

WHAT'S NEW *in* OREGON

Fall 2024

Set your compass to experience Oregon this autumn, where the air is crisp and vibrant fall foliage awaits. Let the peak of cider season and maple-sugaring workshops inspire road trips. Or book a stay at one of the many recently renovated hotels — from a Tribal-owned resort with accessible teepees and natural hot springs to a lodge with sleek glass cabins nestled along the Rogue River.

STUNNING RENOVATIONS TAKE FLIGHT AT PDX

Soaring in and out of PDX just got more exciting, as the first stages of **PDX Next**, the \$2 billion project that's transforming **Portland International Airport**, recently rolled out to the public. While project completion is set for winter 2025-'26, the renovated main terminal is open with ample skylights, terrazzo floors and towering trees. The most remarkable feature is a stunning nine-acre lattice roof made with sustainable timber sourced from **four partnering tribal nations**. Culinary anchors include beer bar **Loyal Legion** along with other Portland favorites such as **Oven and Shaker**, **Grassa**, **Blue Star Donuts** and **The Country Cat**. On the retail front, look for feminist card store **Paper Epiphanies**, Latino-owned **Orox Leather Co.** and a **Powell's Books** outpost.

Guests can enjoy amenities such as a seasonally heated outdoor pool and private balconies. For on-site riverfront dining, **Sweet Waters** serves Northwest-inspired bites like salmon corn dogs and wild-mushroom bruschetta.

Tu Tu' Tun Lodge, one of the state's most idyllic retreats, just wrapped up its first major renovations in more than 50 years. Nestled in the remote southwest corner of Oregon near Gold Beach, this wilderness-luxury lodge sits along the Rogue River, seven miles from the ocean. In addition to refreshing the main lodge and 40-room property, the hotel added 12 new glass cabins. These eye-catching spaces feature sleek mirrored walls, a private patio with a personal fire pit and an outdoor soaking tub. The new executive chef combines his stints at international Michelin-starred restaurants with Oregon's natural bounty to create a sophisticated wilderness-to-table

RIVERSIDE LODGES AND MODERN GLASS CABINS

After a multimillion-dollar and six year-long renovation, Central Oregon's **Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort** recently reopened. Operated by the **Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs**, the high desert destination debuted riverfront **hot spring** soaking tubs; cold plunges; poolside cabanas; and lodging that includes **20 teepees**, 30 hotel rooms and an RV park with showers.

TrackTown USA (aka Eugene), recently celebrated the reopening of the **Valley River Inn** following a multimillion-dollar transformation. The beloved inn has been a tradition for families since 1973 and now features refreshed guest rooms and communal spaces with modern lodge vibes.



Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort

dining experience. A feast for the senses, his prix fixe dinners star dishes like grilled Chinook salmon and wood-fired Wagyu with locally foraged mushrooms.

In the heart of the Columbia River Gorge, Hood River just welcomed **ThistleDown on Oak**, a new boutique hotel with opulent 19th-century-themed decor and contemporary comforts. The four-room retreat has upscale amenities like fireplaces, luxe bedding and a penthouse with a rooftop hot tub and river views.

CIDER FARMS, FLIGHTS AND BITES

At the buzzy new **Bauman's on Oak** in Southeast Portland, you'll find guided cider flights, cider-friendly bites (think crab rolls with miso mayo and smoked salmon on rye bread), 30 taps and patio seating. All the ciders are made by fifth-generation farmer and head cidemaker Christine Walter with apples grown and harvested on **Bauman's Century Farm** (first homesteaded in 1895). It's the latest addition to the state's **booming cider scene**. Oregon is home to 80 cideries and had four new cider taphouses open this year.

NEW ALPINE TRAIL AND ADVENCHAIR PARTNERSHIP

Wanderlust Tours recently partnered with **AdvenChair** and **AdvenTours** to help those with mobility challenges experience the outdoors. The AdvenChair is designed with a removable front wheel and ergonomic design which can be disassembled and transported in the trunk of a car. Upcoming guided excursions using the off-road wheelchair include exploring Central Oregon's **Deschutes River Trail** and **stargazing at Lava Lands**.

Soak up **Mt. Bachelor's** alpine wonders on **Evergreen**, the first mixed-use trail for hikers and downhill bikers. The trail allows for two-way traffic for hikers and downhill traffic for bikers. Spanning just under 4.5 miles with sensational views of surrounding mountains and lakes, the new route was made possible through Visit Bend's Sustainability Fund and **Discover Your Forest**.

AdvenChair with Wanderlust Tours



Tu Tu' Tun



Mt. Bachelor



MAPLE SUGARING AND SENSORY SPACE FOR KIDS

Embrace autumn at historic **Camp Colton** with the **Oregon Maple Project**, an educational nonprofit that engages community members in the local production of Oregon's native big leaf-maple syrup. Located about 45 minutes from Portland on 85 forested acres, seasonal classes and demos at the camp cover the history and science of maple sugaring and include learning how to tap your own maple trees and transform sap to syrup. The historic camp now hosts overnight stays, workshops and farm-to-table dinner events.

Grants Pass is home to Southern Oregon's first free **Sensory Space** for children with sensory needs. The new center offers seven different rooms from calming to activity spaces that welcome the whole family. In addition to dedicated spaces that facilitate learning and play, you'll find monthly programs that range from musical exploration to science projects.



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