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This time of year, there are lists for everything under the sun—top gifts for kids, top potluck dishes, even a listing of the top holiday cookie recipes. To help keep holiday travel pleasant this season, Portland International Airport offers its own list.

Top 10 Things You Should Know if You've Not Traveled Since Summer

10. **“Winter Wonderland” offers a chance to win tickets to London.** The airport’s new holiday theme, appearing throughout the terminal, celebrates the seasonal holidays and offers travelers a chance to [win a travel certificate for two tickets](#) on Delta Air Lines’ nonstop service to London’s Heathrow Airport, which begins May 26, 2017. Cheers, mate!
9. **PDX has a pet-relief area.** Users howl with joy! Located on the south end of the Concourse Connector, this space allows a convenient post-security location for your four-legged friend. As a reminder, in the interest of pet safety and passenger comfort, non-service animals should remain in their carriers at all times while in the terminal.
8. **You’re in the clear to park it here.** In life, it’s good to have choices. At PDX, you have plenty: nonstop flights, concessions and even parking. Between our valet service and short-term, long-term and economy lots, there’s enough space for all. Check [parking availability](#) online before coming to the airport. Electric vehicle charging stations are available in the PDX economy lot as well as the short-term parking garage. If you’re picking up travelers, use the free cell phone waiting area and coordinate with your family and friends when they arrive to avoid roadway congestion.
7. **Coffee connoisseurs have copious choices.** Just like your 737 needs to refuel before flight, PDX travelers tend to top off the tank before leaving town. This summer, Stumptown Coffee opened just past the south security checkpoint. This fall, Peet’s Coffee & Tea

opened on Concourse D and in bag claim; Portland Roasting opened just past the north security checkpoint and on Concourse C. Next week, Portland Roasting will open a location pre-security in the north ticket lobby and Starbucks will open two new airport locations before St. Nick comes to town. Competition is alive and well. Overkill? Nope. PDX travelers consume 6,250 cups of coffee before 8 a.m. every morning. Now that's a lot of java!

6. **PDX is the first airport in the world with a spirits tasting room.** Opening Nov. 21, House Spirits Distillery's new facility on Concourse C will offer the company's entire portfolio of spirits for sampling and purchase. Travelers can also shop at the eye-catching new Timberline Lodge store on Concourse D. By year's end, Caper's Farm-to-Table Market, Kenny & Zukes Delicatessen and Market, Vino Volo, and the remodeled Soundbalance and Made in Oregon stores on Concourse C will also open at PDX. There's no shortage of shops if you're in search of a holiday gift that offers a taste of Oregon.
5. **Leave your Samsung Galaxy Note7 smartphone at home.** E.T. may have phoned home, but despite its name, we guarantee he didn't do it using the Galaxy Note7. You are prohibited from transporting this recalled device on your person, in carry-on baggage, or in checked baggage on flights to, from, or within the United States. While nearly 85 percent of all recalled Galaxy Note7 devices have been replaced through Samsung's exchange program, if you have one, it can't fly. There are some other things that travelers still can't take onboard, either. Review the [TSA's list of prohibited items](#) to be sure you and your bags are ready to fly.
4. **The only thing constant is change.** Philosophers will wax poetic with this one, but we are excited about changes ahead. [PDXNext](#), a suite of major airport improvement projects that will continue providing award-winning comfort and convenience for travelers, operational efficiency, and safety and security, is underway. The airport anticipates opening new security exit lanes soon. Mid-December should see the opening of a Children's Play Area on Concourse D. Construction for the Concourse E expansion should get underway this summer as the Terminal Balancing project revs up. New shops and restaurants join redesigned and enhanced spaces in the terminal, and the long-awaited opening of the Hollywood Theater @PDX should take place after the first of the year (for reel).

3. **It will be busy. Really busy.** Yes, busier than last year. Record-breaking busy. About 884,000 passengers in a 16-day-period kind of busy. More than 18 million passengers predicted by year's end busy. *That* kind of busy. Specifically, watch for Nov. 27 and 28 and Dec. 23, 28 and 29 to be the busiest travel days during the holiday travel period. The airport anticipates serving approximately 60,000 travelers on each of these days. What to do? Well, that brings us to number two....
2. **Give yourself plenty of time.** Yes, this has become standard travel advice. Plan to arrive at least two hours before your scheduled departure. Travelers on international flights, or with children, or with disabilities or medical conditions that could impact travel, should arrive an additional 30 minutes before their flights. Really. Do yourself a favor and heed this (good!) advice. Why? Well, worst case, you miss your flight, need to be rebooked, incur additional costs, suffer countless inconveniences and maybe even miss that special holiday celebration. Best case? Your experience at PDX is pleasant, you breeze through security and find yourself with some spare time in which to enjoy all that the airport offers because...
1. **PDX is still America's Best Airport.** For the fourth consecutive year *Travel + Leisure* magazine rated PDX America's Best Airport. [This award](#), among other things, sings the praises of the airport's on-time departure record. What more can you ask for when you're headed out for your holiday travels?

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