Traveling to Bend, Oregon

Getting Here

By Plane

It is highly recommended to fly into Redmond airport (airport code: RDM) and take an uber or lyft from the airport into Bend (about 20-25 minute drive). Getting transportation from Portland is possible but a hassle. Rental cars are available at the Portland and Redmond airports should you want to drive yourself.

By Bus

*Bus trips to and from Portland and Bend are usually 3-4 hours depending on your destination. Keep in mind ski season and winter weather may delay the route.

The *Breeze* bus services between Portland and Bend with stops in between. Round trip tickets from Portland to Bend will run around $100.

The *Northwest Navigator* is a luxury transportation provider and would be a great option for a group of people wanting to share a ride together. Once you know your travel details, you can contact them to arrange a courier.

Shuttle Oregon is a popular shuttle service with great reviews, servicing Portland to Bend.

Lodging

There are several recommended options below for your stay.

The Bunk+Brew Historic Lucas House
"Affordable lodging for the adventure traveler"
The Bunk+Brew hostel is centrally located and locally owned and operated; a unique and great economical choice. Not your average hostel!
42 NW Hawthorne Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Also centrally located, and offering a classic hotel experience.
300 NW Franklin Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97701

Hilton Garden Inn
Further down the Deschutes River in the Old Mill District, the Hilton Garden Inn is located walking distance to restaurants.
425 SW Bluff Drive
Bend, OR 97702

The Camp
Urban glamping! A "boutique" RV park centrally located.
305 NE Burnside Ave.
Bend, Oregon 97701

Vacation Rentals

If you're not into hotels or hostels, splitting a vacation rental with a few other people can surprise you with how affordable it can be. Much of the residential construction in Bend is more recent as well. House rentals can be a stunning group deal for quality, amount of space, and comfort. Here are some places you can check out for a vacation rental:

Bluebird Day Vacation Rentals (pet-friendly options!)

Bend Vacation Rentals

Just Around Bend

Economy / Budget Options

There are also plenty of motels for even more affordable options.

Bend Three Sisters Inn
721 NE 3rd St
Bend, OR 97701

Econo Lodge
437 NE 3rd St
Bend, OR 97701

Motel West Bend
228 Northeast Irving Avenue
Bend, OR 97701

Food Options

Bend is blessed with a wide selection of restaurants, cafes as well as grocery stores for personal preferences and select purchases. Below is our list of recommendations.

Lunch: (with vegan and plant-based options)

Fix & Repeat – Healthy fare. Salads, smoothies, bowls.
555 NW Arizona Ave suite 50

A Broken Angel – Vegan comfort food.
643 NW Colorado Ave
Open Wed-Sunday only

Ora Juice + Garden Cafe – *Fan Favorite!* Healthy & DELICIOUS hearty salads, juices, and daily specials.
519 NW Colorado Ave

Root Down Kitchen – vegan sandos + comfort food.
215 NW Hill St, Bend

Salud Raw Food – Smoothies, raw wraps, salads.
431 NW Franklin Ave

Noi Thai – Classic Thai (lots of vegan options).
550 NW Franklin Avenue, Suite 148

Active Culture – Healthy salads, bowls, tacos + more (lots of vegan options).
285 NW Riverside Blvd

Kennedy's Coffee House – family owned coffee house with locally roasted coffee; delicious breakfast and lunch choices.
1444 NW College Way Suite 3

Dinner (some of the lunch options are also open for dinner, but not all. Check websites)

Bend Pizza Kitchen – Full vegan menu!
2755 Northwest Crossing Dr.

Plantd – fresh + innovative plant based options.
1900 Northeast Division St
Wed- Sunday only

Global Fusion – global fare. Healthy + comfort food. (lots of vegan options).
1075 NW Newport Ave

Broken Top Bottle Shop – comfort food – sandos, burgers, tacos, etc (lots of vegan options).
1740 NW Pence Ln # 1

Grocery Stores:

Safeway
642 NE 3rd St
Bend, OR 97701

Market of Choice
115 NW Sisemore St
Bend, OR 97701

Recreational Fun

Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory
This is a must-see if you are in town! The Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory offers night sky viewing of planets and constellations with several massive telescopes. Night sky viewing is available Tuesday-Sunday in Summer months, Wednesdays and Saturdays between Labor Day and mid-June. Dress warm!
57245 River Road
Sunriver, OR 97707

Worthy Brewing
The Worthy Brewing "Hopservatory" is located about 10-15 minutes east of Bend and is simultaneously a brewery and observatory. With its 16-foot tower you can peer through the telescope on site and get a good view of the night sky.
495 NE Bellevue Dr.
Bend, OR 97701

Additional exploratory options in and around Bend include the lava tube caves at the Newberry National Volcanic Monument, the 97-foot-high Tumelo Waterfall, sunsets and sunrise views at Pilot Butte State Park. If you're looking for something luxurious and relaxing , Easy Float offers float tank therapy. In addition, the Deschutes River that flows through town draws tubing, kayaking, and stand-up paddle boarding all available to coordinate and arrange while you are visiting. We hope you enjoy your time here!