

ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

The Oregon Coast and Crater Lake

12 days · Portland — Hood River

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Haystack Rock, dunes and lighthouses, the deepest lake in the USA and the Cascades.

Length	12 days, 11 nights
Distance	1,310 km, 8 driving days
Behind the wheel	19 h 50 min
Travellers	2, 1 room, 1 car
Hotels	Comfort: a good hotel (3 stars)
Flights	Amsterdam – Portland (PDX), Portland (PDX) – Amsterdam

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Bend	Days 9–10	**18**
Hood River	Day 11	**20**

Day by day

DAY	DATE	NIGHT	KM	DRIVE	°C
1		Portland	20	20 min	
2		Portland			
3		Cannon Beach	130	1 h 50 min	
4		Cannon Beach			
5		Newport	180	3 h	
6		Bandon	200	3 h 10 min	
7		Bandon			
8		Crater Lake	280	4 h 30 min	
9		Bend	170	2 h 20 min	
10		Bend			
11		Hood River	250	3 h 30 min	
12		Flight home from PDX	100	1 h 20 min	

1,310 km · 19 h 50 min behind the wheel · on average 160 km a driving day

Kilometres and drive times by road (OSRM, OpenStreetMap), without stops: plan generously.

The route



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ON THE ROAD

Day 1	Land at Portland (PDX), drive to Portland · About 20 km (10 mi), 20 min
Day 3	Portland, drive to Cannon Beach · About 130 km (80 mi), 1 h 50 min
Day 5	Cannon Beach, drive to Newport · About 180 km (110 mi), 3 h
Day 6	Newport, drive to Bandon · About 200 km (120 mi), 3 h 10 min
Day 8	Bandon, drive to Crater Lake · About 280 km (180 mi), 4 h 30 min
Day 9	Crater Lake, drive to Bend · About 170 km (100 mi), 2 h 20 min

Well prepared

ESTA

Dutch and Belgian travellers need no visa for a holiday of up to 90 days, but do need an approved ESTA before boarding. It costs about $40, is valid for two years (or until your passport expires) and is applied for online. Apply at least 72 hours before you fly, and only on the official site.

esta.cbp.dhs.gov

Passport

An electronic passport (with the chip symbol), valid for the whole stay. Children need their own passport and ESTA.

nl.usembassy.gov

Driving licence

Your Dutch driving licence is accepted for renting and driving a car as a visitor. An international driving permit next to it helps with police and some rental desks.

anwb.nl

Renting a car

The renter is the main driver and pays with a credit card in their own name (no debit or prepaid card); the deposit is held on it. Usually from 21, and from 21 to 24 you pay a young-driver fee of about $25 a day. Book from home with insurance included (CDW/LDW and extra liability, SLI) and an extra driver if you want to take turns. Returning the car elsewhere (a one-way trip) costs extra. Fuel is sold by the gallon (3.8 litres); fill it up yourself before you bring it back.

Driving in the USA

Keep right; speeds are in miles an hour (65 mph is 105 km/h). Turning right on red is allowed after stopping, unless a sign says no. At a 4-way stop, whoever stopped first goes first. For a stopped yellow school bus with flashing lights you stop in both directions. Toll roads are often electronic only: ask your rental company about its toll pass. On remote stretches (parks, desert) there's little signal and a long way to the next pump: fill up at half and download the map.

Renting an RV

You can rent an RV from about 21 with an ordinary car licence. On top of the rent, count on mileage (often per mile), a kit with bedding and kitchen things, cleaning and the campsite: in the popular parks you book those months ahead on recreation.gov. Big RVs aren't allowed on every park road. Take photos of the RV when you pick it up: damage and missing items are the most heard complaint.

recreation.gov

National parks

Most big parks charge per car. Visitors from abroad pay $100 a person extra at 11 popular parks; the annual pass for non-residents is $250. Some parks need a timed-entry reservation in high season.

nps.gov

Money and tipping

Prices are without sales tax, which is added at the till. In restaurants a tip of 15 to 20% is usual. Cards are accepted almost everywhere; at the pump you may be asked for a ZIP code, so pay inside.

