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Oregon's bright blue skies of summer are mellowing with the telltale golden glow of autumn. It's a highly anticipated transition in this neck of the woods. Hillsides and riversides are awash in color. Ocean beaches beckon with sunshine. And farmers markets are bursting with hearty flavors from the latest harvest. Oregon and its 7 Wonders shine in September, and it's time to hit the road and experience how each region embraces a new season!

Now issuing a "Passport to Bounty"

For those passionate about food and drink, a limited-edition Passport to Bounty is a must-have accessory for touring Oregon and its 7 Wonders this autumn. Seven Willamette Valley and Portland-area chefs (including Gregory Gourdet, Pascal Chureau, Jenn Louis, Cody Utzman, Ryk Francisco, Paul Losch and Paul DeCarli) have weighed in on their three favorite places to nosh in the vicinity of one of the 7 Wonders. With the fall bounty rolling in, the chef-approved foodie destinations have a cornucopia of flavors, textures and colors with which to create dishes with a true sense of place. Passports will be available through TravelOregon.com, [Oregon Visitor Centers](#), participating chefs' restaurants and highlighted passport locations.

Northwest chefs go wild over game

Leading chefs from Portland and Seattle are honing their skills and knives, beefing up for a battle over bragging rights and \$1,000. [Nicky USA's](#) 15th annual [Wild About Game](#), held Oct. 11 at [The Resort at the Mountain](#) in Welches, pits chefs head to head as they elevate specialty game in the eyes (and palates) of a panel of judges. Each Portland chef is matched with Seattle rivals in four rounds: Johanna Ware vs. PK and Wiley Frank, Carlo LaMagna vs. Brian McCracken and Dana Tough, Andrew Mace vs. Stewart Lane, and Doug Adams vs. Eric Sakai. Spectators can sample local gourmet meats, cheeses, chocolate, cider, wine, spirits and other specialty foods and beverages at the Artisan Marketplace. Tickets are available from [Mercury Ticketing](#).

Get ready to unearth culinary treasures next January

It's never too early to plan ahead, particularly when Oregon's delectable truffles are at stake. [Tickets](#) are on sale now for the 11th annual [Oregon Truffle Festival](#), with events held in Lane and Yamhill counties in January 2016. The Joriad North American Truffle Dog Championship is back for a second year, with qualifying rounds for a trial in the wild held Jan. 16 at the Lane County Fairgrounds Horse Pavilion and an awards gala slated for Jan. 17 at Willamette Valley Vineyards. The festival heads north to Newberg and Yamhill County the following weekend (Jan. 22-24) for a series of classes, demonstrations, lectures and dinners, as well as the Fresh Truffle Marketplace. Similar events, with the addition of a growers' forum and truffle dog trainings, cap the festival's final weekend in Eugene (Jan. 29-31).

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