

Welcome to the “City of Roses.”

Plan on arriving early or staying late!

Portland has long been known as a clean, green and friendly metropolis, with lots to do and even more to see. Whether you're a history buff, an art connoisseur, a nature-lover or a thrill seeker, you'll always find plenty to see, do and enjoy in Portland. Here are just a few highlights of what's possible during your trip:

- Discover downtown Portland. Put on your walking shoes and go exploring! Splashing fountains, street sculpture, parks, shops, galleries, and cafes await you at every corner!
- Portland has an almost French reverence for sustenance, reflected in the profusion of world-class restaurants, coffeehouses, wineries and "micro-breweries" that await the discerning connoisseur or hungry conference participant. Directions and carpooling to some of Portland's best restaurants will be available at the registration table.
- Portland is home to an unrivaled number of urban open spaces (37,000 acres to be exact). The city is proud to host the nation's largest urban wilderness, the nearly 5,000 acre Forest Park.
- Classical Chinese Garden. In the midst of Portland's urban bustle, you'll discover the city's newest treasure. Opened last year, The Portland Classical Chinese Garden is the largest urban Suzhou-style garden ever created beyond China's borders. An ever-changing poetic landscape, the garden will revive your spirit and touch your soul.
- Japanese Garden. Tucked above the International Rose Garden in Washington Park, the Japanese Garden has been proclaimed one of the most authentic Japanese gardens outside Japan. A haven of tranquil beauty, the garden covers 5.5 acres and has a magnificent view of Portland and the surrounding majestic mountains.
- Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI). Get caught in an earthquake registering 5.5 on the Richter scale at OMSI. Step through the doors and enter a world of discovery and imagination.
- Powell's City of Books. Powell's is the world's largest bookstore. Housing more than a million volumes, Powell's occupies an entire city block and boasts the world's only three-door elevator. A coffee shop, where browsers can read possible purchases and grab a snack, is on site.
- The Grotto is an internationally renowned Catholic sanctuary offering a place of quiet reflection for all people of the Earth. More than 100 beautifully sculpted statues and shrines are nestled along The Grotto's flower-lined pathways and under its towering firs. Gleaming reflection ponds, spectacular cliff-side vistas and award-winning architecture offer inspiration for all who wander through this natural gallery in the woods.
- Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Located in the heart of the Scenic Area is the Interpretive Center, which brings to life the human stories and natural history of one of our nation's most compelling landscapes.

