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WINTER

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IF YOU ASK OREGONIANS how they spend their winter, you're likely to elicit a range of reactions. Some consider beard-cicles while skiing in the backcountry the seasonal accessory of choice, while others head for fireplaces and hot toddies at the sight of the first snowflake.

Because Oregon delivers degrees of winter fun for revelers as well as retreaters—across a variety of climates—those in the two extreme groups and everyone in between can pursue their own winter destination.

Take to yurts in the vast backcountry to experience phenomenal skiing. Strap on snowshoes, pack a camera and embrace your inner Ray Atkeson on remote trails. Head to festivals that celebrate everything from ice carving, seafood, and truffles to jazz and film. Knock back some great craft brews and take in stunning views at fireside restaurants. Warm yourself from within while sipping local wines. Or, take in the warmth and healing properties of hot springs bubbling up from deep within the volcanic landscape.

Take your pick, and voilà—the dead of winter is suddenly alive.

written by CATHY CARROLL

HOTEL DELUXE

Portland | hoteldeluxeportland.com

It began as the Hotel Mallory in downtown Portland in 1912 as a luxurious retreat even then. Today the property celebrates the golden age of American cinema—an only-in-Portland twist with Art Déco and Hollywood Modern design features.

Take in a curated selection

of hundreds of black-and-white cinematic photos from golden-era Hollywood as you head for craft cocktails off the lobby at Gracie's restaurant. The glamorous setting and retro-designed Driftwood Room draws locals for champagne cocktails and artisanal food at this popular

happy hour spot.

The 130 guest rooms have amenities such as Portland Roasting coffee and Smith Teas, Provenance Hotels' signature pillow, and a "Make It So" button on every hotel phone for whimsical desires or practical needs to stay warm this winter.



FIRESIDE DINING

McMENAMINS BLUE MOON
Portland | mcmenamins.com

Pull up your chair to a round table built around the hearth here and sip handcrafted ales, wines and spirits, amid the buzz of NW 21st Avenue. A twelve-foot-tall neon sign resembling the roof of a pagoda may inspire thoughts of warmer locales, too. Once you are sufficiently warmed, keep it real at the pool tables, twenty-two-foot long shuffleboard tables, pinball machines and windows with views of NW Glisan Street and NW 21st Avenue for prime people-watching.

BRASADA'S RANCH HOUSE
Powell Butte | brasada.com

No matter how much you enjoy savoring the locally sourced, ranch-style comfort food beside the indoor fireplace in this rustic chic resort, you'll want to head outside to the circular stone fire pit surrounded by Adirondack chairs, each with its own thick blanket. Gazing out over the vast high desert landscape and Cascade peaks, order the house-made dark chocolate-and-cinnamon s'mores, and you'll feel like the West's most spoiled cowboy.

OWL'S NEST
Sunriver | sunriver-resort.com

Perched behind a towering stone fireplace, this pub in the Sunriver Resort lodge is the place to head for great local microbrews, handcrafted signature cocktails such as the Abominable Snowman or the Caramel Sutra, pub fare, burgers, steaks and pastas. Here, above the fray, you'll find a view any raptor would envy. Gaze out over the golf course and on to the Deschutes National Forest, and plan your next outing.

THE BIER STEIN
Eugene | thebierstein.com

A fireplace is at the center of this beer-hall for brew connoisseurs. With more than thirty taps and 1,000 varieties of bottled beer, no one will go thirsty. The menu has sandwiches, soups, and salads, but you can geek out over the obsession with the establishment's credo that beer tastes best out of its intended glass: Belgian tulips and goblets, true German hefeweizen glasses and other style-specific beer vessels.

SKYWAY BAR AND GRILL
Zigzag | skywaybarandgrill.com

After skiing at Mt. Hood, go the extra mile (or more precisely, twelve miles) west of Government Camp to Zigzag and get warm beside the raised hearth at this road-house-style barbecue joint with quirky art, antiques and live music most nights.