

SEATTLE

1 MINUTE/1 HOUR/1 DAY GETAWAY

Youthful and creative, Seattle offers a celebrated music scene, unusual cultural institutions and wide range of shopping and dining delights. It's also blessed with picture-perfect wonders, from a modern skyline of glass office towers to the natural beauty of Puget Sound and Bainbridge Island.

1 MINUTE

Chittenden Locks

3015 NW 54th St. • 206-783-7059

Much is on the move at this popular crossroads for boats and fish alike. The locks connect all sorts of vessels to the Puget Sound from Lakes Union and Washington, while the Fish Ladder below (viewable through an underwater window) makes it easy for scores of salmon to migrate to and from the ocean.

The Fremont Troll

N. 36th St. and Aurora Ave. N. • 206-632-1500

(Aurora Chamber of Commerce) fremontseattle.com/myths/trolledit.htm

In 1989, the Fremont Arts Council was approached to seek out a piece of artwork for the space under the Aurora bridge. A national competition followed, and the winning entry was the Troll, created by a group headed by sculptor Steve Badanes. Constructed of steel and 2 tons of ferroconcrete, the Troll is a funky Fremont fixture of mammoth proportions: he holds a Volkswagen Bug in one of his hands, and one of his eyes is made out of a hubcap.

1 HOUR

Boeing Plant Tour

Everett, WA • 800-464-1476

From a balcony three stories above the factory floor, witness the manufacture of Boeing's biggest jets. In and around the world's biggest building (98.3 acres), you'll see mind-blowing machinery, planes in various states of completion and the testing area. To make it easy, they'll even pick you up from any Seattle hotel.

Bill Speidel's Underground Tour

608 First Ave. • 206-682-4646 • undergroundtour.com

Learn Seattle history from the (under)ground up in this humorous tour beneath Pioneer Square. After a massive fire in 1889, the city was rebuilt two stories higher than the original street-level—hence the subterranean “city.” Take the 11 a.m. tour to beat the crowds.

Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame

325 Fifth Ave. N. • 206-724-3428 • sfhomeworld.org

Bring out your inner geek. Founded in part by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, this sci-fi shrine boasts an impressive collection of memorabilia, from Star Wars to Planet of the Apes. Only here can you ponder the “final frontier” while gazing upon Capt. Kirk's command chair.

1 HOUR (CONT)

Experience Music Project

325 Fifth Ave. N. • 206-367-5483 • empive.org

Located in the same eye-catching building as the Sci-Fi Museum, EMP has thousands of artifacts of a melodic nature, from Jimi Hendrix's shattered guitar to Michael Jackson's glove. For hands-on fun, music fans from beginner to expert can record their own CD in the Sound Lab.

Museum of Glass

1801 E. Dock St., Tacoma • 253-396-1768 • museumofglass.org

A stunning piece of architecture in its own right, The Museum of Glass features galleries, a theater, studio, grand hall, store, café and more. Be sure to check out the Hot Shop Amphitheater, housed in an imposing 90-foot tall stainless steel cone, where you can watch glass artists at work. Facilities are available for weddings, meetings and receptions.

1 DAY

Snoqualmie Falls & Winery Tour

800-305-9617 • seattletours.us

In just one driving tour you can see a breathtaking 270-ft. waterfall (taller than Niagara), view the lush landscape of the UW's campus, explore the vast cellar of Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery (the state's oldest), take in Lake Union's floating houses and visit the rich Boehm's Swiss Chocolate Factory.

Ferry Ride to Bainbridge Island

Colman Dock, Pier 52 • 206-464-6400 • wsdot.wa.gov/ferries

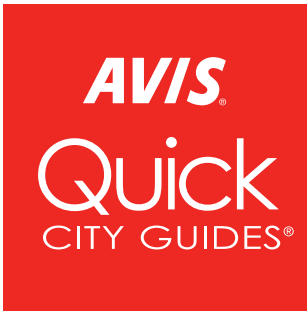
Ferry across the Puget Sound and you'll experience *Money* magazine's #2 place to live in the U.S., a 28-sq. mi. island with a small-town feel. Locally owned shops, restaurants and galleries fill the downtown area, while the ride back into the city offers a clear view of the skyline.

Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument

42218 N.E. Yale Bridge Rd., Amboy • 360-449-7800

fs.fed.us/gpnf/mshnvm/

On May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens erupted for nine hours, destroying 230 square miles of forest and collapsing the north face of the mountain. Visit the rugged and spectacular Mount Margaret Backcountry to see the extraordinary effects of the historic blast, or explore hiking trails within the National Volcanic Monument.



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GOURMET DINING AND LOCAL FAVORITES

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Ibiza Dinner Club

Historic Pioneer Square is home to this glamorous hot-spot where you can opt for the popular tapas to share, or choose your own Spanish-with-a-twist entrée. Ibiza also boasts a comfy, chic lounge with a circular, glowing bar and comfy couches for mingling.

528 Second Ave. • 206-381-9090

Il Bistro

Italy meets the Pacific Northwest in this intriguing basement dining room. From the bruschetta trio to the rack of lamb, you won't be surprised by the menu if you've eaten authentic Italian before; the real mystery may lie in your shadowy surroundings...

93A Pike St. • 206-682-3049

Cutters Bayhouse

Cutters specializes in natural things: fresh, lightly seasoned seafood and meats, and a clear, impressive view of the bay. A favorite place to unwind, the business casual restaurant is known for its friendly staff and clientele. Ask about the fish specials—they change with the catch of the market outside.

2001 Western Ave. • 206-448-4884

Campagne

The ambience and menu here are so authentically French, you may think you're in Paris. Inside the picture windows that line the room's bayside walls, you can cap off a busy day spent in the surrounding market with the robust recipes of Southern France. Or if you prefer a more casual environment, Cafe Campagne is right nearby, known for its weekend brunch.

Restaurant: 86 Pine St. • 206-728-2800

Cafe: 1600 Post Alley • 206-728-2233

Union

A favorite of *Bon Appetit*, *Esquire* and *Gourmet*, Union boasts a multi-level dining room with high ceilings, dark and simple furnishings and clean lines. The kitchen prides itself on an ever-changing menu inspired by top-notch ingredients from around the block and around the world. Past highlights have included foie gras with artichokes and 50 year-old balsamic, dungeness crab with avocado and basil and seared sea scallops and lentils and ham hocks.

1400 First Ave. • 206-838-8000

LOCAL FAVORITES

Pike Place Chowder

It probably takes an impressive clam chowder to win 1st place in a New England cook-off. This small restaurant's dish won it three years in a row, but they also serve other soups and such from the sea.

1530 Post Alley • 206-267-2537

Dahlia Lounge

Chef Tom Douglas has 4 restaurants in this city, but this may be the most beloved (tomdouglas.com has the rest). Here, you can try his specialty Dungeness crab cakes under Chinese lanterns in an experience many consider purely Seattle.

2001 Fourth Ave. • 206-682-4142

Spud Fish & Chips

Don't expect anything elaborate from this family-owned seafood shack, serving golden fried cod (as well as shrimp, scallops, oysters and more) since 1940—the unremarkable facility doesn't hint at the breadcrumb batter-dipped specialties within. Do expect to cough up some spare change if you want tartar sauce.

6860 E. Green Lake Way N. • 206-524-0565

icon Grill

This may not be the most representative restaurant of Seattle, but few could deny that it's interesting. From the colorful glass chandeliers to the elaborate wall decorations to the molasses glazed meatloaf and grilled bacon wrapped sea scallops on the menu, you may find yourself on the edge of your seat to find out what comes next.

1933 Fifth Ave. • 206-441-6330

The Pink Door, Pike Place Market

Whimsical, lavish and theatrical, The Pink Door combines home-style Italian-American fare with live cabaret acts ranging from jazz ensembles to Tamara the Trapeze lady, who performs on a swing overhead. Seasonal menus feature hearty dishes like clams and mussels in vermouth, porcini gnocci with sage cream and roasted pheasant with rosemary and a gratinée of greens and gorgonzola.

1919 Post Alley • 206-443-3241 • thepinkdoor.net/index.html