

OREGON TOWNS

Oregon's LGBT community is, of course, largest in the Portland Metro area. But our community members quite literally live in every corner of this big state. Several smaller cities and town have annual Pride celebrations and other opportunities for community members to meet.

ASHLAND

Home of The Oregon Shake-speare Festival, this is one of the gay-friendliest spots in the state. Out-of-town actors in residence, coupled with new comers, make this tiny town a wonderful stop. Pride is in early October. Sopride.org

ASTORIA

This picturesque and kicked-back town at the mouth of the Columbia River has a regular Q-Night at a local bistro. astoriacoffeehouse.com

BEND

The Aspen of Oregon. This is the hub of the Central Oregon LGBT community. The community is an interesting mix of cowboys and ranch hands, more well-to-do LGBTers on the pristine golf courses that surround Bend, athletes, and outdoorsy types. Pride is in June. humandignitycoalition.org

CORVALLIS

The more conservative Corvallis, home to Oregon State University, is coming along with a growing community and LGBT resources. They celebrate Pride in late June. PrideCorvallis.com

EUGENE

Famous for hippies, the University of Oregon, and athletes, Eugene is a liberal hub, friendly to LGBT folks. Pride celebrations are in early August. EugenePride.org

HOOD RIVER

Known for windsurfing, scenic

beauty, and trust funders, Hood River has a small LGBT community. Downtown has shopping, small restaurants and coffee shops. The vibe says it's okay to be gay here.

KLAMATH FALLS

This conservative rural town is getting organized to make life for the LGBT folks safer and more welcome. klambda.org

LINCOLN CITY

"California and Seattle aren't the only places where you can comfortably enjoy the Pacific Ocean," the tourist website says. This beach town is focused on the LGBT market. Pride is in September. oregoncoast.org/lgbt

PENDLETON

Though this is the old West and cowboy country, Pendleton has an active group of citizens supporting human rights activism and an active PFLAG chapter. PFLAG-pendleton.org

SALEM

The Capitol City, one hour south of The Rose City, has quite a large gay population. Their pride celebration in early August is a highlight of the year. CapitolPride.org

DRAG

Some say Portland has among the best drag queens in the biz. The epicenter of that scene has to be Darcelle XV, the oldest drag caberet in the country. The Embers also has regular shows. And the city is packed with pag-eants of all sorts. darcellexv.com embersportland.com

PDX DRINKS

SOUTHWEST

Check out these Portland spots. Most are LGBT establishments, where you can feel comfortable and at home.

BOXXES

1025 SW Stark St
boxxes.com

This landmark bar is going to change BIG TIME, we hear. Expect greater things at this site in the months to come. In the meantime enjoy this lounge, regular special events and a convivial atmosphere.

ESCAPE

333 SW Park Ave
At the corner of SW Stark/Park
An all ages LGBTQ nightclub.

FEZ BALLROOM

316 SW 11th Ave
fezballroom.com
One of the premier showcase venues for live music and djs in the city.

SCANDALS

1125 SW Stark St
scandalspdx.com

Comfortable yet filled with energy. During the warmer months get a sidewalk table.

SILVERADO

318 SW Third Ave
silveradopdx.com

Lounge, nightclub, VIP area, and outdoor terrace. Add strippers.

NORTHWEST

CASEY'S

610 NW Couch St
caseyspdx.net

Casey's is an all inclusive lounge that welcomes anyone. It's a place for people from diverse demographics.

CC SLAUGHTERS

219 NW Davis St
503-248-9135
ccslaughterspdx.com

Gay nightclub and martini lounge. Special events. 2,000 watt sound system and killer lighting and laser show.

