

A GUIDE TO PORTLAND'S OUTSTANDING CRAFT DISTILLERY SCENE

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COURTESY OF NEW DEAL DISTILLERY

As America's undisputed hipster capital (sorry, Williamsburg), Portland, Ore., is of course full of mustachioed, tattooed and sleeve-gartered bartenders. But it also happens to be a hotbed of craft distilling, with at least 10 booze-makers now in operation in the city. (Heck, the state of Oregon even offers a [guide to starting your own!](#)) Here are five to go check out next time you visit PDX.

House Spirits Distillery

2025 SE 7th Ave.

Probably the best-known Portland distillery outside of Portland, House Spirits is famous for its bartender-favorite Aviation Gin, a less-juniper-heavy, cardamom- and lavender-spiked spirit. But the distillery's smaller-production spirits are gems themselves, too: caraway- and anise-flavored Krogstad Aquavit is excellent in a Bloody Mary; Westward Oregon Straight Malt Whiskey is Scotch-like but brighter and more youthful; and House Spirits Coffee Liqueur is a java-head's dream, infusing rum with locally roasted Stumptown beans. The current space is pretty no-frills, with a small tasting room/shop next to a small warehouse so packed with equipment, barrels and bottles that there's not much room for tours, but the company is relocating and

tripling its space in the spring of 2015—look out for a more extensive bar for visitors and a wider range of products.



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