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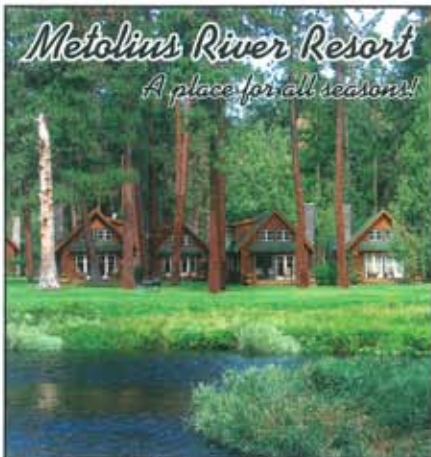
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- Klamath Refuge Centennial Event August 7 - 10
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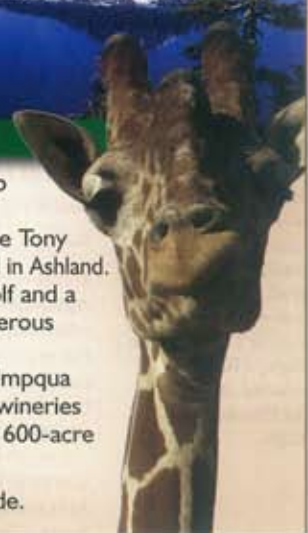
It's an age-old question. What makes us who we are – nature or nurture?

Nurture your soul at a performance of the Tony Award-winning **Oregon Shakespeare Festival** in Ashland.

Or nurture yourself with championship golf and a tax-free shopping spree in **Medford's** numerous boutiques and shopping centers.

In and around **Roseburg**, the Land of Umpqua offers nature's best waterfalls for exploring, wineries for tasting, and even giraffe's for feeding at a 600-acre wild animal park.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Dancers perform at the Green Show, Oregon Shakespeare Festival's popular pretheater entertainment; the Ashland Springs Hotel; a quiet bridge stroll in Lithia Park; a banner in town; at the festival's Elizabethan Stage, a flag is unfurled. **OPPOSITE** The Elizabethan Stage.

ASHLAND, OR It's Stratford-upon-Avon moved to the Siskiyou Mountains of southwestern Oregon. It's a college town once quaint-hip and now glamorous, with dozens of art galleries and restaurants piquing the attention of food critics nationwide. It's Ashland, Oregon, and its evolution hasn't gone unnoticed: Some 120,000 people come here every year specifically to attend plays. Here's how to get the most out of it.

INFO

Ashland is off I-5 about 14 miles southeast of Medford. For more information, contact the Ashland Chamber of Commerce (ashlandchamber.com or 541/482-3486).

WHERE TO STAY

Ashland Springs Hotel The guest rooms in this restored

landmark hotel have a 1920s elegance with the requisite modern amenities, from data ports to mini fridges. 70 rooms from \$169; ashlandsspringshotel.com or 888/795-4545.

The Peerless Hotel and Restaurant High ceilings and antique furnishings lend vintage charm to this comfy restored hotel in the historic

Railroad District; restaurant (\$\$\$). 4 rooms and 2 suites from \$158, including breakfast; peerlessrestaurant.com, 800/460-8758, or 541/488-1082.

WHAT TO DO

These days there's a lot more to theater in Ashland than the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. And there's more to

the festival than just Shakespeare. Here are four tips to help you make the most of your stay.

Personalize your festival experience: Depending on the month, OSF puts on four to nine classic and contemporary plays for you to choose among. They are staged in three very different venues—the outdoor 1,190-seat Elizabethan Stage/Allen Pavilion (mid-Jun–Oct 12), the indoor 601-seat Angus Bowmer Theatre, and the indoor New Theatre, seating 270 to 360. Treat yourself to at least one play in each setting. **Don't be**

The play's the thing

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AND YOU'LL HAVE ONE HECK OF A GOOD WEEKEND

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afraid of Bill: Sure, Shakespeare's language is archaic, but the stories are timeless. Order this year's copy of *Illuminations* (\$11 plus postage) from the festival website or box office. The deep background the guide provides for each play is essential reading, especially for Shakespeare neophytes. **Branch out:** Productions at Oregon Cabaret Theatre and Oregon Stage Works will add to your experience. **Make it a long weekend:** The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is dark on Mondays, but other companies do stage plays then.

Lithia Artisans Market
Closed Mon–Fri; Calle Guanajuato, across from Lithia Park; 888/303-2826.

Oregon Cabaret Theatre
Musicals, revues, and comedies in a nightclub-style theater. First and Hargadine Sts.; oregoncabaret.com or 541/488-2902.

Oregon Shakespeare Festival
The Tony Award-winning festival is one of the oldest and largest professional regional repertory theater companies in the U.S.; its outdoor stage is the oldest existing full-scale Elizabethan stage in the Western

Hemisphere. 15 S. Pioneer St.; o5fashland.org or 541/482-4331.

Oregon Stage Works
Concentrates on contemporary American playwrights. A Street Marketplace, 185 A St.; oregonstageworks.org or 541/482-2334.

WHERE TO EAT

Amuse Locally procured foods, elegantly prepared and served in the bite-size spirit of the French *amuse-bouche*. There are full-size entrées too. \$\$\$; closed Mon; 15 N. First; 541/488-9000.
Chateaulin Restaurant Inti-

mate French restaurant has long been a local favorite for before- or after-theater dining or drinks. \$\$\$; 50 E. Main St.; 541/482-2264.

Macaroni's Ristorante & Martino's Lounge Festival cast and crew often gather at Martino's Lounge—upstairs from the restaurant, which is right off the festival courtyard—for light late-night meals and drinks. \$\$; 58 E. Main; 541/488-4420.
Standing Stone Brewing Co. Come here for good microbrews and pub food. \$; 101 Oak St.; 541/482-2448.
—BONNIE HENDERSON

