

Oregon

LAID-BACK OREGON CONCEDES ONLY ONE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY to those with

a misplaced sense of urgency. The real joy in Oregon is lazily crisscrossing the state along back roads and scenic byways. And boy, are they scenic. The Cascades are dense with natural wonders, including mountains, waterfalls, forests and hot springs. The Oregon coast offers a completely different experience, with miles and miles of coastal highway stringing together charming seaside towns.

If sparsely populated Oregon still feels too busy for you, head to the remote eastern part of the state. In the land of fossils and pioneer relics, you can't help but think, 'Where am I, and what have they done with all the towns?'