

## Oregon in October

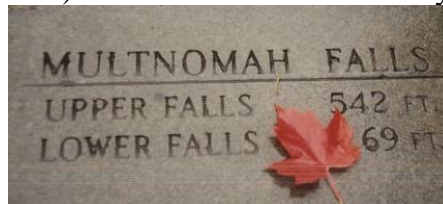
The Fall season is just around the corner. Fall can be such a beautiful time of year. There are many places to go and see the fall colors. If you are not sure where you want to go, let me share with you a place that I love to go every year.



Oregon is very colorful and lush in the fall. Every leaf on the tree seems to be a different color.

I like to go for a cheap stay at McMenamins Edgefield Hotel. On the top floor they have a youth hostel where you can stay extremely cheap and yet enjoy all the amenities of a nice hotel. I had never been to a youth hostel before. I always figured they were dirty and run down. However, the hostel is filled with several bunk beds and lockers. Many times I have been the only one staying in the hostel. They say fall is considered their “off” season. I get the entire room to myself. When I go downstairs, I can dine at nice restaurants and get a massage if I like. More information on hostels in Portland can be found at [http://www.hostelz.com/view.php/United+States\\_Oregon\\_Portland\\_Hostels](http://www.hostelz.com/view.php/United+States_Oregon_Portland_Hostels).

The youth hostel is located in Portland, Oregon, not far from Multnomah Falls (the second highest waterfall in the United States). This is awesome to see as you drive along



the Columbia River Gorge to get there.



For more information and pictures of the falls you can go to [www.fs.fed.us/r6/columbia/millennium2/welcome.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/columbia/millennium2/welcome.htm)

Portland is surrounded by mountains such as Mt. Saint Helens where you can do lots of hiking. In just an hour's time, you can drive to the mountains and enjoy the snow too. Mt. Hood is great for skiing. It is the only mountain in North America with skiing year around. Portland is not very crowded in October and serves as a great quiet get away. If you love the fall colors, you may want to consider Oregon on your list of places to be this

fall. You could have a great time on assignment there. Oregon is just one of the many great places to travel.