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## WHERE TO STAY

*Benson on Broadway*, 309 Southwest Broadway, (503) 228-2000, has been around since 1912, and for much of that time it was Portland's leading hotel. Now, lovingly restored, it is once again a pleasure to stay in, with a woody lobby centered on a huge fireplace, a good restaurant (try the Copper River salmon in season), and, it goes almost without saying, a willing staff. The rooms vary, but the place oozes character.

*Fifth Avenue Suites Hotel*, 506 Southwest Washington Street, (503) 222-0001, is a recent creation of the San Francisco-based Kimpton chain of boutique hotels. Built within the shell of a Gilded Age department store, this jewel has a well-bred feeling from its sunshine-yellow lobby to its bright, amply proportioned rooms. The Red Star Tavern and Roast House occupies the space of the vanished ladies' glove and candy departments.

*Lucia*, 400 Southwest Broadway, (503) 225-1717. Once the Imperial, this is now Portland's hippest hostelry, with white duvets and pillow-top mattresses on the beds, wood-slat blinds on the windows, and glass and chrome in the bathrooms. A collection of 680 photographs by David Hume Kennerly, who once worked for President Gerald Ford, adorns guest rooms and public spaces. The Thai restaurant, called Typhoon, is okay.