PORTLAND TRAVEL & WEATHER

By Air:
Portland, Oregon has one of the best public transportation systems in the country. Those flying into Portland International Airport (PDX) will find the MAX light rail Red Line station near baggage claim. The 9 mile ride downtown takes about 35 minutes and costs $2.50; depart at the Pioneer Square station and walk 4 blocks north on SW Broadway to reach The Benson.

By Train:
Portland’s Union Station is a primary stop on three Amtrak train routes: the Coast Starlight from Los Angeles to Seattle, the local Cascades route between Eugene, OR and Vancouver, BC, and the Empire Builder from Chicago. Union Station is 12 blocks from The Benson; to use public transportation, take the MAX Green/Yellow line from Union Station towards City Center and exit at the SE 5th & Oak station, which is 2 blocks east of The Benson.

Public Transit:
Portland’s public transit system, TriMet, includes bus, MAX light rail, and streetcar routes. Fares: Adult ($2.50 USD / $5 Day Pass), Honored Citizen (Age 65+, Low Income, Disabled) ($1.25 USD / $2.50 Day Pass) / Hop FastPass (Pay by Phone or Card).

Additional Travel Options:
For additional information, including regional Greyhound Bus and BoltBus routes, go to Travel Portland-Getting Here.

Weather:
Though spring typically comes early to the coastal region of the Pacific Northwest, the rainy season often continues well into May, with average temperatures in the 50-65°F range. If you want to describe precipitation like a native or check current forecasts, go to Portland weather. And don’t forget to pack your umbrella!