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largest city in the Northwest United States and is home to the iconic Space Needle, the famous Pike Place Market and the new Chihuly Garden and Glass. Noted as the birthplace of grunge music and serious coffee shops (Starbucks and Tully's), Seattle is far sunnier than its reputation as a rainy city. In fact, Seattle receives less rain than many major U.S. cities including New York and Miami. Seattle is a green city with an abundance of evergreen trees and spectacular views of the Cascade Mountains to the east and the Olympic Mountains to the





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THE CITY



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The uniqueness of Seattle is the combination of a metropolitan city, a collection of neighborhoods each with its own personality and a natural setting of lakes and mountains. In Seattle, you can kayak by day and go to the opera at night. Local tourism officials describe the city as "metronatural." Yet, the entire city shares a collective vibe that is casual, educated, and forward-thinking.

Sitting between Puget Sound and Lake Washington, the city's shoreline offers piers, waterside attractions and a variety of water tours. Mount Ranier, the highest mountain in Washington, is less than 60 miles away and on a clear day it dominates the southeastern horizon of Seattle. About the same distance north of the city sits Mount Baker, one of the snowiest places in the world.

Technology has emerged as a major influence on local culture. The Seattle-area is home to companies like Amazon.com and Microsoft (in nearby Redmond). Boeing is also a major local employer, and visitors can tour the factory where they build and test their aircraft. One of the city's most popular attractions, The Museum of Flight, highlights aviation and space history.

DO & SEE



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For those visiting Seattle for the first time, taking a tour is a great way to get a feel for the local history and attractions. Seattle offers a variety of ways to explore and enjoy the city.

A Seattle Double Decker Tour is an easy way to see the best sites of Seattle. Hop on or off at any attraction, or ride the entire loop for a complete tour. A lake cruise will give a uniquely different view of the city and its waters. Some lake tours offer dining options to enjoy while you take in spectacular waterfront views. Or, you can enjoy Seattle from both land and water on a one-of-a-kind Duck Tour aboard a WWII amphibious landing craft. Whichever you choose, a tour is a perfect, family-friendly way to explore the many sights, sounds and attractions of Seattle.

In addition to the Space Needle, Seattle's most recognizable landmark, visitors should be sure to include a visit to the world renowned Seattle Art Museum (called SAM by locals). Popular outdoor activities include whale watching tours, winery visits and the 270-foot waterfall at Snoqualmie Falls is a shutter-bug's delight. Top off any day in Seattle with a wide choice of museums, live music venues and neighborhood coffee shops.



Space Needle



Built for the 1962 World's Fair, the Space Needle is 605 feet high with an observation deck at 520 feet and the rotating SkyCity restaurant at 500

feet. From the top of the Needle one can see not only the Downtown Seattle skyline, but also the Olympic and Cascade Mountains, Mount Rainier, Mount Baker, Elliott Bay and surrounding islands.

Photo: John Zacherle (image cropped) Address: 400 Broad Street, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 08.00 - 00.00 Phone: +1 206 905 2180 Internet: www.spaceneedle.com More Info: While the observation deck is closed after noon, the SkyCity restaurant can still be enjoyed while having a brunch (Friday - Sunday: 9.30 - 14.45), a lunch (Monday -Thursday: 11.00 - 14.45), or even dinner (Monday - Sunday:

Seattle Aquarium

17.00 - 21.45).



The Seattle Aquarium is the ninth largest aquarium in the U.S. by attendance and the region's premier resource for hands-on marine

experiences and conservation education. The Seattle Aquarium offers fun, exciting ways to discover more about the amazing Puget Sound and our world's one big ocean.

Photo: jc.winkler (image cropped) Address: 1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59, Seattle Opening hours: Daily 09.30 - 17.00 Phone: +1 206 386 4300 Internet: www.seattleaquarium.org Email: info@seattleaquarium.org More Info: Did you know? During the summertime the aquarium will be open for a longer amount of time! (May 28 -September 1 from 09.30-18.00)

Argosy Cruises Harbor Tour



Choose from a variety of tours, many with dining options, from Elliot Bay and Seattle Harbor. Tours provide wonderful views of the Seattle skyline,

waterfront and the Olympic and Cascade Mountains.

Photo: mahalie stackpole (image cropped) Address: 1101 Alaskan Way, Pier 55, Suite 201, Seattle Phone: +1 206 622 8687

Internet: www.argosycruises.com

Email: sales@argosycruises.com

More Info: It is important to know that their opening times change monthly, so make sure to check the website for the current times.

Pacific Science Center



Washington's leading institution for fun and engaged learning allures curiosity in people of all ages and inspire creative thinking with its

award-winning, interactive programs and exhibits. Spend some hours here and explore the IMAX® movie theater, Laser Dome, planetarium shows, live science shows and the tropical butterfly house.

Photo: Blake Handley (image cropped) Address: 200 Second Avenue N, Seattle Public Transport: King County Metro Online, Seattle Center Monorail Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10.00 - 18.00 Phone: +1 206 443 2001 Internet: www.pacificsciencecenter.org Email: gs@pacsci.org



Pike Place Market



Open since 1907, Pike Place Market is one of the oldest continually operated public farmers' markets in the United States. Overlooking the

Elliott Bay waterfront in Seattle, the Market is a place of business for many small farmers, craftspeople and merchants. Pay attention to the "Caution Low Flying Fish" sign as you approach the Pike Place Fish Market, famous for hurling each customer's fish across the counter for wrapping.

Photo: mat79 (image cropped) Address: First Avenue and Pike Street, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 6.00 - 18.00 Phone: +1 206 682 7453 Internet: www.pikeplacemarket.org Email: info@pikeplacemarket.org More Info: Please be aware that not every market stall or restaurant closes at the same time, they have their own individual closing times. Please visit the Pike Place Market website for specific opening times.

Woodland Park Zoo



Seattle's 92-acre, award-winning zoo exhibits nearly 1,100 animals representing almost 300 different animal species—from tiny

insects to the largest land mammal on the planet, the African elephant. Beside hosting beautiful animals, the Woodland Park Zoo provides shops and some dining options.

Photo: Shannon Kringen (image cropped) Address: South Entrance: 750 N. 50th Street, Seattle West Entrance: 5500 Phinney Avenue N. | Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9.30 - 18.00 Phone: +1 206 548 2500 Internet: www.zoo.org

Email: zooinfo@zoo.org

The Museum of Flight



all-encompassing aviation experience displaying a massive collection of flying machines from the first primitive gliders to

today's most modern aircraft. Tour includes a stop at the "Red Barn" which was the original manufacturing facility for Boeing.

Photo: James Brooks (image cropped) Address: 9404 East Marginal Way S., Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10.00 - 17.00 Phone: +1 206 764 5720 Internet: www.museumofflight.org

Seattle Art Museum



SAM (as it's called by locals) is an internationally renowned museum with three distinct venues including the Seattle Asian Art

Museum and the Olympic Sculpture Park. You can easily wander around for hours and explore the art from different time periods and countries.

Photo: Richie Diesterheft (image cropped) Address: 1300 First Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday 10.00 - 17.00, Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday: 10.00 - 17.00, Thursday: 10.00-21.00, Friday-Sunday:10.00-17.00 Phone: +1 206 654 3100 Internet: www.seattleartmuseum.org



EMP Museum



Explore some of the most significant moments in rock music, science fiction and popular culture. With its roots in rock 'n' roll, Experience

Music Project, commonly known as EMP, serves as a gateway museum, reaching multigenerational audiences through their collections, exhibitions and educational programs.

