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PORTLAND'S 50 BEST SUMMER DRINKS

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Summer takes its sweet time arriving in Portland, but when the thermometer finally hits the high notes, you need drinkable relief that'll cool you to the core. Lucky for us, there's no end to the array of icy drinks available around town. Boozy slushies, golden ales, creamy shakes and crisp roses -- they're all out there just waiting for you to take a sip.

To help you get the most out of every gulp, we slurped our way around the city to find the 50 best summer drinks, from seasonal cocktails to revitalizing smoothies and everything in between. Whether you're a hop head, a wine lover or a caffeine fiend, your perfect summer sip awaits.



Departure Sling at Departure Lounge

Motoya Nakamura

Departure Sling at Departure Lounge: With its ultramodern decor, swanked-up patrons and cocktail list peppered with travel-inspired drinks like the Arrival, the Departure and the New Horizons, the zoomiest bar in town has a way of transporting you to another world -- as in Los Angeles. Walk through the sleek bar with its old-style techno soundtrack, head for the groovy skyport patio with acrophobia-inducing see-through railings overlooking downtown, and adopt your most insouciant moue as you lounge on a low-slung mid-century couch. Then order the cooling Departure Sling featuring Hendrick's Gin, pomegranate and elderflower liqueurs and lime juice -- and prepare for takeoff.

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