



Summer in Oregon is magical. The days are bright and breezy and the golden hour long and languorous. There's a renewed vibrancy this season with wine-country dining, new culinary hot spots and the return of beloved live-music festivals.

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IS BACK

As international travel rebounds this summer, British Airways is rolling out new nonstop flights, including the highly anticipated **PDX to Heathrow**. This new route launches June 3 and will operate five times a week.

## NEW IN ASTORIA

Astoria's **Cannery Pier Hotel & Spa**, one of the Coast's most iconic hotels, just wrapped up the first phase of its multimillion-dollar makeover, including renovations to the hotel's 46 luxury guest rooms. Each waterfront room has a gas fireplace, a clawfoot or jetted tub, Pendleton blankets, and binoculars for birding and spotting sea lions.

Tap into Astoria's maritime history with **Untold Uniontown**, the self-guided walking and tasting tour created by **Go Wild American Adventures**. It highlights the town's Scandinavian heritage, fishing community and innovative spirit.

## FOOD + DRINK

There's an ever-expanding list of Oregon wineries offering chef-driven tasting menus. At the recently opened **Amaterra**, its extensive dinner menu has entrees like pan-seared scallops with wild rice and a spiced pork osso buco. Other wineries with elevated food programs include **Willamette Valley Vineyards**, **Soter Vineyards**, **DANCIN Vineyards** and **Belle Fiore Estate Winery**.

## ZERO-PROOF DRINKS

Still spearheading national food and drink trends, Portland recently welcomed **Suckerpunch**, a pop-up speakeasy devoted to zero-proof cocktails often using **Wilderton**, a local spirit-free botanical distiller. Standout mocktails continue to pop up in many bars and restaurants from the Banana No-Gronie at **Abigail Hall** to Durian Horchata at **Luc Lac Vietnamese Kitchen**.

## NEW IN PORTLAND

When Jenny Nguyen opened **The Sports Bra** this spring in Portland, it became the only bar in the world devoted to

broadcasting women's sports. In addition to streaming athletic events, you can find mementos celebrating athletes including Serena Williams and Sha'Carri Richardson.

Heads-up, collectors: Portland's renowned **Westward Whiskey** debuted a club with limited whiskey releases and expert-led events. The **Westward Whiskey Club's** inaugural release pays homage to the state's collaborative culture with its American single malt aged in tequila casks that most recently held pinot noir from Dobbles Family Estate.

Portland's newest scoop shop brings made-to-order fresh-fruit ice cream to town with **Nico's Real Fruit Ice Cream**. The simple, ultra-creamy New Zealand style swirls together a scoop of Willamette Valley fruit with vanilla ice cream.

One of the city's most anticipated spring openings comes from **Afuri**, the beloved hot spot for ramen and gyoza. In May the team will open **Tanaka**, a 5,500-square-foot (510 square metre) downtown Portland bakery serving shokupan, katsu sandos and pastries like mochi doughnuts.

## OUTDOORS

The **Oregon State Parks** system officially turns 100 this year. What started with a modest 5-acre donation (510 square metre) in 1922 now spans over 100,000 acres (40,468 hectares) with 254 park properties. Join the **Centennial Birthday Party** on June 4 or other **upcoming events**.



*Cannery Pier Hotel & Spa*

Hiking enthusiasts will need to plan ahead for visits to the Waterfall Corridor and **Multnomah Falls** this summer. In an effort to improve access and alleviate congestion during peak season, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will require people in personal vehicles to buy a timed-access **Waterfall Corridor permit**. The permits will be available online and are required for travel between May 24 and September 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition the U.S. Forest Service will reinstate its timed-use permits for the **Multnomah Falls** parking lot at exit 31 on I-84.

Van life for foodies? Meet **Lil' Campers**, a seed-to-plate teardrop-trailer rental created by **The Side Yard Farm**. The kitchen galley was designed by farmer and chef Stacey Givens and comes with a curated welcome package. Elevate your getaway with fresh farm provisions like salad kits, quickles, lovage pesto and buttery biscuits with jam.

## WOMEN IN THE FOREFRONT

Three trailblazing women athletes are charting a new course in the world of sports. In 2021 the **Portland Thorns FC** hired former player and Olympic bronze medalist **Karina LeBlanc** as its new general manager. LeBlanc had an impressive pro career that spanned 18 years at the international level, including a stint as goalkeeper for the Thorns in 2013.

At the same time, Rhian Wilkinson was appointed the new head coach for the team. The former Canada national team player and two-time Olympic bronze medalist also played for the Thorns in 2015.

Headlining in basketball, the **Portland Trail Blazers** hired former Oregon Ducks and WNBA guard Edniesha Curry as an assistant coach, the first female coach in Blazers history. For four years, Curry was the only female coach in men's Division 1 basketball at the University of Maine, and now she's become one of just eight women currently coaching in the NBA.

## COUNTDOWN TO OREGON22

The hottest ticket this summer is in Eugene (or TrackTown USA) for the **World Athletics Championships Oregon22**. Since 1983 this 10-day event has showcased the world's greatest track and field athletes, and this summer marks the first time a U.S. city will host. Related events include the **Eugene Riverfront Festival** at the new **Downtown Riverfront Park**, where the city also plans to host a vibrant "experience hub" for Oregon22.

*Waterfall Corridor shuttle service*



*World Athletics Championships Oregon22*



*Waterfront Blues Festival*



## LIVE MUSIC COMES BACK

Get your summer groove on with **PDX Live**, the new outdoor concert series in Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square kicking off in mid-June. Performers include the Roots, Tenacious D and the Indigo Girls.

After a two-year hiatus, the **Waterfront Blues Festival** returns to the banks of the Willamette River, ready to rock its 35th anniversary. Portland's longest-running music festival, the popular event is also the largest gathering of blues, soul and funk west of the Mississippi. Performances run July 1-4 and include the legendary Taj Mahal & the Phantom Blues Band.

Also returning after a two-year pause is the wildly popular **Pickathon**, a three-day festival (August 4-7) showcasing a range of indie, rock and rap artists as well as bluegrass troupes. Set on the 80-acre Pendarvis Farm, the eco-friendly event offers green transportation from ride shares to group bike rides, and works to eliminate single-use cups, dishware and cutlery. Seasonal, local eats are served up by top food carts and a mix of local music-loving chefs.

## TRAVEL OREGON

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