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Staying Small in Style: Boutique Lodging

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The Northwest boasts a wealth of accommodation styles: enormous high-rise hotels, multi-unit motor inns and large luxury resorts. But if you are looking for something a bit more intimate, book a room at one of the following six spectacular boutique lodgings. To qualify as “boutique,” it must offer fewer than 100 guest rooms. Each one that made our list offers far fewer, ensuring a personal touch in a relaxed environment with well-appointed amenities, delicious dining onsite or nearby and an air of distinction.

Ravenscroft Inn, Port Townsend, WA

Ravenscroft Inn offers eight charming and well-appointed guest rooms, each with a view of Port Townsend Bay, Mount Rainier or Mount Baker. The colonial-style house with its distinctive Southern architecture (not typically found in the Northwest) looks like it could have been transported from Charleston, South Carolina. The Inn features exceptional amenities and gracious hospitality. Relax with a book in the library, cozy up by the fire in the great room or breathe in the fresh sea air while sitting on the veranda.

Hidden in a quiet residential neighborhood within walking distance of downtown and the bay, explore the town's delicious restaurants, booming art scene and boutique shops. Visit the local bakery and explore the Saturday Market.

Rooms at the Inn are warm and inviting. The Bay and Baker rooms flaunt stunning sunrises and sunsets, and all rooms include a private bathroom and high-speed internet. The beds, dressed in uncommonly soft silky sheets and astonishingly fluffy pillows, ensure a restful night's sleep.

Decadent breakfasts include locally made granola or muesli, fresh fruit, yogurt, a pastry and a hot dish. Espresso and loose-leaf teas are available all day, and a special treat is served each afternoon.

Experience exceptional hospitality at ravenscroftinn.com. Plan your escape to the Victorian seaport of Port Townsend at enjoypt.com.

Stephanie Inn, Cannon Beach, OR

Head west and book a room at the beach. The Stephanie Inn in Cannon Beach, Oregon, affords luxury accommodations, gourmet dining and memorable experiences. Each of the 41 rooms at the Inn includes well-appointed furnishings, fireplaces, Jacuzzi Pure Air Baths, ocean views and patios.

At the restaurant, Chef Aaron prepares seasonal prix fixe five-course dinners with a choice of entrées. Delicious craft cocktails are available, and the chef is happy to make wine suggestions.

Complimentary beer and wine tasting commence in the library each afternoon, and Chef Aaron Bedard's limoncello and Oregon hazelnut liqueur are available in the evening.

The Inn presents several spectacular culinary happenings each year. Chef Aaron and his staff develop events centered around enticing food and beverages. Working with local chefs, wine and beer artisans as well as adventure experts, they create unique guided culinary adventures.

Venture out to the coast at stephanieinn.com. Find more information about visiting the charming town of Cannon Beach, go to cannonbeach.org.

Carson Ridge Luxury Cabins, Carson, WA

Ten opulent cabins lie nestled amongst golden meadows and pine-filled forests at Carson Ridge Luxury Cabins. Escape today's crazy world and seek refuge in this secluded piece of paradise located in Carson, Washington. Perched on the north side of the Columbia River Gorge, these cabins make the perfect base camp for exploring the gorge or savoring a wellness weekend away.

Decorated with handcrafted beds, a fireplace, refrigerator and jetted tub for two, each cabin showcases a log swing and bistro table on the porch. Owners Theresa and Richard are friendly and informative. Theresa loves playing hostess and wows guests each morning with a delicious three-course breakfast beginning with coffee or tea and juice followed by fruit or pastries. Breakfast ends with a delicious hot dish like eggs Benedict or a decadent quiche.

To enhance wellness getaways, Richard stocks fabulous local wines for guests to purchase, and Theresa contracts several local masseurs to aid in the overall experience. Consider dining at one of the nearby restaurants, sipping wine in the swing and enjoying a private in-room fireside massage. End the day by soaking away any residual stress in the jetted tub before snuggling down under the cozy blankets to dream about another day in nirvana.

