



## ***What's New in Oregon –December 2015***

In Oregon, we like to celebrate the frosty season inside, outside, up on the mountains and down in the towns. From keeping warm and sipping pinot noir while storm watching on the Oregon Coast to braving the elements on an epic snowshoe adventure around Crater Lake, plenty of experiences await to make the most of an Oregon winter.



### ***Holiday Merriment for One and All***

The holidays bring a hint of magic to any Oregon adventure, and a number of new and classic seasonal happenings around the state will keep you feeling festive.

- Create a new family tradition at the Oregon Garden in Silverton. "[Christmas in the Garden](#)" (Nov. 27-Jan. 3), inspired by a traditional German Christmas market, invites visitors to enjoy a new outdoor ice skating rink, more than 400,000 Christmas lights, artisan vendors, fire pits, festive foods, holiday performances, and photos with the jolly old elf and his reindeer.
- Mt. Hood Railroad's "[Polar Express Train Ride](#)" (Nov. 20-Dec. 27) recreates the sights and sounds of the beloved story against the picturesque landscape of Hood River. Favorite characters – including the conductor, jovial chefs serving hot chocolate and cookies, and Santa gifting silver sleigh bells – breathe life into this Christmas classic.

### ***Beers and Cheers on Oregon's North Coast***

Connected by scenic Highway 101, the communities of [Oregon's North Coast](#) are home to a growing collection of award-winning craft breweries and bustling local pubs. The Oregon's North Coast marketing coalition and [Bandwango](#) teamed up to create the new [Beer 101 Pint Pass](#), an app connecting these beer-centric coastal communities. Now, visitors can sample beer and food at the top spots in Astoria, Seaside and Cannon Beach. The Beer 101 Pint Pass sells for \$20 and gets you a \$5 mobile gift card from each of the 10 participating locations. Learn more and purchase the pass [here](#).



- Set amongst the beautiful Eagle Cap Mountains in Wallowa County, the [Enterprise Winterfest](#) (Dec. 9-10) is an old-time, family-friendly holiday celebration and shopping extravaganza in historic downtown Enterprise. Throughout the weekend, enjoy special discounts and giveaways, photos with Santa, Christmas karaoke, wagon rides, a holiday gift market and a lighted parade.
- Holiday lights are ablaze at [Shore Acres State Park](#) (Nov. 26-Dec. 31) in Coos Bay on the Oregon Coast. Volunteers string more than 325,000 lights around seven acres of beautiful gardens and create dozens of light sculptures. A gift shop, refreshments and entertainment add to this cherished community tradition.

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## ***Portland is Happening Now: Every Day, Hour and Minute***

[Travel Portland](#) kicked off its 2015/2016 winter campaign by releasing a collection of zines created by local artists and “zinesters” that are filled with practical ([34 Things to Do in the Rain](#)), quirky ([An Octicorn's Guide to Portland](#)) and Portland things ([Hey, Portland](#)) that make the City of Roses what it is: tastefully weird. The zines serve as DIY guidebooks, showing visitors that there is something to do in Portland at every hour whether it's in the city or just a short drive, train or bike ride away. See the entire zine collection [here](#).

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