Photo: Les Williams (image cropped) Address: 325 5th Avenue N., Seattle Public Transport: The Seattle Center Monorail connects Westlake Center (located downtown at 5th and Pine), to the Seattle Center terminal adjacent to EMP. Visit the Seattle Monorail website for detailed information. It is also possible to arrive by bus. Please visit the King Country Metro Transit website for more detailed information. Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10.00 - 19.00 Phone: +1 206 770 2700 Internet: www.empmuseum.org Email: Experience@EMPmuseum.org More Info: During the colder winter months, the museum is only open until 17.00.

Chihuly Garden and Glass



Chihuly Garden and Glass provides a look at the inspiration and influences that formed the career of artist Dale Chihuly. Located at Seattle

Center, Chihuly Garden and Glass includes an Exhibition Hall with eight galleries, the centerpiece Glasshouse and a lush Garden. The Glasshouse presents a suspended 1,400-piece, 100-foot-long sculpture; and the Garden is a backdrop for four monumental sculptures and other installations. Address: 305 Harrison Street, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Thursday: 08.00 - 21.00 and Friday - Sunday 08.00 - 22.00 Phone: +1 206 753 4940 Internet: www.chihulygardenandglass.com

Mt St Helens



South of Seattle lies the beautiful Mt. Saint Helens, a national forest that houses a sleeping volcano. In close cooperation with the

visitor center you can buy the necessary passes and permits to go camping and hiking. Additionally, they also pride themselves as a small museum with quite interesting exhibits. Leave the urban world behind you and dive back into nature by visiting this exquisite location.

Photo: lauraslens/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mt St Helens, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Phone: +1 360 902 8844

Internet: www.parks.wa.gov

More Info: The entrance lies close to the Johnston Ridge Observatory, which is located at milepost 52 on State Route 504. Make sure to inform about any passes and permits you might need during your trip!

Reptile Zoo



If you don't get squeamish from creatures with more than 8 eyes then visiting the Reptile Zoo might be a great idea. With it's location

outside of the city, north east of Seattle, it might be quite a drive, but definitely worth it. The Reptile Zoo has everything ranging from snakes to turtles to alligators and even arachnids. Plus, if you've always had a thing for having your own reptile, the zoo gives expert advice on how to start as a beginner.



Photo: hj_west (image cropped) Address: 22715 U.S. 2, Monroe Opening hours: Everyday; 10.00 - 18.00 Phone: +1 360 805 5300 Internet: www.thereptilezoo.org Email: info@reptileman.com

K1 Speed



The wind through your hair, becoming teary eyed from the sheer speed, this is what will happen as you enjoy the 4 wheeled beasts on the tracks.

Race around using 20 horse power electric karts in an indoor environment. This is what K1 Speed offers, and they do it well. They offer a special 'Arrive and Drive' option which is especially handy for tourists as you can come and can race a 14 lap race right away with no strings attached. Gear up to race against your friends, family or even the K1 staff.

Photo: Franck Boston/Shutterstock.com Address: 2207 NE Bel-Red Rd., Redmond Opening hours: Monday - Thursday; 11.00 - 22.00 Friday; 11.00 - 0.00 Saturday; 10.00 - 0.00 Sunday; 10.00 to 22.00 Phone: +1 425 455 9999 Internet: www.k1speed.com/seattle-location.html Email: sales@k1speed.com

Family Fun Center & Bullwinkle's Restaurant



Get ready for a day of fun, because why so serious? The Family Fun Center in Tukwila makes sure that you will have an awesome day filled with

fun activities. From batting cages, to bowling, bumper cars and laser tag, they have it all. There are fun things to do for people of all ages, so be sure to visit them when you're going around Seattle. Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com Address: 7300 Fun Center Way, Tukwila Phone: +1 425 228 7300 Internet: www.fun-center.com Email: ffc-info@hotmail.com

Olympic Sculpture Park



A beautiful and iconic park of Seattle is located on Western Avenue and features an amazing combination of both art and nature. It is

interesting to mention that the admission is free, and allows you to observe all art on your own leisure. Some of these interesting art pieces include 'Neukom Vivarium' which is a large greenhouse with various plants and trees. Another piece is the Schubert Sonata, a painted steel sculpture to honor musical composers. So when the weather allows it, visit the park and be amazed.

Photo: Mariusz S. Jurgielewicz/Shutterstock.com Address: 2901 Western Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Open: 30 minutes prior to sunrise Closes: 30 minutes after sunset Phone: +1 206 654 3100 Internet: www.seattleartmuseum.org

Waterfall Garden



For many people in Seattle the need to escape the urban jungle arises, and so they go pay a visit during lunchtime to the Waterfall Garden.

With many tables and little eateries close by you can enjoy a good book or just sit back and relax with some coffee. Don't expect to make any phone calls though, the roaring waterfall is more than just white noise in this case.



Photo: Robert Ashworth (image cropped) Address: 219 2nd Ave S, Seattle Phone: +1 206 624 6096 More Info: Unfortunately, waterfalls do not respond to emails or phone calls, they do enjoy your visit though!

Bear Creek Country Club



The bright green pastures shine bright at the Bear Creek Country Club. If you're a golfer, then this is heaven for you. Spanning a total of 7,026

yards of green enjoyment, and only 15 minutes from downtown Seattle, playing golf here is a great way to spend your time. Several prestigious events also took place here such as the Hudson Cup and USGA. Show the community of Seattle you can do better than a birdie!

Photo: way31/Shutterstock.com

Address: 13737 202nd Avenue Northeast, Woodinville Opening hours: Monday - Friday; 09.00 - 17.00 Saturday 09.00 - 18.00 Sunday; 10.00 - 16.00 Phone: +1 425 883 4770 Internet: www.bearcreekcc.com Email: membership@bearcreekcc.com More Info: Membership is required for some holes and buildings. There are several memberships, ranging from social memberships to full access memberships.

Safeco Field



When visiting Seattle it is of paramount importance to attend one of America's most famous sports; Baseball. The Seattle Mariners play

games every year, and if you just so happen to be in the right season then don't miss out on this great opportunity. Feel the cheering of the crowd, the tension of the game, and even the occasional chance to catch a homerun ball! Photo: Chase N. (image cropped) Address: 1250 1st Avenue South, Seattle Phone: +1 206 346 4000 Tickets: www.ticketmaster.com Internet: seattle.mariners.mlb.com Email: tickets@mariners.mlb.com

Sky View Observatory



The Sky View Observatory is the ninth tallest office building in the world and contains 76 floors. Being 932 feet tall, it is twice the height of

the Seattle space needle tower, you can even spot it from a distance. With almost 5000 people working in the tower daily, you can be certain this skyscraper is going to offer you a very unique view.

Photo: Billy Savanh (image cropped) Address: 701 5th Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Daily: 09.00 - 22.00 Phone: +1 206 386 5564 Internet: www.skyviewobservatory.com Email: CCSkyView@gmail.com

Brandon Lee and Bruce Lee's Grave Site



Visit the last resting place of the legend Bruce Lee and his son. With his gravestone well maintained and where flowers are placed upon a

daily it a sight to behold. If a famous gravestone tour is one of your goals in Seattle make sure to also visit Jimi Hendrix's grave in Greenwood Cemetery as well as the grave of Chief Sealth of the famous Suquamish tribe.

Photo: Tony Fischer (image cropped) Address: 1554 15th Avenue East, Seattle Phone: +1 206 322 1582 Internet: www.lakeviewcemeteryassociation.com



More Info: Just like any graveyard, it is appreciated to remain respectful and keep sound to a minimum.

