

TOP THINGS TO DO IN PORTLAND

- 1 Visit the **Old Port** – shopping and people watching
- 2 Tour **local breweries** or take the **Maine Brew Bus**
- 3 Explore more than 70 miles of **Portland Trails**
- 4 Take a **Lighthouse Lovers Cruise** and see beautiful Casco Bay
- 5 Ride the **Casco Bay Ferry** to Peaks Island
- 6 Get a lobster roll and walk the **Eastern Promenade**
- 7 Express your creativity at **Muse Paint Bar**
- 8 Go **whale watching**
- 9 **Rent a kayak** and visit Fort Gorges or **SUP around Casco Bay**
- 10 Take the **Casco Bay Mail Boat Cruise** – BYO drinks and food

TOP THINGS TO SEE IN PORTLAND

- 1 Take selfies in front of **Portland Headlight**
- 2 Stroll around the **Old Port** and the waterfront
- 3 Take in the art at the **Portland Museum of Art**
- 4 Walk out to the **Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse**
- 5 Catch a touring Broadway show at **Merrill Auditorium**
- 6 See a show at the **State Theater**
- 7 Go to a gig at **Port City Music Hall**
- 8 Take in some music at **Portland House of Music**
- 9 See the sunset from the **Top of the East at the Westin**
- 10 Watch the sunrise from the **East End**

TOP LUNCH PLACES IN PORTLAND

Most of these restaurants are also open for casual dinner, but check before you go.

- 1 **Flatbread Company** – wood-fired pizza, family-friendly
- 2 **Big Sky Bread Co.** – organic bread and sandwiches

- 3 **Blue Rooster Food Co.** – gourmet hot dogs
- 4 **Market Street Eats** – an Old Port staple
- 5 **Duckfat** – famous for their hand-cut potatoes fried in duck fat
- 6 **Micucci Grocery** – best known for their Sicilian slab pizza
- 7 **Salvage BBQ** – kid-friendly, great music on Saturday nights
- 8 **Portland Public Market** – lots of lunch options in one spot
- 9 **The Works** – casual gourmet cafe
- 10 **The Porthole Restaurant & Pub** – waterfront deck, live music
- 11 **Pai Men Miyake** – ramen bowls, pork buns, gyoza, and sushi
- 12 **B. Good** – locally-sourced healthy comfort food
- 13 **Miss Portland Diner** – American fare in a vintage dining car
- 14 **Silly's** – family-friendly, vegan-friendly, creative menu

TOP DINNER PLACES IN PORTLAND

If you're a foodie or a fan of craft beer, you have certainly come to the right place.

- 1 **Petite Jacqueline** – fresh and lively French fare
- 2 **Boda** – creative Thai street food, open late
- 3 **Lazzari** – wood oven pizza, creative cocktails
- 4 **Central Provisions** – small plates, craft cocktails
- 5 **Eventide Oyster Co.** – fresh oysters, lobster rolls
- 6 **Yosaku** – Japanese restaurant and sushi bar
- 7 **Scales** – local seafood, gorgeous views
- 8 **Street & Co.** – upscale preparations of local seafood
- 9 **Fore Street** – arguably the best table in the city
- 10 **Tiqa** – contemporary Pan Mediterranean dining
- 11 **Five Fifty-Five** – an upscale fixture in the local dining scene
- 12 **The Front Room** – quaint and local, upscale comfort food
- 13 **The Grill Room** – urban steakhouse, outdoor dining

- 14 **The Corner Room** – Italian cuisine, house-made pasta
- 15 **Portland Lobster Co.** – outdoor dining on the water
- 16 **DiMillo's on the Water** – family-friendly dining on a boat
- 17 **Empire Chinese Kitchen** – dim sum, ramen, and dumplings
- 18 **Binga's Stadium** – sports bar known for their wings and sauces

FAMILY-FRIENDLY PLACES & ACTIVITIES

- 1 Explore the **Portland Children's Museum**
- 2 Catch a **Portland Sea Dogs** baseball game
- 3 Jump around at **Urban Air** or play on the indoor playground
- 4 Go bowling at **Bayside Bowl**, **Spare Time**, or **Easy Day**
- 5 Take a short ride on the **Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad**
- 6 Visit a **park playground** or **nearby beach**
- 7 Learn about the night skies at the **Southworth Planetarium**
- 8 Stretch your legs and feed the ducks at **Evergreen Cemetery**

PARKING FOR GRADUATION

- 1 **Spring St. Parking Garage** – city owned – closest to Cross Arena but fills up quickly
- 2 **United Parking Partners** – private lot – Free St.
- 3 **Fore River Parking** – private lot – 44 Free St. – cash only
- 4 **One City Center Garage** – private garage – open 24 hours
- 5 **Temple St. Garage** – city owned – 11 Temple St.
- 6 **Monument Square Garage** – 53 Brown St.
- 7 **Elm St. Garage** – city owned – 21 Elm St.
- 8 **Portland Public Market Garage** – 315 Cumberland Ave.

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