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9 cozy Pacific Northwest staycations to help you enjoy winter

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The season of the Big Dark is upon us. With the twinkling lights and festive spirit of the holiday season fading away, it can feel like a marathon until we reach the lighter and brighter days of late spring and summer.

So how do we beat the winter blues? By embracing the chilly season's abundance of cozy activities! From unique hotel accommodations and steamy saunas, to wine getaways and coastal storm watching, we've gathered some Pacific Northwest travel inspiration to help you make the most of winter.

Wine weekend

Wine needn't just be a summer affair. Washington's bold reds are a perfect match for cool winter days. Pair your wine tasting with a cozy weekend at a lodge in Woodinville or Walla Walla to retreat to once you've had your fill of wineries.

Walla Walla: Head to one of Washington's most eclectic wine destinations for a long weekend break. Personally, there's no better place to stay in Walla Walla than the restored, historic farm at the [Inn at Abeja](#), which has free-standing cottages and plush suites sprawling over 38 acres of farmland. Start the day with a gourmet breakfast at the inn, followed by a wine tasting at Abeja's on-site winery, where the cabernet sauvignon is a must for lovers of full-bodied reds. Venture beyond the property and stay warm sampling wines at tasting rooms like [Hoquetus](#), a tiny, sustainably-run winery; and [Pursued by Bear](#), "Twin Peaks" star Kyle MacLachlan's ode to his childhood in Yakima.



📷 1 of 5 | At the Inn at Abeja, start the day with a gourmet breakfast, followed by a wine tasting at the on-site winery. (Abeja Winery and Inn)



📷 2 of 5 | Head to Walla Walla for a relaxing getaway at the Inn at Abeja. (Abeja Winery and Inn)