

Where to Stay on the Oregon Coast

Oceanfront inns, cozy cabins, vacation rentals & campgrounds — how to choose.

How to pick the right town and the right kind of stay for your trip, what “oceanfront” really means, and the booking tips that save money and headaches.

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Where to stay, sorted

The right base makes the whole trip easier. Here's how to choose.

The Oregon Coast has everything from grand oceanfront hotels to tiny forest cabins and driftwood-strewn campgrounds. The trick is matching the **town** and the **style of stay** to how you actually want to spend your days. This guide makes that easy.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Start with the town, then the stay type, then the booking tips. Want me to just find and compare options for your dates? That's free — say the word.

What's inside

- 01 **Pick your town** — north, central, south
- 02 **Pick your stay** — hotel, rental, cabin, camp
- 03 **Booking tips** that save money
- 04 **Ready to book** — and a cruise idea

Pick your town

Base yourself where the days you want are closest.

NORTH

Cannon Beach / Seaside

Iconic scenery, walkable towns, family fun. Closest to Portland. Cannon Beach is upscale-cozy; Seaside is classic and lively.

CENTRAL

Newport / Lincoln City

Do-everything middle coast: aquarium, lighthouses, tide pools, and lots of lodging at every price. Great for first-timers.

SOUTH

Bandon / Gold Beach

Quiet, dramatic, and sunnier. Sea stacks, golf, and jet-boat rivers. Fewer crowds, more wow.

RIVER TOWN

Astoria

Historic, foodie, and full of character — a little inland but a great base for the far North Coast.

“OCEANFRONT” VS. “OCEAN VIEW”

They’re not the same. **Oceanfront** means you’re on the beach; **ocean view** can mean a glimpse between rooftops. Always check the map and recent photos — or let me vet it for you.

SECTION 02

Pick your stay

Match the style to your trip.

EASY & OCEANFRONT

Hotels & inns

Best for short trips and first-timers: parking, breakfast, pools, and a real oceanfront location without the chores.

SPACE & KITCHEN

Vacation rentals

Best for families and longer stays: room to spread out, a kitchen, and often a better beach location for the money.

COZY & QUIET

Cabins & yurts

Tucked in the trees or dunes; state-park yurts are a beloved, affordable Oregon classic — book months ahead.

UNDER THE STARS

Camping

Spectacular oceanfront campgrounds. Reserve early for summer; see my Ultimate Camping Guide for the how-to.

RENTAL-STAY KIT

Rentals rarely stock beach gear. A [folding beach wagon](#) and a [sand-free mat](#) in the car mean you're ready the moment you arrive.

Booking tips that save money

A few habits keep the cost down and the surprises away.

- **Book summer and holidays early.** The best oceanfront places and state-park yurts go months out.
- **Go midweek or in the shoulder.** Sunday–Thursday and September–October are dramatically cheaper and quieter.
- **Read recent reviews** for the real story on noise, cleanliness, and how close “close to the beach” actually is.
- **Check the cancellation policy** before you pay — coast weather changes plans.
- **Watch for resort/cleaning fees** that inflate the nightly rate; compare the all-in total.

The free shortcut

Comparing coast lodging is exactly the kind of legwork I’ll happily do for you — tell me your town, dates, and budget, and I’ll come back with two or three vetted options. No fee.

Ready to book your stay?

A few easy next steps — and how I can help.

DREAMING OF A CRUISE, TOO?

Or let the hotel come with you

A cruise is the ultimate “oceanfront room” — unpack once and wake up somewhere new every day. I plan and book cruises for free, same as coast trips.

[See Today's Cruise Deals »](#)

Let me plan it for you — free

Whether it's a coast getaway or a cruise, tell me your dates and who's coming and I'll build you a simple plan at the best price. No fee, no obligation.

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Or just reply to any email from me — I read every one myself.

Refer a friend — you both win. Know someone planning a coast trip or a cruise? When they book with me, **you both** get a thank-you. Just have them mention your name.

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