DINING



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Seattle's dining scene is surprisingly diverse. In addition to the expected Northwestern style seafood restaurants and steakhouses, visitors will find a variety of restaurants with influences from Latin America, Asia, France and other places not normally associated with the Northwest. Many restaurant menus are rooted in fresh seafood, an abundance of small-scale producers, great local wines and an ever-growing pool of talented chefs.

Foodies will enjoy the Savor Seattle Food Tour at Pike Place Market. This two-hour walking tour gets behind the scenes to experience the sights, sounds, and flavors of this historic 105-year old landmark. A gourmet restaurant tour and a chocolate tour are also available in the city. Get more info at www.savorseattletours.com.

Fisherman's Restaurant & Bar



Experience the best in fresh Northwest seafood. Located at the end of Pier 57 with amazing waterfront views. On the menu you will not only

find mouth-watering seafood dishes such as

grilled salmon fillet and king crab, but also pasta dishes and steaks.

Photo: Natthawon Chaosakun/Shutterstock.com Address: 1301 Alaskan Way, Seattle Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday; 11.00 - 21.30 and Friday -Saturday; 11.00 - 22.00 Phone: +1 206 623 3500 Internet: www.thefishermansrestaurant.com

El Gaucho



Seattle's premier steakhouse, where the details are carefully and thoughtfully executed and where every guests receives impeccable

service and high quality food. Enjoy your delicious food, prepared with the finest ingredients while listening to live jazz piano music.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 2505 First Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 16.00 - 23.00 Phone: +1 206 728 1337 Internet: www.elgaucho.com

Dahlia Lounge



When stomachs start rumbling it might be a good idea to visit the Dahlia Lounge. With its wood adorned ceiling, wine colored booths,

supported by a soft ambiance of the many ceiling lights, you can feel the stress disappearing. Featuring Northwest cuisine, this imaginative and inventive restaurant has become synonymous with a visit to Seattle.

Photo: John Hritz (image cropped) Address: 2001 4th Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Lunch: Monday - Friday; 11.30 - 14.00 /



Brunch: Saturday - Sunday; 9.00 - 14.00 / Dinners: Monday -Thursday; 17.00 - 22.00 and Friday - Saturday; 17.00 - 23.00 and Sunday; 17.00 - 21.00 Phone: +1 206 682 4142 Internet: www.tomdouglas.com Email: office@tomdouglas.com

13 Coins Restaurant



The 13 Coins Restaurant, a Seattle institution since 1967, offers an exhibition kitchen, live music in the Night Owl Lounge and twice daily happy hour.

Open 24 hours. Whether you're going for an all-nighter with a wide selection of wines and cocktails, or a calm morning breakfast with one of their famous omelettes, The 13 Coins offer an enjoyable experience for any mood.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com Address: 125 Boren Avenue N., Seattle Opening hours: Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Phone: +1 206 682 2513 Internet: www.13coins.com

Andaluca Restaurant & Bar



Enjoy fresh seasonal Northwest foods combined with Mediterranean flavors and techniques in a warm, upbeat

atmosphere. Besides offering tasty food such as Andaluca paella, grilled halibut and grilled pork tenderloin, they also provide gluten-free menu. Reservations recommended.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com Address: 407 Olive Way, Seattle Opening hours: Breakfast: Monday - Friday; 6.30 - 11.00 Saturday - Sunday; 7.00 - 12.00 Dinner: Tuesday - Thursday; 17.00 - 21.00 Friday - Saturday; 17.00 - 22.00 Phone: +1 206 382 6999 Internet: www.andaluca.com

More Info: Andaluca Restaurant offers no lunch and is closed on Sundays after 12:00.

Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria



When travelling through Seattle, one must definitely have a taste of all the different cultures that are found throughout the city. The Northwest's

first Certified Neapolitan Pizzeria serves wood fired pizzas, salads, gelato and award winning cocktails. Aperitivo Italiano Happy Hour 3-6 p.m. Their pizzaioli are skilled in giving you the toppings that you prefer or would like to see on a pizza. Let your mind go free and enjoy the hospitality of Italy.

Photo: Daxiao Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 2200 Westlake, Suite 112, Seattle Phone: +1 206 624 4422 Internet: www.tuttabella.com More Info: Tutta Bella also offers pizza delivery by calling 206 633 3800

Duke's Chowder House Lake Union



Award winning chowders, fresh seafood, prize winning Caesar salad, and outstanding cheeseburgers can all be found at Duke's. Duke set

a goal for himself, which is to serve the world's best seafood and to provide it in the most natural way possible, without added chemicals. Enjoy the flavor of the sea with fish coming directly from Alaska.

Photo: StudioNewmarket/Shutterstock.com Address: 901 Fairview Avenue N, Seattle Phone: +1 206 382 9963 Internet: www.dukeschowderhouse.com



Altura



According to many people who have visited, or live in, Seattle feel that the Altura restaurant belongs in the top 10 of best restaurants in Seattle.

They serve many different sorts of seasonal foods and a friendly staff to accommodate you. While some would say the prices are on the high side, you can be guaranteed you will enjoy having dinner here as the quality is top notch according to a recent Seattle magazine.

Photo: dotshock/Shutterstock.com Address: 617 Broadway East, Seattle Phone: +1 206 402 6749 Internet: www.alturarestaurant.com Email: info@alturarestaurant.com

Canlis



If you've always been looking for a time machine to go back to 1950 and enjoy dining with class dressed in formals, then Canlis is the

place to go in Seattle. With its golden ambiance, classic woodwork, and live music, the trip back in time is almost complete. Having more than 15 awards, make sure to try out their large selection of food on the menu. Do make a reservation to be certain you have spot when you decide to go to Canlis.

Photo: Jeff Wilcox (image cropped) Address: 2576 Aurora Avenue North, Seattle Phone: +1 206 283 3313 Internet: www.canlis.com Email: canlis@canlis.com More Info: In some areas of the dining room a dress code is enforced. Also, they prefer not to have children attending the dinner unless they can remain calm.

Salumi



If you're looking to add a little bit of Italian flavor to your stay in Seattle, you might want to visit Salumi. It resides in the historic pioneer's district

and offers high quality gourmet cured meats as well as other traditional Italian food. This specific way to cure the meat is unique to Salumi and a tradition they have kept since 1903.

Photo: stevekc (image cropped) Address: 309 3rd Avenue South, Seattle Phone: +1 206 621 8772 Internet: www.salumicuredmeats.com More Info: If you do not want to eat on location, Salumi also offers a delivery service.

Le Petit Cochon



The owner Derek Ronspies has had a life changing experience after his visit to Argentina. Here he witnessed and ate from a pig roast,

where he learned that an animal's life is a sacred gift and so nothing must be wasted when eating pig. Ever since, Derek has been perfecting his techniques to offer food at an amazing quality with many different recipes.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com Address: 701 North 36th Street 200, Seattle Opening hours: Daily; 17.00 - 22.00 Phone: +1 206 829 8943 Internet: www.gettinpiggy.com Email: petitcochonsea@gmail.com More Info: Reservations are recommended due to high demand



The Pink Door



A restaurant with a mysterious touch, and a very cozy atmosphere, get ready to enjoy homemade Italian/American food. In

addition to your meal, there is also live entertainment making sure your night is unforgettable and relaxing. When you have a table in the dining room, there is even the possibility of trapeze artists swinging right over your heads. Let yourself be absorbed in their unique aura of mystery.

