

JONI'S TOP TEN LIST OF ABSOLUTELY UNMISSABLE FREE OR CHEAP THINGS TO DO IN PORTLAND!

HIKING! Start at Lower Macleay Park and hike through the gorgeous trees of Forest Park, one of America's largest urban forest reserves. **BIKING!** Make an afternoon of crisscrossing over the many beautiful bridges in town. **BEER!** We have amazing small batch microbrews and spirits. Start with a bottle of local Burnside Bourbon from the Pearl Specialty Market (900 Northwest Lovejoy Street). Bars I recommend are The Box Social (3971 North Williams Avenue) and Swift (1932 Northeast Broadway) and Departure (525 SW Morrison—it's on the 9th floor of the Nines Hotel, but it's open to anyone; you don't have to be a guest of the hotel). **BOOKS!** You must must must visit Powell's. Covering an entire city block, Powell's City of Books contains more than 1.5 million books in 3,500 different sections. Get an espresso at the in-store coffee shop, grab a map to the nine color-coded rooms, and lose yourself in the largest used and new bookstore on Earth. **ROSES!** One reason Portland is named "The City of Roses" is we have some truly breathtaking views and blooms at the International Rose Test Garden. Walk among 7,000 luscious rose bushes and have a picnic there. The garden is free, open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. **ZEN!** Right next door to the Rose Garden is the Japanese Garden. It's the world's most authentic Japanese garden outside of Japan. 5.5-acres of tranquil zen heaven nestled in the beautifully scenic west hills of Portland. **MOVIES!** Going to the movies may not seem the most productive use of your vacation time, but that's only if you haven't been to Portland's famed movie brewpubs! If you've ever sat in a theater back home and thought, "Wouldn't this be so much better if there were comfy couches, an awesome meal and an array of house-brewed beer on tap?" then your dreams have come true...check out Living Room Theaters (341 SW 10th Ave) or the historic, recently restored Hollywood Theater (4122 Northeast Sandy Boulevard). **TEA!** Lan Su Chinese Garden in Chinatown. Take the architectural walking tour at the beginning of the house. It's also just very peaceful there and a perfect place to have tea, sketch, meditate, etc. and enjoy watching the rain fall. **SHOPPING!** Walk along Northwest 23rd Avenue and check out all the boutiques and shops. Specifically I recommend Goorin Bros. Hat Shop, LUSH Cosmetics, Tea Chai Te, and New Renaissance Bookshop. **ARCHITECTURE!** Take the time to drive 10 minutes north to the St. John's Bridge and Cathedral Park which forms the underside of the bridge. Both are beautiful heritage sites! **BYE!** Have a wonderful time here in Portland and let me know if you need help or a tour guide! xoxo, Joni www.jonirenee.com

