines



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PEOPLE'S CHOICE BEST TACOS: Los Tacos Apon, Tucson, AZ tacosapson.com