



**E**very time I take a trip to Oregon, I (not so secretly) think about moving there. The views, the brews, the adventures are all endless, and it is filled with quaint towns and small businesses doing big things. As I nosh on seasoned tacos at sunset or stroll to a dockside seafood spot, it also dawns on me that it is a lot cheaper than Jackson Hole. But with retirement coming no time soon, for now, I just visit and daydream about a future filled with road trips.

This outline of an Oregon adventure is meant to inspire others to go explore. There is so much to do in any direction you head. Start on the coast for the scenic spots, but don't discount what you will find in the interior loop — plenty of wineries and waterfalls, for example. Along the way, don't miss the many places to refuel on food. Follow along to see some of the endless possibilities ...

### BEND

**Stay:** Nestled in the charming town of Sisters, **The Cottage Inn** has six adorable spots to rest your head in addition to a lounge and lots of lovely outdoor space. Every detail has been lovingly curated for privacy and comfort in your own little home. Fall in love with the cruiser bikes that are available for you to ride around the neighboring paths. The location is right on the quiet edge of town, easily walkable to all the charming shops, coffee hotspots and local eateries.

**Foodie Finds:** From the freshly baked bread to **Jackson's Corner's** mission to "consciously source food," we loved everything about this popular lunch spot near downtown. **Feast Food Company** is just the kind of restaurant we like to support. The owners started as a food truck and have worked their way into brick and mortar, where they source everything themselves and make everything from scratch. Everything about **Gompers Distillery**, from the

Prohibition-era persona of the owner, Michael Hart, to the hidden room in the tasting room, makes you want to hang out here for a while. And then you taste the gin — flavored with Oregon juniper berries that Hart handpicks himself. One sniff of **Sisters Coffee** and your senses will awaken. This multi-generational family-run favorite of Oregonians has small roots, sourcing ethically from unique coffee beans, but big plans. Try a bottle of wine from **Central Vineyards**, where the vineyards overlook Smith Rock State Park and the grapes grow naturally, without chemicals. If you're like us, no visit to a foodie destination is complete without a visit to a farmers market, and the **Bend Farmers Market** does not disappoint. Don't leave without an Ocean Roll from **The Sparrow Bakery**. **The Ale Apothecary** is far from your average brewery. By naturally carbonating with Oregon honey and fruit, the goal of the owner is to tie-in the land and give the beers a sense of space. Try the barrel-aged sours.



GOMPERS DISTILLERY



THE COTTAGE INN



## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

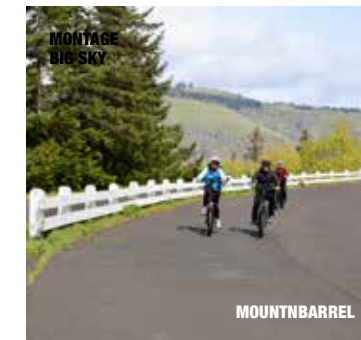
**Stay:** Located in downtown McMinnville and the heart of the Willamette Valley, the charming **Atticus Hotel** is steps away from 18 tasting rooms and only a 20-minute drive in any direction to more than 250 wineries. Be sure to take time to explore the art and carefully constructed nuances at the hotel. Small touches include the house-made body scrub/salt you'll find in the soaking tubs and a curated selection of books you can browse or buy in your room.

