ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

# The Oregon Coast and Crater Lake

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

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| 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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# 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

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|---|---|
| **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**

# Notes



DAYS 1–2

# Portland OR

*Multnomah Falls*

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

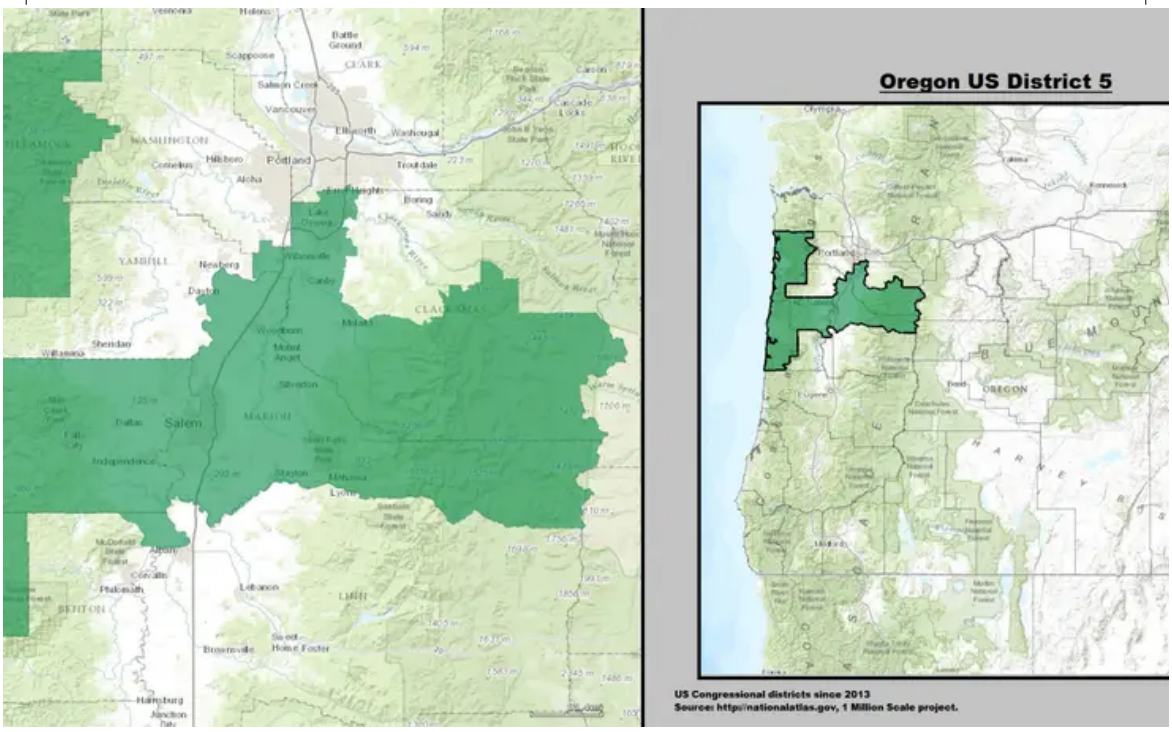
**2 nights**

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

## NOTES




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

### NOTES



DAY 5

# Newport OR

*Yaquina Head lighthouse*

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

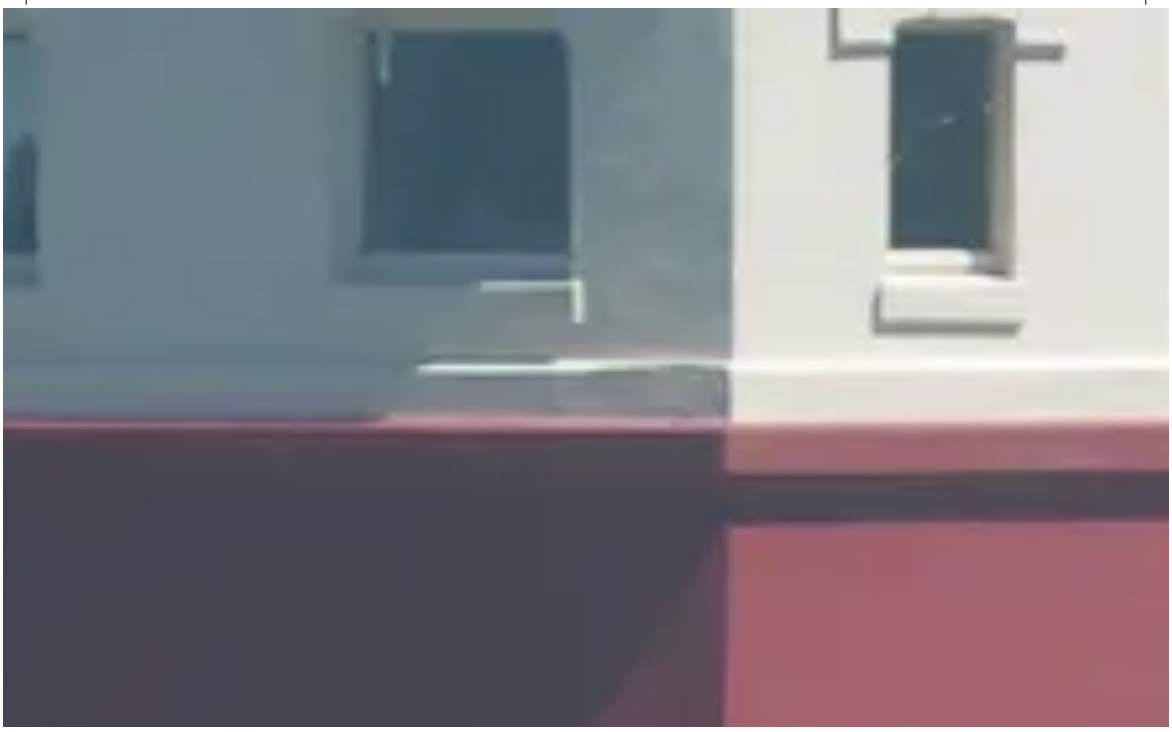
**1 night**

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

## NOTES



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

### NOTES



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:

## NOTES



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

## NOTES



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

### NOTES

# What it costs

| DAY | PLACE | HOTEL | TOURS | CAR | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Portland | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 2 | Portland | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 3 | Cannon Beach | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 4 | Cannon Beach | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 5 | Newport | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 6 | Bandon | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 7 | Bandon | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 8 | Crater Lake | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 9 | Bend | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 10 | Bend | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 11 | Hood River | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 12 | Flight home from PDX | – | – | €60 | **€60** |

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| 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.*

# Notes

# About this booklet

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