Photo: Andypiper (image cropped) Address: 1919 Post Alley, Pike Place Market, Seattle Phone: +1 206 443 3241 Internet: www.thepinkdoor.net Email: office@thepinkdoor.net More Info: Only make an online reservation when you plan on sitting outside, for other reservations they expect a call.

TAT'S Deli



TAT's is determined to show to everyone that Seattle is able to offer an incredibly tasty food experience. They have a wide variety of Philly

steaks, hoagies, subs, soups and salads. If your throat feels a little dry after eating, TAT's offers various beverages as well, ranging from water to Ice Tea. Recently they have also added a food truck to their collection, so be on the lookout for them when travelling through the city!

Photo: Alena Haurylik/Shutterstock.com Address: 159 Yesler Way, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 08.00 - 15.00, Saturday: 11.00 - 17:30 Phone: +1 206 264 8287 Internet: www.tatsdeli.com

Spinasse



Step into a part of little Italy in the middle of busy metropolitan city. With it's rustic interior and their use of local ingredients, you will

experience a very authentic meal. For the people who have the keg instead of the six-pack, Spinasse offers various foods such as salmon wrapped in chard. With such a wide selection of food it is possible to please any kind of customer.

Photo: S_Photo/Shutterstock.com Address: 1531 14th Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday; 17.00 - 22.00, Friday -Saturday; 17.00 - 23.00 Phone: +1 206 251 7673 Internet: www.spinasse.com

Sitka and Spruce



Sitka and Spruce is a restaurant with very home-like setting with an open kitchen, brick walls and kitchen tables where various herbs and

vegetables are showed. It feels like you're just having dinner prepared by a skilled cook, but with strangers as your family sitting at various tables. Sitka and Spruce are able to prepare a complete dinner including baguettes, pickled eggs, baked ham, salads and tuna.

Photo: Kimberly Vardeman (image cropped) Address: 1531 Melrose Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Thursday; 17.00 - 22.00 Friday -Saturday; 17.00 - 23.00 Sunday; 17.00 - 21.00 Phone: +1 206 324 0662 Internet: www.sitkaandspruce.com Email: info@sitkaandspruce.com



Mashiko



Mashiko is Seattle's first sushi bar that is completely sustainable, they have acquired this due to sustainable farming, fishing practices

and managing fish populations. This means you can fully enjoy well prepared food and know that you do not harm the world's animal population. Make sure to check their website for any discount coupons they might offer!

Photo: Robert Przybysz/Shutterstock.com Address: 4725 California Avenue Southwest, Seattle Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday; 17.03 - 21.00 Friday -Saturday; 17.03 - 22.00 Phone: +1 206 935 4339 Internet: www.mashikorestaurant.com

Lola



A restaurant owned by the larger restaurant chain 'Tom Douglas', Lola is Greek inspired and serves various meals in that region. The interior

is cozy and the service is highly valued by its customers. They use a variety of flavors to make dishes containing kabob with lamb, portobello mushrooms, as well as various seafood dishes.

Photo: jwalsh (image cropped) Address: 2000 4th Avenue, Seattle Phone: +1 206 441 1430 Internet: www.tomdouglas.com/index.php?page=lola-location

Crow



Crow has a very unique urban location, and is located between major sights such as the Seattle Opera and sports centers. They are skilled at

serving people and even have a private dining area for up to 30 people. With a large selection of international wines and a full bar to support it, you can take a seat after having dinner for a relaxing chat.

The menu offers a blend of influences ranging from Americana to French to Asian.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com Address: 823 5th Avenue North, Seattle Opening hours: Sunday - Monday; 16.30 - 21.00, Tuesday -Thursday, 16.30 - 22.00, Friday - Saturday; 16.30 - 23.00 Phone: +1 206 283 8800 Internet: www.eatatcrow.com Email: info@eatatcrow.com

Metropolitan Grill



If juice, tenderness steak with succulent flavors is something you are looking for then head over to this popular steakhouse. The friendly

and attentive team will make sure your evening will go smoothly and serve you quality beef which are all hand selected by the Executive Corporate Chef, Eric Hellner.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com Address: 820 2nd Ave, Seattle Phone: +1 206 624 3287 Internet: www.themetropolitangrill.com



Din Tai Fung



Din Tai Fung is the hugely popular Taiwanese-based dumpling chain with locations in the United States, Taiwan, Japan,

Singapore, South Korea and Australia to name a few. From the menu you can pick mouth-watering food such as truffle and pork dumplings, shrimp and pork wontons, soup dumplings and chicken fried rice.

Photo: Parker Knight (image cropped) Address: 2621 NE 46th Street Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 11.00 - 22.00, Saturday -Sunday: 10.00 - 22.00 Phone: +1 206 525 0958 Internet: www.dintaifungusa.com

CAFÉS



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Seattle is home to both Starbucks and Tully's Coffee but these two caffeine-driven powerhouses are not alone in café offerings of the city. Many independent cafés are finding their niche with a wide-variety of coffee roasts and specialty pastries and food items. A short walk in most any direction will bring you quickly to a café to enjoy a unique treat and a cup of Joe.

True coffee-worshipers should visit the very first Starbucks which opened in 1971 in the Pike Place Market in downtown Seattle. Because the Market is a historic district with design guidelines, the store retains its original look.

Cortona Cafe



The Cortona Cafe is a hotspot within the Seattle urban district by offering a comfortable place to be, whether for conversation or updating your

Facebook status. Enjoy free Wifi, espresso from Herkimer Coffee, homemade Belgian waffles, pastries from various local bakeries (vegan, wheat and gluten free available), beer, wine, rotating monthly artists, community events and more. The café also makes sure to add various events within the building, such as the exposition of art.

Photo: Michael Allen Smith (image cropped) Address: 2425 E Union Street, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Friday; 06.00 - 17.00 Saturday; 08.00 - 17.00 Sunday; 08.00 - 15.00 Phone: +1 206 327 9728 Internet: www.cortonacafe.com

Café Besalu



Café Besalu is a small family bakery in Seattle's Ballard neighborhood. Lines for Besalu pastries and coffee are often long, but people patiently wait

in anticipation as the smell of French pastries, freshly pulled out of the oven, fill the air.

Photo: Madeleine Openshaw/Shutterstock.com Address: 5909 24th Avenue N.W, Seattle Opening hours: Wednesday - Sunday; 07.00 - 15.00 Phone: +1 206 789 1463 Internet: www.cafebesalu.com



Van Gogh Coffeehouse



With over 18 years of experience in making coffee, the Van Gogh Coffeehouse is an experience every visitor in Seattle needs to have

had. The Coffeehouse is a small coffee shop nestled in the heart of Seattle's Wedgwood neighborhood. They feature fast and friendly baristas, excellent espresso, breakfast sandwiches, made to order Panini and a cozy community gathering place.

Photo: Mutita Narkmuang/Shutterstock.com Address: 8210 35th Avenue N.E, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Friday; 06.00 - 18.00 Saturday -Sunday; 07.00 - 18.00 Phone: +1 206 523 1466 Internet: www.vangoghcoffeehouse.com Email: contact@vangoghcoffeehouse.com

Artisan Café



Ever wondered where to find those small but cozy cafe's on a corner street? Then you might want to check out the Artisan Café. A tiny café by the

monorail, the Artisan Café offers local coffee roasted in Seattle, cold and pressed sandwiches, Vietnamese baguettes, frozen yogurt and homemade baked goods with pastries from local bakeries.