Travel insurance and health

Care in the USA is very expensive: take travel insurance with worldwide medical cover, and check whether your health insurance covers the USA. Cancellation insurance covers the trip if you can't go; insure the rental car with the rental company (see Renting a car). Take medicines in their original packaging, with a prescription in English. Emergency number: 911.

Power, phone and time

110 volt with flat two-pin plugs (type A/B): bring an adapter. A US eSIM is cheaper than roaming. The mainland has four time zones, Arizona mostly without daylight saving time.

Customs

Fresh food, meat and fruit may not be brought in. Declare food you carry.

Packing list

- [ ] Passport (valid for the whole trip)
- [ ] ESTA, printed
- [ ] Driving licence (and an international one)
- [ ] Credit card in the driver's name
- [ ] Travel and cancellation insurance
- [ ] Confirmations: flights, car, hotels
- [ ] America the Beautiful pass for the parks
- [ ] Plug adapter for type A/B (110 volt)
- [ ] Car charger and phone holder
- [ ] eSIM or offline maps
- [ ] Sunscreen, sunglasses and a cap
- [ ] Water bottles for the desert
- [ ] Hiking shoes
- [ ] Layers: the coast and the nights get cold
- [ ] Medicines, in your hand luggage
- [ ] A pen, for this booklet

DON'T FORGET

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DAYS 1–2

Portland OR

Multnomah Falls

Land at Portland (PDX), drive to Portland: about 20 km (10 mi), 20 min

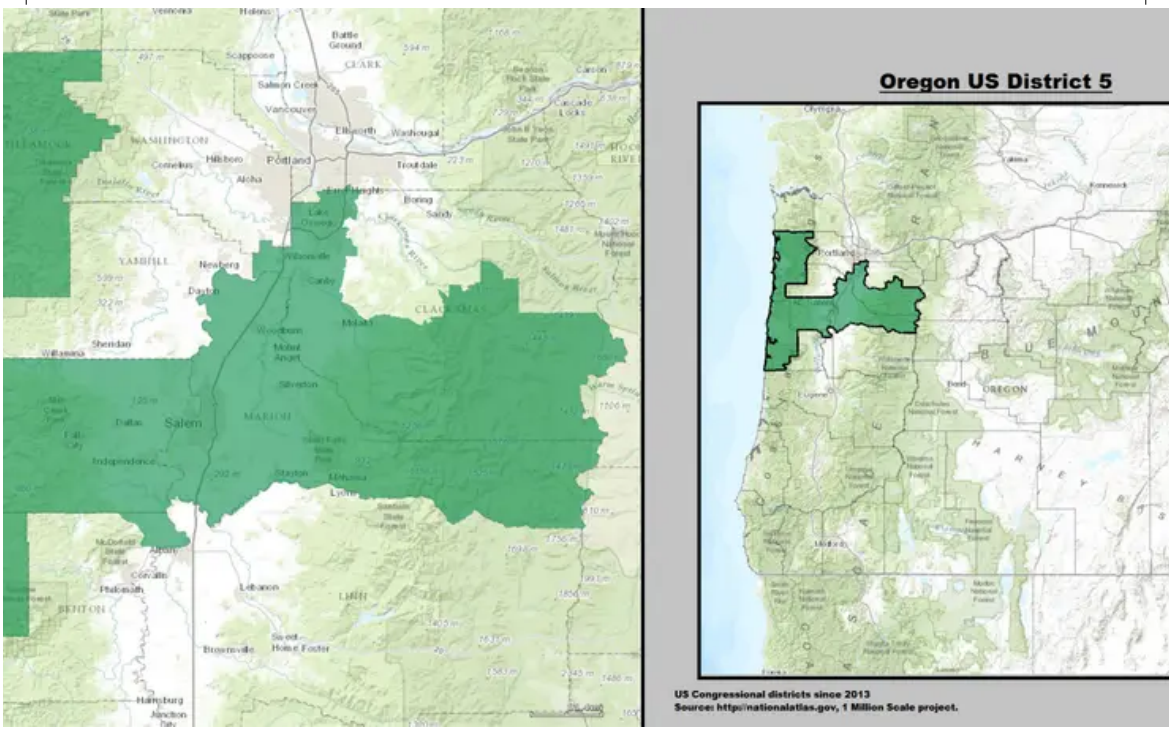
2 nights

PORTLAND · DAYS 1–2

HOTEL

- [ ] Inn at Northrup Station · 3★ — roughly €120
  2025 NW Northrup Street
- [ ] The Mark Spencer Hotel · 3★ — roughly €80
  409 Sw 11th Ave
- [ ] The Paramount Hotel Portland · 3★ — roughly €90
  808 SW Taylor St
- [ ] Hampton Inn And Suites By Hilton Portland-Pearl District · 3★ — roughly €110
  354 NW 9th Ave
- [ ] Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Airport · 3★ — roughly €120
  7900 Ne 82nd Ave

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DAYS 3–4

Cannon Beach OR

Haystack Rock

Portland, drive to Cannon Beach: about 130 km (80 mi), 1 h 50 min

2 nights

CANNON BEACH · DAYS 3–4

HOTEL

- [ ] The Ocean Lodge · 3★
  2864 South Pacific Street
- [ ] Hallmark Resort in Cannon Beach · 3★
  1400 S Hemlock St
- [ ] Schooner's Cove Inn · 3★
  188 North Larch Street
- [ ] Sea Sprite at Haystack Rock · 3★
  280 South Nebesna
- [ ] Sea Sprite on the Estuary · 3★
  372 North Spruce

