

ARTS AND CULTURE

With its ever-expanding list of galleries, public artworks and venues, Portland's arts scene has landed the city on *AmericanStyle* magazine's list of the country's "Top 25 Arts Destinations" every year for nearly a decade.

SAMPLE ONE-DAY ITINERARY

Starting in the Cultural District, explore the **1 PORTLAND ART MUSEUM** (pam.org), considered one of the nation's finest. Native American and Asian artworks share space with Monet, Renoir and Picasso masterpieces, as well as art of various northwest artists. The neighboring **2 OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** (ohs.org) features Northwest Indian artifacts and historic photographs and objects that tell the Oregon story through art. Four theatre spaces make up the **3 PORTLAND CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** (pcpa.com), home to several arts groups.

Catch the Portland Streetcar (free!) on Southwest 10th Avenue to explore the Pearl District. This neighborhood is home to more than twenty galleries, including **4 BULLSEYE GLASS**, (bullseyeglass.com), which offers art glass exhibits and classes. The **5 GERDING THEATER** (pcs.org) in the recently renovated Armory building showcases sustainable restoration and is home to Portland Center Stage.

The next stop is the **6 MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFT** (museumofcontemporarycraft.org). Founded in 1937 and built with donated materials by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), the museum houses a collection of more than 1,000 of craft objects including works in ceramic, glass, metal, fiber and wood.

Transport yourself to ancient China at the **7 LAN SU CHINESE GARDEN** (portlandchinesegarden.org) in Portland's Old Town.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

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| A Artists Repertory Theatre
artistsrep.org | H Imago
imagotheatre.com |
| B Portland Japanese Garden
japanesegarden.com | I Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI)
omsi.edu |
| C International Rose Test Garden
portlandonline.com/parks | J Portland Saturday Market
(open Sundays, too!)
portlandsaturdaymarket.com |
| D Pittock Mansion
pittockmansion.com | |
| E Northwest Children's Theater
nwcts.org | |
| F Quintana Galleries
quintanagalleries.com | |
| G Miracle Theatre Group
milagro.org | |



Sip tea or enjoy a docent-led tour highlighting the harmonizing blend of water, architecture, stone and poetry set against a richly planted landscape.

Wander by the river en route to Pink Martini leader Thomas Lauderdale's **8 PAINT-BY-NUMBERS GALLERY** (728 S.W. First Ave.), and finish the day at **9 KELLER FOUNTAIN** (portlandonline.com/parks), where water cascades through terraces and platforms, suggesting the Northwest's abundant waterfalls. Across the street, performing arts organizations strut their stuff at Keller Auditorium.

ON ANY GIVEN DAY

- First Thursday
firstthursday.org
- Last Thursday
lastthursdayonalberta.com

OTHER PLAYERS

- BodyVox
bodyvox.com
- Do Jump!
dojump.org
- Oregon Symphony
orsymphony.org
- Oregon Ballet Theatre
obt.org
- Portland Opera
portlandopera.org
- White Bird Dance
whitebird.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Portland Jazz Festival (February)
pdxjazz.com
- Portland International Film Festival (February)
nwfilm.org/festivals
- Chamber Music Northwest (June-July)
cmnw.org
- Waterfront Blues Festival (July)
waterfrontbluesfest.com
- Musicfest NW (September)
musicfestnw.com
- Time-Based Art (TBA) Festival (September)
pica.org/tba

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