



WHY PORTLAND?

NO SALES TAX, AND OTHER MONEY-SAVING ADVANTAGES

- Low hotel occupancy tax of 12.5 percent.
- No food and beverage tax.
- Free transportation on MAX light rail and streetcar in the “Fareless Square,” including the downtown and convention center areas.

OUTSTANDING HOTEL/CONVENTION CENTER PACKAGE

- The Oregon Convention Center (OCC) offers 255,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit space accommodating 1,300 10’x10’ booths.
- The OCC has 50 meeting rooms, totaling 55,000 square feet, and two ballrooms, totaling 60,000 square feet.
- 4,200 committable hotel rooms in the downtown/OCC area.

“GREENEST CITY IN AMERICA”

– *Popular Science* magazine, February 2008

- The Oregon Convention Center is LEED-EB certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – Existing Buildings), and emphasizes sustainable meeting options.
- Three major hotels are Green Seal certified.
- Dozens of Portland chefs are committed to working with local farmers, putting the city at the forefront of the “FLOSS” (fresh, local, organic, seasonal and sustainable) food movement.

CONVENIENT TRANSPORTATION

- Portland International Airport (PDX) is served by more than 250 flights daily on 15 carriers.
- PDX is nine miles from downtown – 25 minutes by car or 38 minutes by MAX light rail.
- MAX light rail runs regularly from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- Sleek, European-style streetcars connect downtown with popular shopping and dining districts.
- Compact downtown with walker-friendly blocks.

PLENTIFUL ATTRACTIONS

- Tax-free shopping at designer boutiques, local markets and the world’s largest independent bookstore, Powell’s Books.
- Nationally recognized restaurants emphasize fresh, local ingredients and innovative cuisine.
- Diverse neighborhoods with vibrant coffee shops, brewpubs and sidewalk dining.
- Acclaimed parks and gardens: the International Rose Test Garden, Japanese Garden, Classical Chinese Garden, Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Forest Park and Mill Ends Park.
- Family-friendly favorites: the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry, Oregon Zoo and the Children’s Museum.

NEARBY ACTIVITIES (*within a two-hour drive*)

- Year-round skiing on majestic Mount Hood.
- Awe-inspiring vistas and hiking opportunities in the Columbia River Gorge.
- Willamette Valley’s world-class wine country.
- Scenic towns and beaches on the rugged Oregon coast.