Photo: Josie Grant/Shutterstock.com Address: 2523 5th Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 09.00 - 16.00, Saturday -Sunday: 09.00 - 15.00, Holiday Hours: 09.00 - 15.00 Phone: +1 206 441 8885 Internet: www.artisancafeonvine.com Email: info@artisancafeonvine.com

El Diablo Coffee



El Diablo Coffee is Seattle's only Latin style coffee house. With a menu that ranges from coffee to cake, from salad to sherry, there's

something for everyone. Surrounded by hand-painted murals with Cuban or Brazilian music in the air, El Diablo is a hot spot you won't soon forget.

Photo: Michael Allen Smith (image cropped) Address: 1811 Queen Anne Avenue N, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 05.30 - 20.00, Saturday: 06.30 - 20.00, Sunday: 06.30 - 19.00 Phone: +1 206 285 0693 Internet: www.eldiablocoffee.com Email: steve@cloudcitycoffee.com

Le Panier



In the middle of the Seattle buzz, step into a piece of little France by going to Le Panier. They are a bakery with a French heritage, and will

prepare various kinds of sandwiches and croissants. Prices vary for each prepared item, so it is possible to go for a lunch or even for a small snack.

Photo: Le Panier Address: 1902 Pike Place, Seattle Phone: +1 206 441 3669 Internet: www.lepanier.com Email: info@lepanier.com



BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Seattle has no shortage of local bars and nightclubs that are sure to make any visitor feel like a real native. Blues clubs, British bars, Irish pubs, lounges, dive bars and college bars are just a few of the varieties you will find. Just as Seattle's food scene relishes using local products, their bars show local pride with most having at least a couple of regional and local beers on tap. The city was early to the craft cocktail craze, in which hand-mixed cocktails with fresh juices and garnishes push your typical margarita mix.

During the 1980s and early 1990s, a collection of bands from Seattle cultivated a distinct sound commonly known as grunge. A mixture of hard rock, punk and metal, the so-called "Seattle sound" helped foster the contemporary rock movement. Several top grunge bands call Seattle home including Nirvana, Pearl Jam and Alice in Chains. The live music scene in Seattle is vibrant.

74th Street Ale House



Boasting one of the best beer selections of any bar in Seattle, the 74th Street Ale House features local microbrews, unique imports and some excellent pub grub. All of their food is made fresh to order with selections ranging from soups and salads to sandwiches and pastas along with plenty of vegetarian options.

Photo: MiloVad/Shutterstock.com Address: 7401 Greenwood Avenue N, Seattle Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday; 11.00 - 23.00 , Friday -Saturday; 11.00 - 00.00 Phone: +1 206 784 2955 Internet: www.seattlealehouses.com

Alibi Room



A hip, stylish little Seattle restaurant and bar located under the Pike Place Market, the Alibi Room serves up excellent seafood and other unique

offerings while pairing the cuisine with some seriously stiff drinks. The Alibi Room gets seriously packed with the "in" crowd so if you want to eat it's best to make a reservation.

Photo: Quinn Dombrowski (image cropped) Address: 85 Pike Street, Suite 410, Seattle Opening hours: Everyday; 12.00 - 02.00 Phone: +1 206 623 3180 Internet: www.seattlealibi.com More Info: There is an Happy Hour everyday from 12.00 to 18.00

The Beer Junction



Located in the heart of West Seattle, The Beer Junction is a bottle shop and beer bar offering Seattle's largest beer selection with 1,300

different domestic and imported beers from over 50 countries and 23 rotating taps.

Photo: Leszek Czerwonka/Shutterstock.com Address: 4511 California Avenue S.W, Seattle



Opening hours: Monday - Thursday; 11.00 - 22.00 Friday -Saturday; 11.00 - 00.00 Sunday; 10.00 - 22.00 Phone: +1 206 938 2337 Internet: www.thebeerjunction.com Email: Info@TheBeerJunction.com

The Knee High Stocking Company



Located in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood, The Knee High Stocking Company is a prohibition-themed speakeasy bar that

features craft cocktails and new American small plates.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 1356 East Olive Way, Seattle Opening hours: Everyday until 18.00 Phone: +1 206 979 7049 Internet: www.kneehighstocking.com

Tractor Tavern



With old tractor parts and farming tools decorating the walls, the Tractor Tavern is a pure American nightspot that features a variety of

music each week ranging from country to rock, from folk to jazz, and from zydeco to bluegrass. Down-home cooking is also available at the "Double T." Immerse yourself in the Texan-inspired venue.

Photo: a.pasquier (image cropped) Address: 5213 Ballard Avenue N.W, Seattle Opening hours: Everyday; 20.00 - 02.00 Phone: + 1 206 789 3599 Internet: www.tractortavern.com More Info: Door times listed on show calendar

The Triple Door



When the sun's down, the moon accompanies you and Seattle's nightlife embraces you, The Triple Door is sure to provide you with an entertaining

evening. As a renovated historical building, the original stage now provides live entertainment as you enjoy various wines and cocktails. Dinner is also provided during the shows, so you can enjoy eating among the musical company of the performers on stage.

Photo: Johan Broberg (image cropped) Address: 216 Union Street, Seattle Phone: +1 206 838 4333 Internet: www.thetripledoor.net

The Crocodile



With a big fan club, the Crocodile has been providing live entertainment since 1991. Several music genres being enjoyed at

the venue ranging from hip-hop to punk rock. Many famous names have already set foot in the building such as Macklemore, Beastie Boys, The Lonely Forest and many more. Take a seat, enjoy fresh baked pizza, and cold drinks while enjoying their smashing shows.

Photo: musicisentropy (image cropped) Address: 2200 2nd Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Sunday; 16.00 - 02.00 Phone: +1 206 441 4618 Internet: www.thecrocodile.com Email: info@thecrocodile.com More Info: The venue has no seats during shows, so make sure you have no problem with standing shoulder to shoulder.



Club Contour



When looking for a nightclub to spend your Seattle nightlife at, Club Contour can provide you with a memorable time. Their menu involves

tacos, fries and various soups and sauces, as well as a daily happy hour. Easy to say, It's not a club for the faint-hearted and it can get quite rowdy in there. However, with their low prices and occasional special events such as movie night, where they play cult classics on a big projector, you sure can expect a good time.

Photo: Maxim Blinkov/Shutterstock.com Address: 807 1st Avenue, Seattle Phone: +1 206 447 7704 Internet: www.clubcontour.com Email: heyhey@clubcontour.com

Tacoma Comedy Club



Just south of Seattle lies the Tacoma Comedy Club, with its cabaret style setup you can enjoy comedy shows sitting at small tables for 4-6

people. Food and beverages can be ordered on the spot such as nachos, fries, burgers and salads. Eat quickly though, because the jokes will be flying around the room and laughter is terrible at keeping food in your mouth. Their website features a calendar with all upcoming shows, but some big names such as Christopher Titus and Ivan Pecel have already been trodding the stage.

Photo: Marie C Fields/Shutterstock.com Address: 933 Market Street, Tacoma Phone: +1 253 282 7203 Internet: www.tacomacomedyclub.com Email: info@tacomacomedyclub.com More Info: There is an age limit 18+ after 20.00 and they require you to carry a valid ID at all shows.

Jazzbones



Jazzbones is a small venue compared to the large live entertainment clubs out there, however it a special, memorable atmosphere. With live

bands every night, and sometimes even stand-up comedy, you can be certain it will be an amazing night. The menu is pretty diverse and even offers sushi made in a traditional way. With its cozy setup it can become crowded at busy nights, however, the club is made up of two floors so you can retire to the second floor to dodge the masses.

