

Dishin': Portland, in General

Portland, how did this food-lover overlook you for ten years? We rode the train down, which was a pleasant, relaxing experience—excluding the last couple of miles or so, which took about 20 minutes due to work on the tracks. No big deal, except that instead of arriving at 1:50 p.m. as planned (perhaps even earlier), we were late and unable to get to Park Kitchen ahead of its two o'clock closing time, even though it's mere minutes from the station. Instead, we rolled the luggage through Chinatown to Ping, where we picked out a few Asian eats for late lunch.

And then rolled our way to our first hotel. We were told it's too far to walk, but walking was good exercise after being on the train, allowing us to get our bearings and enabling us to ogle some food carts with jealousy.



The atrium at Hotel Lucia

We spent two nights each at [Hotel DeLuxe](#) and [Hotel Lucia](#), sister hotels. (They are also sisters to our [Hotel Max](#) in Seattle.) We liked the "throwback style" of LeLuxe, but preferred the contemporary feel of Lucia. But both were comfortable and convenient in their own ways. There was no need for a car, especially with buses, trains and trams everywhere. The best part, though, is that the blocks are so close together; we felt like we could walk everywhere. Which we did—a good thing, given our eating itinerary:

Day 1

- * Ping
- * Bluehour
- * Biwa

Day 2

- * Ken's Artisan Bakery
- * Ten 01
- * Departure
- * Andina

Day 3

- * Broder
- * Nostrana
- * Sahagun
- * Teardrop
- * Pok Pok

Day 4

- * Farmers Market: Tastebud, Pine Street Biscuits, etc.
- * Tanuki
- * Cool Moon

Day 5

- * Beast
- * Voodoo
- * Kenny & Zuke's