Book your paradise escape at carsonridgecabins.com. For more information about the Washington side of the Columbia River Gorge, visit visitchcolumbiaivergorge.com or skamania.org.



Tetherow Resort, Bend, OR

Slip away to the high desert and book a room at the Tetherow Resort in Bend, Oregon. Blue and brown earth tones decorate the 50 luxurious guest rooms. Full-length windows open out onto the high-desert landscape creating a symbiotic flow between the colors inside and out.

The Tetherow lies in one of Oregon's ultimate outdoor playgrounds. Trails link to the nearby forest, and golf lovers appreciate the award-winning 18-hole golf course on the property. The Tetherow sports center's sauna, steam room, heated pool, large gymnasium and fitness classes are open to both guests and residents.

Visit Shelvin Park only three miles away and hike on the extensive trail or book a guide to explore the area with Wanderlust

Tours. No matter the season, a variety of adventures await: kayaking, canoeing, snowshoeing, hiking and caving.

After a day exploring the outdoors, dinner at Tetherow is a delight. For a casual meal or a cocktail, eat at The Row, featuring a pub-style ambiance. Solomon's is the resort's fine dining restaurant. The chef sources ingredients from ten local farms, ensuring that the ever-changing menu continues to intrigue diners.

Explore the high desert during your stay at tetherow.com. Plan your adventure in Central Oregon by visiting visitcentraloregon.com.



Inn at the Fifth, Eugene, OR

Step into contemporary luxury at The Inn at the Fifth in Eugene, Oregon. Opulence begins with the standard rooms and rises to the Inn's larger more luxurious suites, including whirlpool tubs, fireplaces and private butler pantries for room service. All 69 guest rooms have Aveda bath products, plush bathrobes, custom Italian linens, a coffee maker, refrigerator and an exclusive pillow menu. In-room spa services are available for purchase, and safes, free Wi-Fi and 42-inch flat-screen TVs are in each room.

Check-in begins on the right note with complimentary wine or a local beer. Themed rooms and suites add individuality to the Inn, and most rooms have a nook displaying one-of-a-kind décor. The Pendleton suite showcases traditional patterns from the famous 100-year-old company. Each blanket, cushion and throw accentuate the room with an exquisite design. Books enhance the nooks, art from Eastern Africa adorns the African space, and the wine room comes enriched with items from Willamette Valley wine country. A red umbrella, crystal raindrops and a pair of Oregon duck galoshes adorn the rain room.

The Inn lies adjacent to the 5th Street Public Market, an upscale shopping plaza with boutique shops, restaurants and Provisions Market Hall.

Book your luxury getaway at innat5th.com. For more information about visiting Eugene, go to eugeneascadescost.org.



Shore Lodge, McCall, ID

Located lakeside in McCall, Idaho, Shore Lodge features exciting lake and mountain views, a marina, well-appointed rooms, an outstanding spa and incredible drinks and dining opportunities. All this and impeccable service make Shore Lodge an exceptional destination.

The lodge is designed with varying levels of spaces from standard rooms at reasonable prices to luxury rooms with Payette Lake views. Lakeview fireside suites include an outdoor terrace and living room.

Begin the day with a delicious French breakfast basket delivered to the room. Savor delectable pastries, juice, quiches, coffee or tea, and then spend a few hours at Cove Spa. Book a treatment and bring a swimsuit. After your massage or facial, relax in one of the outdoor saltwater immersion pools filled by the lodge's private hot springs. Later, retreat indoors to the indoor pool or rehydrate in the steam room.

The Bar features handcrafted cocktails and tasty bar bites, and the Cutwater Restaurant is open for all-day dining. Reserve a table at The Narrows Steak House, where executive chef Antonio Estamera creates sumptuous cuisine that pairs well with wine from one of more than 450 wines in the restaurant's award-winning collection.

Rent equipment at the marina to enjoy the water: paddleboards, kayaks, canoes and boats for waterskiing, and join in the weekend yoga on the beach classes.

Replenish your soul at shorelodge.com. Learn more about visiting McCall, Idaho, at visitmcCall.org.



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