

Portland, Oregon Downtown Tour



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Tour Summary

From its beginnings as a rough-and-tumble lumber town, named with a flip of a coin, Portland has grown into one of the jewels of the Pacific Northwest. Artists, musicians, writers, and free spirits of all kinds flock to this city at the junction of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, creating a vibrant culture that's nowhere more in evidence than in Portland's downtown area. Here, reminders of the city's rich history sit beside up-to-the-minute restaurants, galleries, shops, and attractions.

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Introduction





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Located along the banks of the Willamette River, just south of its junction with the mighty Columbia, Portland is known as the “City of Bridges” for the dramatic spans of concrete and steel that join the city's east and west sides.



Though Portland includes a dizzying diversity of neighborhoods, historic sites, and other attractions, much of its characteristic flavor is concentrated in a zone under two square miles in size.



The closely linked areas of Old Town, Downtown, and the Pearl District are easily walkable, or accessible by Portland's convenient - and free - transit system.



Let's start along Portland's waterfront, where the city's history began.



Then, we'll sample the flavor of Pioneer Square, informally known as “Portland's Living Room”...



...take in the beauty of the South Park
Blocks...



...hop on a streetcar and head to the Pearl District, home of fine restaurants, tempting boutiques, and the world's largest independent bookstore, and...



...finally take a sunset stroll through the colorful streets of Old Town and Chinatown.



Learn why Portlanders are so proud of their quirky city.



And see why Portland is the place to be, for chefs, home cooks, and gourmets of every stripe.



Before you go, pick up a free copy of the Portland Visitors' Map at any local hotel or download the free printable Central City map shown here from

www.travelportland.com. Both are accurate and easy to read.

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