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Bend, Oregon's new boutique hotel

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I heart [Bend](#). I love how it's almost always sunny. I love the low-key locals. I love the restaurants and wine bars. I love how there's snow on Mt. Bachelor but not on the sidewalks. I love how you can run along the river in the morning and cross-country ski in the afternoon. But apart from the cozy-quirky [Old St. Francis McMenamins](#) (which I really liked, but, honestly, didn't *love*), the lodging options in central Oregon's otherwise great little mountain town have always kinda lacked. Until— [people](#) (well, so far, [two people](#)) are saying—now.



The [Oxford Hotel](#) recently opened downtown, with 59 "eco-chic boutique" rooms, filled with French press coffeemakers, iPod-compatible alarm clocks, and whatever type of pillows you personally choose from the "pillow menu." And, true to Bend's nature, room rates are affordable. Sounds worth checking out to me. Especially now, with fresh [snow in the mountains](#) and [Winter Fest](#) just a couple of weeks away.

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I hope this is a sign that Bend's tourism economy is coming back, if ever so slowly. It's been sobering to see the jobless rate soar and some really terrific restaurants close in Bend over the past year.

All the more reason to visit this awesome town if your budget allows. The Oxford Hotel sounds divine, and I'm sure it is, but if the price is too high for you there are other options. I wrote a post on Northwest Cheapsleeps last year about some great deals in Bend, including a nice B&B for as low as \$49 and bungalows you can rent for \$99 a night. <http://nwcheapsleeps.org/2009/01/18/got-the-bends/>

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