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# PORTLAND THINGS TO DO

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The city of Portland offers countless attractions for visitors, as well as tax-free shopping. Within walking distance of The Benson, conference attendees can stroll over to the famous Voodoo Doughnut shop for breakfast, or grab a bite at one of the city's acclaimed food carts, or sample a beer from one of the 75 craft breweries. More food options can be found in the Pearl District just north of The Benson, where trendy new restaurants abound. [Powell's City of Books](#), [Lan Su Chinese Garden](#), [Portland Saturday Market](#), [Pioneer Courthouse Square](#), and the [Willamette River Walk](#) are also within a few blocks of the hotel.

Cultural opportunities within the central business district include the [Portland Art Museum](#) and [Oregon Historical Society](#), while the [Oregon Museum of Science and Industry](#) is located across the Willamette River. Since "keeping Portland weird" is the city's unofficial motto, you can also find [The Freakybuttrue Peculiarium](#), [The National Hat Museum](#), Ping Pong's Pint Size [Puppet Museum](#), and [Stark's Vacuum Museum](#).

Portland claims to have more record stores per capita than any city in the U.S. The locally produced Portland Guide to Independent Record Stores provides a map and information for 23 stores located throughout the city, including four within the downtown area.

Visitors eager for an in-depth exploration of Portland will find a wealth of [guided tours](#), with options ranging from walking and bike tours, to food related tours and pub-crawls, to cruises and kayaking on the Willamette River.

Outdoor opportunities also abound. Take the MAX to [Washington Park](#) and explore the International Rose Test Garden, Hoyt Arboretum and Portland Japanese Garden. Oregon's exceptional wine country, mountains, coast, and the Columbia River Gorge are all within easy reach of the city and make for great day-trips.

Portland is a tech friendly city offering many free mobile apps that can be downloaded to your phone via the iTunes store, including Travel Portland (highly recommended), Gastronom Portland (for area restaurants), and public transportation apps for TriMet Tickets, PDX Bus, and MAX, Streetcar and WES. For more information go to [www.travelportland.com](http://www.travelportland.com)