

Rate Your Portland Travel Partner

Some travelers have a great time no matter where they are or who they're with. Others travel under a dark cloud, perpetually finding fault. Before you pack your bags for Portland, take our quiz and make sure your travel partner is the best match for you.

TRAVEL PARTNER QUIZ:

1. *You've landed in Portland, but your luggage took a side trip to Boise. Your travel partner:*

- A. becomes undone at the prospect of having to squeeze time for shopping into your already jam-packed itinerary.
- B. shrugs it off and announces that this is the perfect excuse to explore Portland's tax-free shopping scene.
- C. tells the limo driver to arrange for a personal shopper to meet you at Portland's Saks Fifth Avenue store.
- D. decides to take the next flight home. After all, the trip is off to a bad start and things can only get worse.

2. *You visit one of Portland's famous craft breweries and are presented with a huge array of beer choices. Your travel partner:*

- A. complains that handcrafted beers don't taste like the mass-produced brands.
- B. asks which of the ales goes best with caviar.
- C. orders for both of you without hesitation, having extensively researched the brewery's offerings online.
- D. orders a tasting tray, which allows you to sample a small amount of each of the brewery's signature ales.

3. *Wanting to experience more of Oregon's natural beauty, your travel partner suggests:*

- A. exploring the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and its dozens of year-round waterfalls.
- B. a drive to the Oregon Coast with brunch in Astoria at 11 a.m., beachcombing in Seaside from 1 to 3 p.m., a visit to the cheese factory in Tillamook at 4 p.m.,

followed by dinner back in Portland at 7 p.m.

- C. hiring a driver and spending the day touring the nearby wine country. (Your travel partner has been dying to sample Oregon's award-winning Pinot noir wines.)
- D. That you decide. The options are simply overwhelming.

4. *Having dinner at a well-known Portland eatery, your travel partner:*

- A. takes 20 minutes to decide and then orders the small house salad and water.
- B. suggests that you order different entrees and share portions.
- C. asks the server to surprise you both with a selection of Oregon specialties and wines.
- D. ignores the menu, listens only to the two specials and then orders the higher-priced of the two.

5. *Searching for the perfect Portland souvenir, your travel partner purchases:*

- A. elegant pear-in-the-bottle brandy from Northwest Portland's Clear Creek Distillery.
- B. nothing.
- C. an all-weather travel jacket—with pockets for every gizmo and gadget—from Portland-based Columbia Sportswear.
- D. eco-friendly "Zoo Doo," garden fertilizer made from the Oregon Zoo's recycled elephant dung.

6. *According to your travel partner, the perfect place to stay is:*

- A. a centrally located boutique property within walking distance of most attractions and adjacent to the Portland light rail line.
- B. a cozy bed-and-breakfast in a tree-lined Portland neighborhood.
- C. an economy motel outside of town.
- D. an upscale luxury hotel with five-star restaurant and in-house spa.

7. *A broken water main closes down an attraction you've been dying to visit. Your travel partner:*

- A. has a blast doing an impromptu survey of passersby, asking them for recommendations of other places to see.
- B. whips out a list of optional activities to fill any unexpected free time.
- C. calls the attraction later to arrange

a special VIP tour.

D. pouts.

8. *Portland is known for its parks and gardens. Your travel partner's personality best matches:*

- A. Mill Ends Park, measuring a mere 12 inches across and recognized as the world's smallest dedicated greenspace.
- B. the elegant architecture, serpentine walkways and tea house located in the Portland Classical Chinese Garden.
- C. the manicured trees, sculptured shrubs, and perfectly raked pebble patterns that epitomize the Japanese Garden.
- D. the riot of colors, perfumes and blooms found in Portland's International Rose Test Garden.

9. *Your travel partner's idea of culture is:*

- A. box seats at the Portland Opera or the Oregon Ballet Theatre.
- B. an evening of smooth jazz in Portland's Old Town district.
- C. your hotel's in-room movie channel.
- D. two hours viewing the Portland Art Museum's latest visiting blockbuster exhibit.

10. *When it's time to pay for purchases, your travel partner whips out:*

- A. cash, credit card, traveler's checks—whatever the store or restaurant accepts.
- B. coupons.
- C. a flashy platinum-level credit card.
- D. exact change.

11. *To get from your hotel to the Oregon Zoo, your travel partner suggests:*

- A. riding MAX light rail, which can whisk you from downtown Portland to the second-deepest underground train station in the world—the Washington Park/Oregon Zoo station—in a mere nine minutes.
- B. hiring a limo.
- C. skipping the zoo and taking a nap.
- D. renting bicycles. After all, Portland is consistently rated as one of the most bike-friendly cities in North America.

12. *The fictional Hollywood movie character most like your travel partner is:*

- A. Sean Connery's suave, sophisticated James Bond in "Diamonds

are Forever.”

- B. Geena Davis’s free-spirited, optimistic dog trainer in “The Accidental Tourist.”
- C. Meg Ryan’s ultra-organized, super-efficient Sally in “When Harry Met Sally.”
- D. Walter Matthau’s cranky codger in “Grumpy Old Men.”

Computing Your Partner’s Final Score

Circle the option (A, B, C or D) you selected for each question. Then look at the numbers that correspond to those letters. If the majority of the answers you chose are 4s, see the “Marco Polo” category. If your answers are mostly 3s, read the “Cruise Director” description. A majority of 2s? See “Culture Vultures.” Lots of 1s? Ouch! Time to find a new travel partner.

SCORING				
1.	a-3	b-4	c-2	d-1
2.	a-1	b-2	c-3	d-4
3.	a-4	b-3	c-2	d-1
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9.	a-2	b-4	c-1	d-3
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11.	a-3	b-2	c-1	d-4
12.	a-2	b-4	c-3	d-1

(Mostly 4s) Marco Polos—These adventurous souls will try anything and go just about anywhere. They take travel setbacks in stride and are open to spur-of-the-moment fun. Traveling with an open mind, they never expect to find things just as they are at home. On the contrary, new experiences are exactly what they crave. Appreciative of cultural differences, they won’t embarrass you by demanding a Styrofoam coffee cup in eco-friendly Portland. Marco Polos represent the gold standard of travel partners.

(Mostly 3s) Cruise Directors—You’ll have a great time traveling with a cruise director, so long as you don’t mind adhering to a strict, structured itinerary. Cruise directors are happy to tackle all those boring trip-planning chores, but beware, their goal is to schedule every waking moment. Linger longer than planned at an attraction and you could be left behind. Cruise directors mesh well

with high-energy partners who enjoy being told what to do.

(Mostly 2s) Culture Vultures—Don’t bother suggesting a restaurant or hotel that carries less than a five-star rating. Culture vultures crave the best: artsy theater, award-winning wines, expensive spas, elegant museums. The upside: Culture vultures would rather pay your way than sink to the ignominy of a fast-food restaurant or economy-priced lodgings. Culture vultures are a perfect match for highbrow travelers on a shoestring budget.

(Mostly 1s) Whiners—The weather’s too hot (or too cold). The food tastes weird. The flight’s too long. The hotel is too expensive. No matter what, the whiner is unhappy. And that unhappiness can often translate into a reluctance to pay for anything the whiner feels isn’t up to snuff. To top it off, whiners hate to make decisions, but will certainly complain if the ones you make aren’t just right. Unless you enjoy traveling with three-year-olds, leave the whiner at home and just send a postcard.

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