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## Head to Holiday Central, Bellevue, WA

Downtown Bellevue does much more than just light up for the holiday season. Snow falls. Toy soldiers march down the street to a festive beat. Crowds cheer. Children's eyes twinkle. Here, the holiday spirit comes alive with an elaborate street extravaganza every evening. Better yet? It's free.

Snowflake Lane, produced by The Bellevue Collection, is worth a holiday-season getaway to Bellevue. If you live in the Seattle area, do yourself a favor and go. If you live outside the area, book a room in downtown Bellevue—the festivities will be right

outside your door.

Every evening at 7:00, from Thanksgiving weekend to Christmas Eve, it's showtime as Bellevue Way between NE 4th and NE 8th becomes Snowflake Lane. Claim your spot on the sidewalk to enjoy the show and watch as snow falls even on clear nights.

Before or after the show, enjoy dinner at one of the many eateries in downtown Bellevue. To find more information about Snowflake Lane, visit [snowflakelane.com](http://snowflakelane.com). To find lodging and other information about Bellevue, go to [visitbellevuewashington.com](http://visitbellevuewashington.com).

## Boutique Break in Ocean Shores, WA

A perennial favorite on the Washington coast, Ocean Shores has hosted beachcombers and vacationers for decades along its strip of beachfront hotels. A little farther beyond the strip among the collection of beach homes perched above the grasses and dunes is a welcoming small inn that beachgoers looking for change of pace have found.

Collins Inn offers elegantly appointed lodge rooms that are perfect for couple's getaways and a cozy cluster of fully equipped, two-story seaside cottages that can accommodate families and small groups of friends. The attention the innkeepers have placed on detail and amenities make this one of the finest small inns along the Washington coast.

When you're not cooking in at a Collins Inn cottage, dining musts in Ocean Shores are Galway Bay Irish Pub and Bennett's Fish Shack.

Winter is an exciting time to visit Ocean Shores. You just might have the beach to yourself, you might encounter wild weather

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that's great for storm watching, and you'll enjoy thinned out crowds in the restaurants and attractions. Reserve your Collins Inn getaway at [collinsinn.com](http://collinsinn.com). Find out more about visiting Ocean Shores at [tourismoceanshores.com](http://tourismoceanshores.com).

## Pacific City, Oregon: Romantic Weekend at Cape Kiwanda

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The southernmost cape of Northern Oregon's Three Capes Scenic Drive is Cape Kiwanda, and at the base of its massive sand dunes sits Inn at Cape Kiwanda, an ideal retreat for a winter romantic getaway. Each guest room sports an ocean view with the colossal sea stack Haystack Rock (the second of two on the Oregon Coast with the same name) dominating the coastline.

The inn's location miles off busy Highway 101 makes it feel as though you've uncovered a well-kept secret on the coast. The inn has all the essential beach-getaway trappings: balconies taking in the ocean view, in-room fireplaces, cozy furnishings and even complimentary wine served in the lobby at cocktail hour. Across the street, Pelican Brewery features elevated pub fare and their lineup of craft brews. Also, across the street is the newly opened and architecturally stunning Headlands Coastal Lodge and Spa, a boutique property by the same owners that takes luxury up a notch. Headlands is also home to the casual fine-dining eatery, Meridian, for those wanting a special setting for a dinner for two. For breakfast, Grateful Bread, in downtown Pacific City, is a must.

Book a getaway at Inn at Cape Kiwanda at [innatcapekiwanda.com](http://innatcapekiwanda.com). Learn more about travel to Pacific City and the Tillamook Coast at [tillamookcoast.com](http://tillamookcoast.com).



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## Winter at Shore Lodge, McCall, ID

For a winter getaway that seems to jump right out of a scene from the film "Holiday Inn," look no further than McCall, Idaho. A winter wonderland? Check. An iconic lodge? Check. World-class snow sports? Check. Bing Crosby? Sorry.

Many attributes place McCall on the top of the list for best winter getaway spots, namely scenic Payette Lake, Brundage Mountain Resort for great Idaho powder, the festivities of Winter Carnival and Shore Lodge.

Shore Lodge, a boutique waterfront hotel on Payette Lake, is home to The Cove Spa and four dining venues, including the classic steakhouse, The Narrows. A stay at Shore Lodge provides a quintessential Idaho getaway in which you can challenge yourself to see how much activity you can cram into a weekend or kick back and turn R&R into an art form.

If you plan to visit during the town's popular Winter Carnival, you'll need to book early. Winter Carnival is famous for its snow sculptures, parades, entertainment, art auction and more. Go to [mccallchamber.org/winter-carnival](http://mccallchamber.org/winter-carnival) for dates and a schedule of events.

To book your stay at Shore Lodge, visit [shorelodge.com](http://shorelodge.com). To plan your visit to McCall, Idaho, go to [mccallchamber.org](http://mccallchamber.org).



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