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DAY 5

Newport OR

Yaquina Head lighthouse

Cannon Beach, drive to Newport: about 180 km (110 mi), 3 h

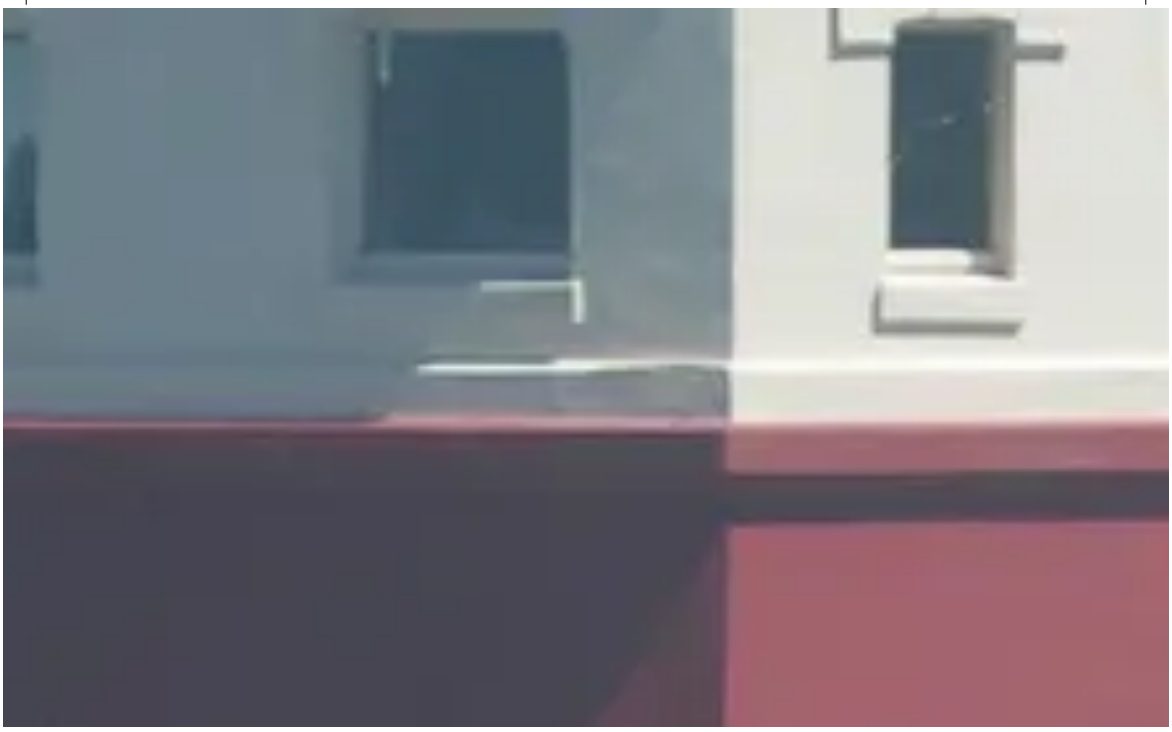
1 night

NEWPORT · DAY 5

HOTEL

- [ ] Little Creek Cove Beachfront Resort · 3★ — roughly €120
  3641 NW Oceanview Drive
- [ ] Inn at Nye Beach · 3★
  729 NW Coast Street
- [ ] Best Western Plus Agate Beach Inn · 3★ — roughly €130
  3019 N Coast Highway
- [ ] Holiday Inn Express Newport by IHG · 3★ — roughly €100
  135 SE 32nd ST.
- [ ] La Quinta by Wyndham Newport · 3★ — roughly €120
  45 Southeast 32nd St

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DAYS 6–7

Bandon OR

Sea stacks and the dunes

Newport, drive to Bandon: about 200 km (120 mi), 3 h 10 min

2 nights

BANDON · DAYS 6–7

HOTEL

- [ ] Rustic Bandon Log Cabin on 5 Acres of Woodlands! · 3★
  87290 McTimmons Lane
- [ ] Best Western Inn at Face Rock · 3★ — roughly €130
  3225 Beach Loop Drive
- [ ] Bandon Beach House Rental: Walk to Downtown! · 3★
  55 Cleveland Ave SW
- [ ] Bandon Home w/ Patio, Steps to South Jetty Park · 3★
  1165 4th Street Southwest
- [ ] Beachfront Bandon Vacation Rental w/ Ocean View! · 3★
  646 Madison Ave

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DAY 8

Crater Lake OR

The rim drive

Bandon, drive to Crater Lake: about 280 km (180 mi), 4 h 30 min

1 night

CRATER LAKE · DAY 8

HOTEL

Name, address, confirmation number:

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DAYS 9–10

Bend OR

High desert and lava fields

Crater Lake, drive to Bend: about 170 km (100 mi), 2 h 20 min

2 nights

BEND · DAYS 9–10

HOTEL

- [ ] Pony Express 7 · 3★
