



# WHAT'S NEW *in* OREGON

Fall in Oregon brings brisk air, bright foliage and beautiful scenes of harvest — from the state's famous wine grapes to heirloom squash, apples and pears. A new crop of lodging around the state offers memorable escapes to wine country and Eastern Oregon. Add in historical tours, old-growth tree-climbing excursions and a new rail-biking trail and there's plenty of reasons to plan an autumn getaway to Oregon.

## LUXURY WINE EXPERIENCES

Wine lovers flock to Oregon for many reasons. There's the pinot pilgrims, the sparkling-wine enthusiasts and thrill seekers who pair wine with whitewater rafting. Each year wineries further elevate their experiences in creative ways.

**Antica Terra**, a small producer with a devoted following, partnered with local experts to pair fishing and foraging excursions with exceptional wine and hospitality. **At Sea** takes guests on a private fishing trip followed by a dockside crab boil with wine pairings. For budding foragers, there's **In the Forest**, a naturalist-guided venture through the Tillamook Forest followed by an elegant picnic and wine flight.

Located in the wine-country town of McMinnville, the Willamette Valley's newest hotel and restaurant offers an exquisite sense of place. Envisioned as a "sanctuary of slow," the culinary-focused **Tributary Hotel** has eight luxury suites with soaring wood ceilings and well-appointed wet bars. Some suites feature soaking tubs, fireside sitting areas and private terraces. *Ökta*, the on-site restaurant, is one of the state's most anticipated dining destinations of the year. Led by chef/partner Matthew Lightner, formerly of NYC's two-Michelin-starred Atera, the tasting menu is inspired by Mother Nature and shaped around the restaurant's dedicated farm a few miles away.

## RAIL BIKING, TREE CLIMBING AND ADVENTURE SEEKING

After hiking the state's majestic **Trail of Ten Falls** near Salem, you can take your forest adventure to soaring heights with **Tree Climbing at Silver Falls**. The newest guided tree-climbing program offers multiple ways to experience the beauty of giant old-growth trees and learn about their unique

ecology. From introduction courses and multiday climbs to a sunset climb with night rappelling, there's an option for all levels to scale 300 feet /91 metres up into the canopy of some of the tallest trees in the world. A battery-powered ascender opens the experience up to individuals with physical restrictions.

For more family fun, head to the **Next Level Pinball Museum** in Hillsboro. Located a short drive from downtown Portland, this pocket of nostalgia is home to one of the world's largest arcades. You'll find over 400 pinball and arcade games with a balance between vintage and modern versions. Expect iconic favorites from Donkey Kong and Frogger to Pacman and Pengo. All the games are on free play for a flat-rate admission of \$20 per person. The retro decor also delights with vintage toys and lunchboxes, signed movie memorabilia and comic book collections.



*From top: Near Mosier in the Columbia River Gorge; Tree Climbing at Silver Falls*

Adventure seekers will appreciate the fully renovated 1950s motor lodge that recently opened in downtown **Pendleton**. Located along the original Oregon Trail, halfway between Portland and Boise, **MotoLodge Pendleton** is a 40-room independent boutique hotel celebrating the open road and American heritage. Surrounded by rolling wheat fields and the painterly Blue Mountains, the new lodging provides a great excuse to road-trip to Eastern Oregon. Distinctive amenities include a year-round outdoor heated pool and a stylish Pendleton Whisky™ Barrel Sauna. Other perks include a handy pet-wash station and an on-demand mobile bike/vehicle wash.

Autumn in the Columbia River Gorge is gorgeous with golden foliage and vibrant pumpkin patches. Even better, there's a new and immersive way to experience the region offered by **Mt. Hood Railroad**. Reserve one of their custom-built, two-person rail bikes and pedal the railway through evergreens and past the waterfalls and vineyards of the **Hood River Valley**. Or relax on a classic excursion train that offers stunning views of the snow-capped Mt. Hood. Either option brings you to **The Fruit Company**, where a restored 1940s era factory boasts a new retail store and Heritage Museum. (Note: Rail biking is offered July 15 through October 15 and train rides run from April through October 29, with a Christmas train offered November 17 through December 28).

## CENTRAL OREGON ON THE RISE

The town of Madras, also known as the gateway to Central Oregon, will welcome new lodging in late October. Husband-and-wife hoteliers Rich and Sandy Priday currently manage the town's longstanding **Inn at Cross Keys Station** and have been dreaming of a second property for years. Their new venture, the 50-room **Bunkhouse Hotel**, will have indoor and outdoor fireplaces and patio seating that overlooks the valley and surrounding Cascade mountains. Madras is a short drive from Bend, a renowned destination for hiking, biking and kayaking.

For decades Central Oregon's high-desert terrain has enticed travelers from near and far. As the outpost towns of Bend, Redmond and Prineville continue to grow, **Redmond Airport**, the region's main hub, is gearing up for a major expansion. Part of that growth includes augmenting destination options. **Avelo Airlines** is adding nonstop service between Redmond and Palm Springs on Mondays and Fridays starting Nov. 11. This seasonal **Palm Springs to Redmond** route will make it a breeze to jet from palm trees to pine forests.

*MotoLodge Pendleton*



*Mt. Hood Railroad Rail Bikes*



*Redmond Airport*



## BLACK-HISTORY TOURS FROM THE COAST TO THE CITY

Join two fall tours with **Oregon Black Pioneers**, the state's only historical society dedicated to preserving and presenting the experiences of African Americans statewide. In September the **North Coast Black History Bus Tour** will explore sites of African American historical significance between Portland and Seaside. Stops include Fort Stevens State Park, Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, and Astoria's Clatsop County Heritage Museum. On Oct. 5, a history hike through Forest Park will include insights about the exhibit **Black in Oregon: 1840-1870** on view at Pittock Mansion through Nov. 13, 2022.

## TRAVEL OREGON

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