

PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL

For more than a hundred years, the Grand Floral Parade has helped define the Portland Rose Festival (rosefestival.org) as one of the world's great celebrations. In this — the Rose Festival's signature event — the larger-than-life, all-floral floats, high-stepping marching bands and elegant equestrian units entertain hundreds of thousands of spectators along downtown streets.

SAMPLE PARADE-DAY ITINERARY

Start your morning in the Rose City with the best view of the KeyBank Grand Floral Parade at the **1 MEMORIAL COLISEUM**. Every parade entry passes through the Coliseum (where ticket holders enjoy climate-controlled comfort) before hitting the streets for the rest of the four-mile route.

Next, see the roses at their source: the **2 INTERNATIONAL ROSE TEST GARDEN** (rosegardenstore.org), the oldest continuously operated public garden of its kind in the United States. Spectacular views and more than 8,000 roses make the garden one of Portland's signature landmarks. Stop by the Rose Garden Store for sweet-smelling souvenirs.

In the scenic hills above the Rose Garden, discover a haven of tranquil beauty. The **3 PORTLAND JAPANESE GARDEN** (japanesegarden.com) has been proclaimed one of the most authentic Japanese gardens outside of Japan. Encompassing 5.5 acres and offering five separate garden styles, the garden includes an authentic Japanese teahouse, meandering streams, intimate walkways, and an unsurpassed view of Mount Hood.

Experience the charm of a bygone era as you stroll through the **4 PITTOCK MANSION** (pittockmansion.com). This beautiful estate perched above downtown was the home of Henry Pittock, founding publisher of *The Oregonian* newspaper, and his wife Georgiana Pittock, who founded the Portland Rose Society in 1888, laying the groundwork for the annual Rose Festival. Admire antique furnishings and fine arts inside the mansion and idyllic views from the surrounding gardens.

Round the day out at the **5 PORTLAND CLASSICAL CHINESE GARDEN** (portlandchinesegarden.org), an authentic Ming Dynasty garden that features covered walkways, bridges, open colonnades and pavilions. This urban oasis built by artisans from Portland's Chinese sister city, Suzhou, inspires and engages all who visit.

Start your evening with dinner aboard the **6 PORTLAND SPIRIT** (portlandspirit.com) riverboat. Enjoy fresh Northwest cuisine and beautiful views of the downtown skyline from the comfort of your own private table.



BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

STUDIO CONCEPTS FLOAT BARN TOUR* Watch floats being built in this fascinating behind-the-scenes tour.

LIVING HISTORY WITH ROSE FESTIVAL LEGENDS* Schedule a private experience for your group with Mayor Harry Lane, known as the "father of the Rose Festival" and Georgiana Pittock, the "Mother of the Rose Society."

ROSE FESTIVAL FLEET WEEK Tour vessels from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and Canadian Maritime Forces during Grand Floral Parade weekend.

PGE/SOLV STARLIGHT PARADE Entries sparkle in this illuminated evening parade through downtown Portland, held a week prior to the Grand Floral Parade.

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GROUP DINING OPTIONS

- A** Dan & Louis Oyster Bar | danandlouis.com
- B** Old Spaghetti Factory | osf.com
- C** Portland City Grill | portlandcitygrill.com
Shenanigans (*not on map*)
909 N. Hayden Island Drive
shenanigansrestaurant.com

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