

## Portland Restaurants and Destinations

Portland is a great city offering various adventures, be they cultural or culinary in nature. We're fortunate to have fellow COSUGI members who know the city well. They have shared some of their favorite dining spots, as well as a few other destinations to which you will want to trek.

For dining on Tuesday evening, we have made arrangements with a few restaurants suggested by our local experts. Use the survey monkey here to join a group. Groups will meet at the hotel lobby at 6pm. All of the restaurants are a short distance from the hotel.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BH3G26R>

If you would prefer to make your own adventure here are some suggestions to help get you started.

From Brenda Cameron of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District:

*Kells Irish Restaurant & Pub* - <http://www.kellsirishportland.com/> - this is a pretty big in Portland; it's a bit of a walk from the hotel or can take the MAX train

\*\**Henry's 12th Street Tavern* - <http://henrystavern.com/> - this is near Powell's – a nice walk or take the streetcar – recommended by a co-worker

*McMenamin's Market Street Pub* - <http://www.mcmenamins.com/1188-market-street-pub-hours> - also a nice walk; McMenamin's is a chain of pubs/restaurants/movie/entertainment venues in Portland; all of them are unique and wonderful

\*\**Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery* - <http://www.rockbottom.com/> - this is a chain and very popular – as you can tell, Portland is big on brew pubs

\*\**Pastinis* - <http://www.pastini.com/> - Italian restaurant; good prices; recommended by a co-worker

\*\**Jake's Famous Crawfish* - <http://www.mccormickandschmicks.com/locations/portland-oregon/portland-oregon/sw12thave.aspx>- not too far from Powell's; seafood

*Deschutes Brewery* - <http://www.deschutesbrewery.com/locations/portland> - also near Powell's, another brew pub

*Ringside Fish House* - <http://www.ringsidefishhouse.com/> - another seafood restaurant

*Bistro 921* - <http://www.bistro-921.com/>- the restaurant at the Hilton

*Portland City Grill* - <http://www.portlandcitygrill.com/location.php> - American cuisine with a view of Portland

There are a ton of restaurants in downtown Portland and also the food carts – Portland has a thriving food cart culture - <http://www.foodcartsporeland.com/category/location/downtown-location/> - there's a whole website on these.

Greg Williams and the folks at LINCC have some recommendations as well:

"I would suggest any of the reviews that Willamette Week or the Oregonian put out as a source of ideas... Here's the "westside" listing from Willamette Week's review from last fall:

<http://www.wweek.com/portland/article-23348-best-restaurants-in-westside-portland-restaurant-guide-2014.html>

and here's one from the Oregonian that might be useful: [http://www.oregonlive.com/diner-2014/index.ssf/2014/07/downtown\\_portlands\\_best\\_restau.html#incart\\_river](http://www.oregonlive.com/diner-2014/index.ssf/2014/07/downtown_portlands_best_restau.html#incart_river) "

*Taqueria Nueve* "My favorite place, which is close in SE, but probably further afield that many people want to go" 727 Southeast Washington Street, Portland, OR 97214 <http://www.taquerianueve.com/> )"

*Nine's Hotel* "Restaurant at the Nine's Hotel, (Fifty Shades of Grey) is portrayed there, and there are menu selections inspired by the books." <http://www.thenines.com/portland-restaurant>

*"Ringside Steak House"* <http://www.ringsidesteakhouse.com/>

Another vote for "*Jake's Famous Crawfish* (Seafood)"

*"El Gaucho"* <http://www.elgaucho.com/index.html>

*\*\*Higgins"* <http://higginsportland.com/>

*The Heathman*

Kaye Silver of BPA suggested these excursions.

Restaurants:

*The Heathman*. High-end and closest– expensive and lovely!

<http://portland.heathmanhotel.com/restaurants/restaurant-bar.aspx>

*The Melting Pot*. Middle-end – fondue! <http://www.meltingpot.com/>

*Urban Farmer*. Definitely check out.in the Macy's building. Fantastic ambiance, and the things they're doing with food are really special. <http://urbanfarmerportland.com/>

*\*\*Southpark Seafood.Seafood*. Very close: <http://southparkseafood.com/>

Food Carts. Low-end, but fabulous: Portland has LOTS of cart food. Here is a map:

<http://www.foodcartsporeland.com/maps/>

Fun things:

Pioneer Courthouse Square is two blocks north. At exactly noon every day a clock trumpets, shoots steam, and uses sculptures to predict the weather. <http://thesquarepdx.org/>

Glowing Greens miniature golf: blacklight 3-D pirate themed underground miniature golf. So fun!  
<http://glowinggreens.com/>

Waterfront Park is 6 blocks east. A long, really lovely walk.  
<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/finder/index.cfm?&propertyid=156&action=viewpark>

All librarians MUST visit Powell's, the biggest bookstore on this side of the Mississippi.  
<http://www.powells.com/>

\*\*One of the Group Dining options