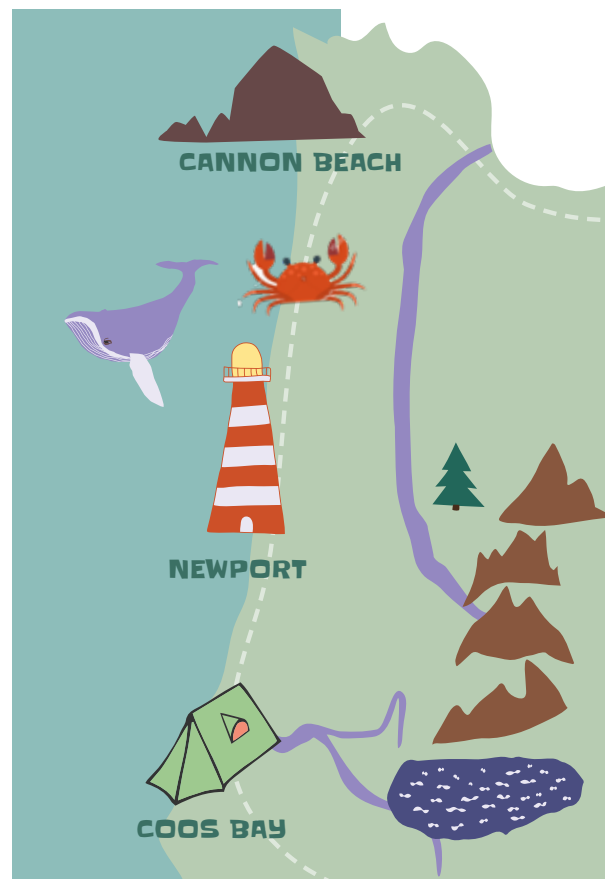
**Foodie Finds:** Within walking distance from the Atticus, don't miss **Pizza Capo** for wood-fired Neapolitan-style pies, James Beard Award-winning **Nick's Italian Cafe** and an all-American breakfast at **Crescent Café**. Take an excursion to the **Mac Market** and try an assortment of local favorites at this food hall. We loved the freshly fried doughnuts. Want to dine while you drink? **Left Coast Estate** offers a pizza pairing experience that is prime for recharging on carbs throughout the day. The pizza is the real deal, cooked out of a wood oven with classic and gourmet options available. At **Domaine Serene**, you can pair your wines with Oregon oysters or a cheese plate. Not to be missed is a gastronomic tasting at **Stoller Family Estate**. A dish accompanies each wine, and the result is impeccable. Imagine caviar on a farm-fresh egg to go along with your chardonnay or filet mignon with chimichurri to match the History Red Blend.

## HOOD RIVER

**Stay:** **Horsefeathers Hotel** is the newest hotel in Hood River (more of a collection of nice apartments) that can be booked all together if you are a group or reserved in one-, two- or three-bedroom arrangements, depending on your needs. All come with a full kitchen and private outdoor spaces. The location is nothing short of perfect. We suggest spending a day biking with **MountNBarrel** guides, making stops for food and drinks along the way.

**Foodie Finds:** If you're looking for a quintessential Northwest brewery, **pFriem Family Brewers** is a go-to hotspot. Grab a tasting flight, and don't forget to leave room for a bartender's choice. All the classic dinner options are good choices; don't miss the Northwest mussels and fries. Include **Broder Øst** on your list for breakfast. Scandinavian specialties like Swedish hash and Danish pancakes are even better than they sound. All the bread is exceptional, and the sides, like sautéed greens and house-made chicken-apple sausage, are even better. It will be hard to decide which taco at **Love & Hominy** will be your new favorite. Everything is done with intention, and it shows, from the special seasoning blend on the taco shells, to the margarita rimmed with Old Bay (trust us and them, it works). Don't leave without a frosé to go. You can walk around town drinking it legally.





## UPPER COAST

**Stay:** Cannon Beach's iconic **Stephanie Inn** is a serene way to gaze at *The Goonies* rock. Walk off the freshly baked cookies right out the front door to the beach, then head to the spa before dinner at the award-winning Stephanie Inn Dining Room. Cozy up in bed with a movie and popcorn — if you can take your eyes off the rocky coastline outside your window.

**Foodie Finds:** **Buttercup Ice Creams & Chowders** in Nehalem is a place you should go out of your way for. The simple menu consists of four monthly rotating chowder flavors and eight far-from-usual ice cream combinations. Try your hand at crabbing at **Kelly's Marina** near Rockaway Beach after lunch.



BUTTERCUP ICE CREAMS & CHOWDERS

## MID COAST

**Stay:** Likely one of the more unusual and special lodging experiences you'll have, the **Newport Belle Bed & Breakfast** is a 97-foot paddlewheel boat permanently moored in Newport's South Beach Marina. It offers five luxurious staterooms and is walking distance to the town, where many dining options await.

**Foodie Finds:** **Local Ocean** is THE place to go for Oregon seafood. Feast on all the local favorites while you take in a view of the dock where all the fish come in. You can even buy seafood for your next meal at the market downstairs.



LOCAL OCEAN

## SOUTHERN COAST

**Stay:** **Bay Point Landing** is glamping at its best. Each cabin, camp spot or Airstream rental comes with a coastal view and lovely spots to lounge, build a fire and regroup with showers, laundry, a gym, yard games and more.

**Foodie Finds:** Right on the waterfront boardwalk in Bandon, **Tony's Crab Shack** is a seafood shack at its finest. From seafood cocktails, oysters and whole steamed crabs, to house specials like fish tacos and Bandon's Famous Crab (sandwich), they've got it all — and it's all good. **Bread & Roses Bakery** in Yachats is worth saving a sweet craving for. The gourmet cupcakes and coffee are just what the road trip ordered, and they hit the spot. And the **7 Devils Waterfront Alehouse** offers views and brews in Coos Bay.



