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## TRAVEL | VALUE VACATION

# Portland for less

A low-key weekend of cafes, gardens, shops, and breweries

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Wherever he goes, my husband loves a hot coffee in the morning and a cold beer at night. When I travel, I like to buy things for our home and garden. So Portland is an ideal destination for the two of us. The river town is chock-full of cafes, brewpubs, design shops, and gorgeous parks.

In winter, you can find excellent off-season discounts on hotels. The city has lots of free sights and great midpriced restaurants, so a two-night, three-day trip costs about \$400, including taxes and tips.

We stayed at the Inn at Northrup Station, but we also like the downtown Hotel Lucia's sleek (though more expensive) rooms. And for lodging bargains, you often can't beat the Big Deal promotion on the visitor bureau's website.

## Bargain Portland

For info, contact the Portland Oregon Visitors Association ([www.travelportland.com](http://www.travelportland.com) or 877/678-5263).

### Lodging

**Hotel Lucia.** From \$145. 400 S.W. Broadway; [www.hotellucia.com](http://www.hotellucia.com) or 877/225-1717.

**Inn at Northrup Station.** From \$97. 2025 N.W. Northrup St.; [www.northrupstation.com](http://www.northrupstation.com) or 503/224-0543.

### Attractions

**Carga.** 380 N.W. 13th Ave.; 503/209-8349.

**Cielo Home.** Closed Sun. 528 N.W. 12th Ave.; 503/445-0111.

**Dig Garden Shop.** 425 N.W. 11th Ave.; 503/223-4443.

**Hunt & Gather.** 1302 N.W. Hoyt St.; 503/227-3400.

**Japanese Garden.** \$8. In Washington Park; 503/223-1321.

**Music Millennium.** 801 N.W. 23rd Ave.; 503/248-0163. Also at 3158 E. Burnside St.; 503/231-8926.

**Oblation Papers & Press.** 516 N.W. 12th; 503/223-1093.

**Oregon Holocaust Memorial.** In Washington Park; <http://ohrc.pacificu.edu> or 503/352-2930.

**Portland Classical Chinese Garden.** \$7. N.W. Third Ave. at N.W. Everett St.; 503/228-8131.

**Powell's City of Books.** 1005 W. Burnside; [www.powells.com](http://www.powells.com) or 503/228-4651.

**Print Arts Northwest.** Closed Mon. 416 N.W. 12th; 503/525-9259.

**Urban Gardener.** 805 N.W. 23rd; 503/222-9939.

**Washington Park.** 400 S.W. Kingston Ave.; 503/823-3636.

**Waterfront Park loop.** Downtown on Naito Pkwy.; across the river in Eastbank Esplanade; 503/823-7529.

### Dining and nightlife

**Bijou Cafe.** \$; breakfast and lunch daily. 132 S.W. Third; 503/222-3187.

**Fuller's Coffee Shop.** \$; breakfast and lunch daily. 136 N.W. Ninth Ave.; 503/222-5608.

**McMenamins Ram's Head.** \$; lunch and dinner daily. 1282 N.W. Hoyt; 503/221-0098.

**Moonstruck Chocolate Café.** 526 N.W. 23rd; 503/542-3400.

**Papa Haydn.** \$\$\$; lunch and dinner daily. 701 N.W. 23rd; 503/228-7317.

**Pearl Bakery.** \$; call for hours. 102 N.W. Ninth; 503/827-0910.

**Pho Van Vietnamese Bistro.** \$\$; lunch and dinner Mon-Sat. 1012 N.W. Glisan St.; 503/248-2172.

**Tao of Tea.** In Portland Classical Chinese Garden; 503/224-8455.

**Tea Chai Té.** 734 N.W. 23rd; 503/228-0900.

**Vault Martini.** Happy hour 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Mon-Fri. 226 N.W. 12th; 503/224-4909.

**Vivace Coffee House & Crêperie.** \$; breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. 1400 N.W. 23rd; 503/228-3667. ●