Photo: PopTika/Shutterstock.com Address: 2803 6th Avenue, Tacoma Phone: +1 253 396 9169 Internet: www.jazzbones.com More Info: Be there early to secure a parking spot and a comfortable table before rush hour.

Pearl



Whether you just came from a stressful conference, or just looking to rest your feet after walking through Seattle the whole day, the

Pearl lounge & bar is your solution. Located in Bellevue, Pearl offers a wide selection of wines while you sit among various pieces of art and glass sculptures. Let your mind drift away and relax at this independently owned restaurant in Seattle.

Photo: belushi/Shutterstock.com Address: 700 Bellevue Way Northeast 50, Bellevue Phone: +1 425 455 0181



Internet: www.pearlbellevue.com More Info: Apart from being a lounge, Pearl also offers lunch and dinner at the appropriate times.

Fadó Irish Pub



One could not visit Seattle without having a taste of a true Irish beverage. Have a pint of Guinness at Fado, a traditional Irish pub on

1st Avenue. The bar tenders are extremely active and ready to make sure your mug is filled at all times, as well as serving traditional Irish foods such as fish 'n chips. The bar has cozy tables in the corners of the room, or sidewalk tables outside to enjoy the Seattle nightlife. Also, on some night there are fun events such as a trivia night or even watching live sports.

Photo: Khakimullin Aleksandr/Shutterstock.com Address: 801 1st Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Friday; 11.30 - 02.00, Saturday -Sunday; Opening Times dependent on sports - 02.00 Phone: +1 206 264 2700 Internet: www.fadoirishpub.com/seattle

Von's Gustobistro



Ever seen a wall made up of a 1000 different spirits? If not, then you should visit Von's Gustobistro. With drinks ranging from Tequila to

Martinis you can be certain that you will have a great time there. Take a seat on one of the many shiny wooden stools at either two bars adorning both sides of the interior. While you're enjoying your drink, have a look around to scope out which drink will be your next one. The bartenders are extremely knowledgeable and can advise you on any of the bottles you might not recognize. Photo: thanosquest/Shutterstock.com Address: 1225 1st Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Thursday; 11.00 - 00.00, Friday -Saturday; 11.00 - 01.00 Sunday; 11.00 - 00.00 Phone: +1 206 621 8667 Internet: www.vons1000spirits.com Email: info@vons1000spirits.com

RockCreek Seafood & Spirits



RockCreek is fairly new establishment that serves seafood and spirits. Recently they've had their 2nd anniversary and they are still running

efficiently. The building itself has two stories and is inspired by a traditional fishing lodge and has both a restaurant as well as a bar. Step into an alternate reality where you have become a fisherman and enjoy the spoils at night in your fishing lodge, accompanied with some strong spirits of course.

Photo: Hitdelight/Shutterstock.com Address: 4300 Fremont Avenue North, Seattle Opening hours: Everyday; 16.00 -00.00 Phone: +1 206 557 7532 Internet: www.rockcreekseattle.com Email: eat@rockcreekseattle.com

The Tasting Room



The more upper class feeling of the Seattle nightlife can be tasted at the very room this verb was built on, namely, the Tasting Room. Located in

the Pike Place market it is easy to find, and even easier to enjoy. Especially on Friday and Saturday the tasting is available late at night so you have the rest of the day to see the city. After a tasting you can also decide to buy that same wine and take it home with you.



Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 1924 Post Alley, Seattle Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday; 12.00 - 20.00, Friday -Saturday; 12.00 - Late Phone: +1 206 770 9463 Internet: www.winesofwashington.com

Trinity Nightclub



Dance the night away in Trinity, claimed by the people of Seattle as the number 1 nightclub. It features two levels and a large VIP section, all

having their own unique design. It is possible to reserve a table in any of the sections such as the lounge or VIP section by calling or emailing them. Make sure to check their calendar as Trinity hosts many events which are sometimes accompanied by a dress code.

Photo: Egor Tetiushev/Shutterstock.com Address: 111 Yesler Way, Seattle Phone: +1 206 697 7702 Internet: www.trinitynightclub.com Email: info@trinitynightclub.com More Info: This is a 21+ nightclub, therefore they require a valid ID at all time.

Dimitriou's Jazz Alley



Right down in the core of Seattle lies Dimitrou's Jazz Alley, a restaurant with live entertainment. It doesn't matter where you sit, every table has a

good view of the stage so you can enjoy a tasty steak or fish dinner (or other various options) with amazing jazz shows accompanying you. On tripadvisor they carry a certificate of excellence which is well deserved as many of their customers praise the venue after having a memorable evening. Photo: Johan Broberg (image cropped) Address: 2033 6th Avenue, Seattle Phone: +1 206 441 9729 Internet: www.jazzalley.com Email: jazzalley@jazzalley.com

Keys on Main Seattle



Keys on Main is highly praised by the Seattle community due to it's unique approach to entertainment. Sitting at little round club tables

with 4-5 people surrounding a stage where two performers play songs on request. What songs they play is determined by the audience through bringing up a request along with a tip of around \$5. However, if someone in the audience prefers a different song, they request a song with higher tip and the pianists will switch to that song. It is a very interesting and enjoyable experience that has earned the favor of the many people in Seattle.

Photo: kviktor/Shutterstock.com Address: 11 Roy Street, Seattle Phone: +1 206 270 4444 Internet: www.keysonmain.com/seattle More Info: This is a 21+ club.

Bathtub Gin & Co.



Some people just want to get away from the busy street life and have a relaxing drink in the basement of an old hotel with authentic brickwork.

If that sounds like you, then make sure to pay Bathtub Gin & Co a visit. It resembles the prohibition days back when alcohol had to be hidden from view. They serve many cocktails as well as local gin and tonics. If you're truly up for a challenge however, ask the bartender to



customize something for you personally!

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com Address: 2205 2nd Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Sunday; 17.00 - 02.00 Phone: +1 206 728 6069 Internet: www.bathtubginseattle.com More Info: Visitors find the front door hard to find due to no hanging signs outside. The website recommends to look for the wooden door, 50ft. North of Blanchard St.

Jet City Improv



For 22 years Jet City Improv has made the lives of many people a very happy one. The magical formula that made their business so

successful is the fact that not a single show is the same, and every day there is a new one. Improvisation allows for hilarious situations as they are fueled by your suggestions during the show. Plus, if you have always wanted to dazzle the crowd with your own improv, or just want to feel what it is like to be on stage, join one of the improv classes!

Photo: Aina Jameela

Address: 5510 University Way Northeast, Seattle Opening hours: Sunday; 18.00 - 21.00, Monday; 18.00 -22.00, Thursday; 19.00 - 22.00, Friday; 19.00 - 00.00, Saturday; 14.00 - 00.00 Phone: +1 206 352 8291 Internet: www.jetcityimprov.org

SHOPPING



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Seattle is home to excellent shopping all over the city with several unique shopping districts including Downtown Seattle, Pioneer Square, Chinatown-International District, University District and Pike Place Market.

Downtown Seattle shopping is a square of several blocks with large names such as Urban Outfitters, Nordstrom and Gap. Downtown is also the location of two large malls, Westlake Center Plaza and Pacific Place.

Laying claim as the city's "first neighborhood," Pioneer Square is a richly historic place known for its Renaissance Revival architecture, First Thursday art walks, night life and quirky boutiques. The Square runs between the Alaskan Way Viaduct and 4th Avenue, from Columbia Street on the north side to CenturyLink Field on the south side.