TONY'S CRAB SHACK



7 DEVILS WATERFRONT ALEHOUSE

## ALONG THE WAY ...

MAKE TIME TO MOUNTAIN BIKE ON WHISKEY RUN AND HIKE ON THE SCENIC OREGON COAST TRAIL PAST BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF ROCKY COASTLINE AROUND SUNSET BAY AND SHORE ACRES, FAMOUS FOR THE WINTER STORMS THAT EXPLODE UP THE ROCK WALLS. THE DRIVE THROUGH THE JEDEDIAH SMITH REDWOODS STATE PARK NEAR THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE COAST OFFERS A WINDING ROAD THROUGH REDWOOD TREES THAT WILL BLOW YOU AWAY.



NEWPORT BELLE BED & BREAKFAST



## GRANTS PASS AREA

Former Dishing market director Brooke Danahy left us to move to southern Oregon and run Ashland Mountain Adventures. The business offers mountain bike shuttles and is a full-service bike shop. The shuttles drop you at the base of Mt. Ashland, giving you access to 30-plus miles of fast and flowy single-track trails for all levels of riders, with 5,000 feet of descending right back into downtown Ashland. Be sure to say hello if you go and try out one of her can't-miss dining, hiking and wine- and beer-tasting suggestions in the area.

"FOR WINERIES, **IRVINE & ROBERTS VINEYARDS** IS A FAVORITE, WITH GREAT PINOT NOIR AND ROSÉ AND GREAT VIEWS. AND WE ABSOLUTELY LOVE **WOOLDRIDGE CREEK VINEYARD & CRUSHPAD CREAMERY** IN APPLIGATE," DANAHY SAYS.

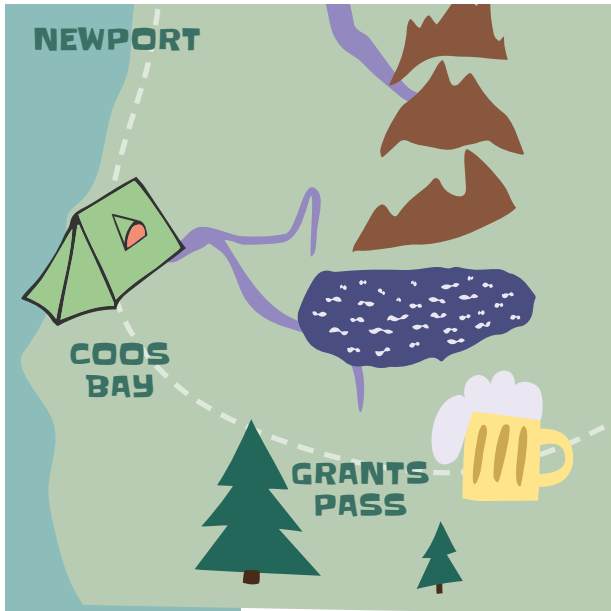
"AT **SKOUT, ASHLAND**, THERE ARE 40-PLUS BEERS ON TAP, GREAT FOOD AND OPEN-AIR SEATING WITH FIRE PITS OUTSIDE. THE PERFECT PLACE TO ROLL INTO AFTER A BIKE RIDE!"

"**CLYDE'S CORNER** IS ONE OF OUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS IN THE AREA. THEY SERVE INCREDIBLE WOOD-FIRED PIZZA AND GREAT COCKTAILS."

"**COMMON BLOCK BREWING COMPANY** IN MEDFORD SERVES GOOD FOOD AND BEER WITH A COOL OUTSIDE SEATING AREA."

"**TABLE MOUNTAIN** AND **GRIZZLY PEAK** ARE TWO COOL HIKES WITH AMAZING VIEWS."

"IN GRANT'S PASS, **STEAM DISTILLERY** IS FUN FOR EXCEPTIONAL COCKTAILS, PRIMARILY USING SPIRITS THEY DISTILL RIGHT IN THE BACK OF THE BAR. EVERYTHING FROM THE ARTWORK TO THE DRINKS IS STEAMPUNK INSPIRED."



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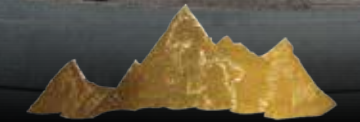
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