  16727 Pony Express Way
- [ ] SpringHill Suites by Marriott Bend · 3★ — roughly €150
  551 Sw Industrial Way
- [ ] Element by Marriott Bend · 3★ — roughly €120
  1526 Nw Wall Street
- [ ] Pine Ridge Inn · 3★ — roughly €160
  1350 SW Colorado Ave.
- [ ] McMenamins Old St. Francis School · 3★
  700 NW Bond Street

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DAY 11

Hood River OR

Mount Hood and the gorge

Bend, drive to Hood River: about 250 km (150 mi), 3 h 30 min

1 night

HOOD RIVER · DAY 11

HOTEL

- [ ] 28 Lodge 1 Bedroom Condo by RedAwning · 3★
  714 Cascade Avenue #28
- [ ] Alley's 22 Condo with Direct Deck Access by RedAwning · 3★
  714 Cascade Avenue
- [ ] Hazel House 4 Bedroom Home by RedAwning · 3★
  115 East Hazel Avenue
- [ ] Pet-Friendly Baja Norte Home with Xbox and Board Game by RedAwning · 3★
  1466 Country Club Road
- [ ] Wanderlust Elegant Townhome by RedAwning · 3★
  425 Maxs Place

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What it costs

DAY	PLACE	HOTEL	TOURS	CAR	TOTAL
1	Portland	€160	–	€60	**€220**
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11	Hood River	€160	–	€60	**€220**
12	Flight home from PDX	–	–	€60	**€60**

Flights	€1,700
Hotels	€1,760
Excursions	€0
Car hire	€720
Total	**€4,180**
	€2,090 a person

An estimate to plan with (prices of 2026-10): hotels, the ticked excursions, car hire and flights. No fuel or meals.

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About this booklet

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THE ROUTE

Portland (2) · Cannon Beach (2) · Newport (1) · Bandon (2) · Crater Lake (1) · Bend (2) · Hood River (1)

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