The Chinatown-International District is a multi-cultural, diverse area to find unique gifts and shops with roots from all over Asia. The district includes Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Vietnamese and Southeast Asian influence. Just south of Pioneer Square, the eight-block district is within walking distance from Downtown Seattle and Pike Place Market.



Located just north of downtown Seattle and close to the University of Washington, the University District, sometimes called U District, offers a unique formula of locally-owned boutiques and signature national retailers.

Pike Place Market is Seattle's famous waterfront shopping area that features local produce, fresh fish and an abundance of incredible restaurants.

Antiques At Pike Place



A treasure-filled experience awaits you at Antiques At Pike Place where you'll find everything from Victorian to Art Deco in the heart

of the Pike Place Market. With over 5,000 square feet, you will find that perfect gift at the corner of Post Alley and Stewart Street. Open daily.

Photo: Joao Virissimo/Shutterstock.com Address: 92 Stewart Street, Seattle Phone: +1 206 441 9643

Bridge Ben Jeweler



Since 1912, Ben Bridge Jeweler has been committed to offering the finest jewelry and unsurpassed personal service at the best value.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 1432 4th Avenue, Seattle Phone: +1 206 628 6800 Internet: www.benbridge.com Email: info@benbridge.com

Crossroads Trading Company



Crossroads Trading Company is a new and recycled fashion retailer that has been serving its fashionable and environmentally

conscious customers since 1991.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com Address: 325 Broadway E, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Saturday; 11.00 - 20.00 Sunday; 11.00 - 19.00 Phone: +1 206 328 5867 Internet: www.crossroadstrading.com More Info: There are two store locations in Seattle. The other, not mentioned here, is their second store on University Way N.E.

Archie McPhee



Archie McPhee has been supplying gifts and toys to Seattle since 1983. Located in Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood, it's a

one-stop shop for party supplies, crafts, costumes, miniatures and the weirdest collection of toys and candy that you've ever seen. Widely considered to be a Mecca for connoisseurs of the strange and one of Seattle's top ten weird destinations, it is truly an attraction without a parallel.

Photo: Jordan Schwartz (image cropped) Address: 1300 N. 45th Street, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Saturday; 10.00 - 20.00 Sunday; 11.00 - 19.00 Phone: +1 206 297 0240 Internet: www.archiemcpheeseattle.com



Zumiez



If you're looking to dive into action sports during your time in Seattle and you're looking for gear, then Zumiez would be among the best of

choices. Founded in 1978, they have a large array of clothing for the skater, surfer and snowboarder. Be sure to drop by one of their many stores in the city to fulfill your action sports needs.

Photo: Corepics VOF/Shutterstock.com Address: 401 NE Northgate Way, Seattle Phone: +1 206 364 8989 Internet: www.zumiez.com

More Info: There are several other outlet stores by Zumiez throughout Seattle, be sure to look for their logo while travelling around.

CarToys



If you're going to drive around Seattle and maybe even the entire state, be sure to drop by Car Toys. They are able to sell you any electronics

for your vehicle. Whether you need more music, speakers or a new GPS device, they have it all. Not going by car, but by motorcycle? Nothing to worry about, Car Toys also offers equipment and accessories for special vehicles including motorcycles and ATV's.

Photo: Kaspars Grinvalds/Shutterstock.com Address: 12815 Aurora Ave N, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Friday; 9.00 - 21.00, Saturday; 9.00 - 20.00 Sunday; 10.00 - 19.00 Phone: +1 206 364 5534 Internet: www.cartoys.com

Sole Food



When walking around Seattle, your feet do all your work for you, so be sure to invest in some proper footwear while you're there. With their

knowledgeable and friendly staff, Soul Food makes sure you walk away in style. Located in the University Shopping Center just South of Northgate Mall, you cannot possible miss it while enjoying the city.

Photo: Olga Langerova/Shutterstock.com Address: 2619 NE University Village St, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 9.30 - 21.00, Sunday: 11.00 - 18.00 Phone: +1 206 526 7184 Internet: www.shopsolefood.com Email: info@shopsolefood.com

J.Gilbert Footwear



If you're looking for designer shoes then look no further, J. Gilbert is among the best shoe stores in Seattle. It is located on 1st Avenue

and has their friendly and skilled staff ready to help you. With a personal approach, the staff knows what you like and what looks good on you. Walk the streets of Seattle with their high quality footwear.

Photo: arek_malang/Shutterstock.com Address: 2025 First Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Saturday; 10.00 - 17.30, Sunday; 12.00 - 16.00 Phone: +1 206 441 1182 Internet: www.jgilbertfootwear.com Email: info@jgilbertfootwear.com



Recreational Equipment Inc.



Exploring the city of Seattle is already a great adventure, but the surrounding nature has many great options as well. So why not stock up

on recreational equipment to be fully prepared for your outdoor adventure. REI offers apparel and equipment for all kinds of adventures. Whether you want to go snowboarding or camping, they can meet all your needs.

Photo: simone.brunozzi (image cropped) Address: 222 Yale Ave N, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Saturday; 9.00 - 21.00, Sunday 10.00 - 19.00 Phone: +1 206 223 1944 Internet: www.rei.com

Nordstrom



A long day of walking, your neck strained from looking up to the Space Needle, you'd probably like to relax in one of Seattle's best spa's. With

both a spa and a clothing section that offers high-quality apparel, shoes and accessories for women, men and kids, Nordstrom definitely knows how to treat their customers like royalties. Next to receiving spa treatment, they are also able to sell you a large variety of spa products to use when you're back at home looking through a photo album of your recent travels.

Photo: SounderBruce (image cropped) Address: 500 Pine Street, Seattle Phone: +1 206 628 1670 Internet: www.nordstrom.com Email: contact@nordstrom.com More Info: Be sure to make an appointment and arrive at least 15 minutes early to prevent delays in their schedule.

Totokaelo



With a wide selection including, men's fashion, women's fashion and pieces of art, Totokaelo can give you an unique experience just by being

in the store. Their minimalistic designed interior gives a feeling of being completely free, and allows your mind to focus on what you truly want to find in this store. The bright white colors are sure to brighten your day even more.

Photo: MJTH/Shutterstock.com Address: 1523 10th Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Thursday; 11.00 - 19.00, Friday -Saturday 11.00 - 20.00, Sunday; 11.00 - 18.00 Phone: +1 206 623 3582 Internet: www.totokaelo.com Email: hello@totokaelo.com

Louis Vuitton



Louis Vuitton is known for the excellent quality and has been described as the world's most valuable luxury brand. If you feel like window

shopping or buying a unique piece for your wardrobe, Louis Vuitton is always a safe bet.

Photo: Matthew Rutledge (image cropped) Address: 500 Pine Street, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Saturday; 10.00 - 19.00, Sunday; 12.00 - 18.00 Phone: +1 206 651 3869 Internet: www.louisvuitton.com More Info: Located at Nordstrom



Trader Joe's



You might find yourself in a spot where you're so tired of exploring the city that you just want to get some quick groceries, a bottle of wine, and relax

in your room. Trader Joe's can help you with that as they are open 24/7 everyday.

Photo: Stokkete/Shutterstock.com Address: 1700 E Madison St. Seattle Opening hours: Everyday; 08.00 - 22.00 Phone: +1 206 322 7268 Internet: www.traderjoes.com More Info: Trader Joe's has stores all around the city, be sure to look for their logo!

Seattle Glassblowing Studio



There are many options to shop in Seattle, but what if you could make your own products on the spot? The Seattle Glassblowing Studio

allows you to take classes in glassblowing but also to wander around their store and see what they have crafted before you. If you're interested in a piece, it is even possible to take it home with you.

