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MORE THAN 1 million visitors will touch down at PDX this month, to say nothing of those arriving by train and car, making November one of the city's busiest in terms of travel. Undoubtedly this influx is due to Thanksgiving, which probably means we locals are about to receive a heavy dose of granny, cousin and mother-in-law love. Of course, we don't all have the space or, frankly, the patience to host out-of-towners in our homes. But where to stash your sister and her three boisterous kids or your hip best friend? These five hotels will accommodate all manner of guests. —Kasey Cordell

WHO	WHERE	WHY	DETAILS
Your grandparents, whose last date was to see Katharine Hepburn and Douglas Fairbanks in <i>Morning Glory</i>	Hotel deLuxe 	If the glamorous Hollywood golden-era details—think sweeping staircases, crystal chandeliers and floor-to-ceiling draperies—don't inspire youthful caroodling (really, we needn't imagine anything more), then the eight options on the hotel's pillow menu at least assure Gram and Gramps a good night's sleep.	\$149 to \$179 per night 729 SW 15th Ave www.hoteldeluxeportland.com
Your sister, her husband and their three sugar-fueled kids	Inn @ Northrup Station 	Sure, there's the great location, within walking distance from a toy shop, three parks and scores of restaurants, and the rooftop deck makes trolleys petting fun. But the real reason your family will love these suites? When the kids color on the multicolored, Day-Glo bedspread, no one will ever know.	\$114 to \$164 per night 2025 NW Northrup www.northrupstation.com
Your too-cool friends, who sport skinny jeans, funky glasses and extreme comb-overs	Ace Hotel 	If this newly opened hotel's avant-garde art—like the giant, wide-eyed kitty painted on the wall of Room 415—keeps your friends from sleeping, they'll find fresh-brewed Stumptown coffee just next door to help prop open their heavy lids.	\$95 to \$250 per night 1022 SW Stark www.acehotel.com
Your wine-tasting parents, who have become bona fide connoisseurs since your flight from the nest	Hotel Vintage Plaza 	With its luxurious rooms named after local vineyards such as Eola and Willamette Valley, its nightly wine receptions and its Wednesday night tasting classes, the Hotel Vintage Plaza provides the perfect way to make amends for driving your parents to drink in the first place.	\$169 to \$329 per night 422 SW Broadway www.vintageplaza.com
Your former college friends, who still party like it's 1999 long after you've gone to bed	White Eagle 	The beds in this 102-year-old building's 11 rooms are perfectly comfortable, but the live rock shows and the 10 tempting handcrafted beers in the bar downstairs might keep your pals out of them until 3 a.m. Just the way they like it.	\$40 to \$60 per night 836 N Russell www.mcmenamins.com