Photo: 70X100/Shutterstock.com Address: 2227 5th Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Saturday; 9.00 - 18.00, Sunday; 10.00 - 18.00 Phone: +1 206 448 2181 Internet: www.seattleglassblowing.com Email: sgs@seattleglassblowing.com

Elliott Bay Book Company



Defined by its large windows, the Elliot Bay Book Co. is easy to identify in the busy Seattle streets. It features a full service bookstore,

and they can present you with over 150,000 different titles. While they offer the latest books on the market, Elliot Bay also has a section with a large collection of bargain editions. Be sure to drop on by and get a book for your travels across Seattle.

Photo: N i c o l a (image cropped) Address: 1521 Tenth Avenue, Elliott Bay, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Thursday; 10.00 - 22.00, Friday -Saturday; 10.00 - 23.00, Sunday; 10.00 - 21.00 Phone: +1 206 624 6600 Internet: www.elliottbaybook.com Email: orders@elliottbaybook.com

Vital T Leaf LLC



A small Chinese inspired tea store offering all kinds of teas as well as accessories. Drop on by to view a wide selection of White, Green, Oolong,

Black & Red, and Pu-erh teas. It is even possible to buy teapots and filter bags, including travel mugs. Feel like a true Englishman as you enjoy your special tea that isn't easily available at other place.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 2003 Western Avenue 109, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Sunday; 11.00 - 18.30 Phone: +1 206 441 7476 Internet: www.vitaltleafseattle.com Email: info@vitaltealeafseattle.com More Info: It is located in the same building as the Lost River Winery.



Bella Umbrella



Whether you like your umbrella simply black and corporate, or pink and yellow, Bella Umbrella has whatever you need. Boasting a wide

selection of colorful umbrella's there surely is one that you will like. Stand out in the crowd using a unique umbrella under the dark grey clouds, or just browse the store and see what creative minds can come up with.

Photo: tour geek (image cropped) Address: 1535 1st Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Saturday; 10.00 - 18.00, Sunday; 11.00 - 17.00 Phone: +1 206 297 1540 Internet: www.bellaumbrella.com Email: jodell@bellaumbrella.com

Magic Mouse Toys



Step back into your childhood surrounded by two floors full of toys and other contraptions you used to play with when you were little. Magic

Mouse prides itself on the fact they offer toys for all, and do not believe that toys are just for children but for adults as well. Make sure to pay them a visit, as they have been receiving customers since 1977, their service is top-notch.

Photo: Joshua Smith (image cropped) Address: 603 1st Avenue, Seattle Opening hours: Daily; 10.00 - 18.00 Phone: +1 206 682 8097 Internet: www.magicmousetoys.com Email: magicmousetoys@gmail.com

Seattle Mystery Bookshop



A well organized bookstore with skilled staff knowing to point in the right direction based on your preferences. Many people who visit

Seattle make sure to pay the Mystery Bookshop a visit. With a regular aesthetic newsletter, their customers are well informed. So whether you are extremely into reading, or exploring a new hobby, the Mystery Bookshop is ready for you.

Photo: Thinglass/Shutterstock.com Address: 117 Cherry Street, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Saturday; 10.00 - 18.00, Sunday; 12.00 - 17.00 Phone: +1 206 587 5737 Internet: www.seattlemystery.com Email: staff@seattlemystery.com

Made in Washington - Pike Place Market



Located in the busy Pike Place Market, the Made in Washington store is sure to surprise you with their products on display. They offer products from

many different categories including themed gifts, gift baskets, artisan candy, bath & body, pet treats, and many more. Whatever the goal of your visit, Made in Washington surely has something you need or want to bring home to the family.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com Address: 1530 Post Alley, Seattle Opening hours: Monday - Friday; 7.00 - 17.30, Saturday; 9.00 - 17.00, Sunday; 10.00 - 17.00 Phone: +1 206 467 0788 Internet: www.madeinwashington.com Email: customerservice@madeinwashington.com



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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When visiting any city in the US, make sure to always carry a valid I.D. with you, and adhere to the traffic regulations that might differ from your own country.

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport



You can take public transportation, shuttles or taxis between Seattle and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Sound Transit connects

the airport to downtown Seattle on its Central Link light rail. Trains operate from 05:16. until 00:07. weekdays, 05:18 a.m. until 00:04. on Saturdays, and from 06:17 until 23:05. on Sundays and holidays. Trains run every 7 to 10 minutes during most of the day, up to 20 minutes during non-peak hours. To get to the station, use Sky Bridge 6 on the north side of the airport.

Sound Transit also provides two bus routes from the airport. Route 560 connects the airport to Bellevue, Renton, Burien and West Seattle. It operates from 05:45 to 23:16 twice an hour weekdays, hourly on weekends from 06:00 to 23:30. Route 574 serves Lakewood, Federal Way and Tacoma. Buses operate from 04:30 to 22:11; daily every 30 to 60 minutes. For more information on either the Central Link light rail or the bus lines, go to www.soundtransit.org or call +1 800 201 4900.

King County Metro Transit has two routes that serve the airport. Route 194 serves downtown Seattle and Federal Way. The route operates daily from 5:05 a.m. to 10:33 p.m., every 15 to 30 minutes. Route 140 goes between Burien and Renton, with the airport being about half way between. Service runs from about 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily, every 15 to 30 minutes. For more information, go to:

www.kingcounty.gov/transportation.aspx or call +1 206 553 3000.

All buses leave from Door 6 outside of baggage claim on the lower level.

Photo: Juan Garces Address: 17801 International Blvd.-(Pacific Highway So.), Seattle Phone: +1 206 787 5388 Internet: www.portseattle.org/sea-tac

Time Zone



Seattle is located in the Pacific Time zone, and all times are reflected in Pacific Time.

Photo: Marek Polakovic

Public Transport



King County Metro Transit: The "Metro" public bus system operates throughout Seattle and King County. To find a route, maps and

fare information for travel throughout and



Seattle has several major

taxicab companies to get you to and from Sea-Tac

International Airport, as

well as take care of your

transportation needs

beyond Seattle, visit Metro online at metro.kingcounty.gov.

Metro's Route 99 connects Seattle's International District, Pioneer Square, First Avenue destinations including the Seattle Art Museum and Pike Place Market, and Elliott Bay waterfront attractions such as the Olympic Sculpture Park, Seattle Aquarium and ferry services. Visit Metro Online for a route map and timetable.

South Lake Union Streetcar:

The South Lake Union Streetcar links Seattle's downtown core to the South Lake Union neighborhood and new 12-acre Waterfront Park. Visit www.seattlestreetcar.org for a route map, hours of operation and ticket prices.

Seattle Center Monorail:

The nation's first full-scale commercial monorail system provides a fun, two-minute link from downtown Seattle to the Seattle Center daily. The Seattle Center station is across from the Space Needle. In downtown Seattle, catch the monorail at Westlake Center at Fifth Avenue and Pine Street. Learn more at www.seattlemonorail.com.

Sound Transit:

Link Light Rail connects downtown Seattle with Sea-Tac International Airport, making interim stops in Southeast Seattle neighborhoods.

Sounder Commuter Trains operated between downtown Seattle, Tacoma and Everett

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around town.

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Car Rentals



Car rental companies have rental offices in downtown Seattle, at Sea-Tac International Airport, in Bellevue and Seattle's Eastside

communities and throughout the region.

Telephone



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Electricity



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Opening hours

Most stores are open all week 10.00 to 20.00 or later. Most bars and clubs close around 02.00

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