# Things to do in and around Seattle, WA

## Free

### Pike Place Market

http://www.pikeplacemarket.org

Pike Place Market is a public market overlooking the Elliott Bay waterfront in Seattle, Washington, United States. The Market opened August 17, 1907, and is one of the oldest continuously operated public farmers' markets in the United States.

### Waterfront Park

http://www.seattle.gov/parks/park_detail.asp?ID=3973

Comprising the area from Pier 57 to Pier 59, this park is lined with lamps, benches, and high, curving railings. From either of two pink metal viewing platforms, reached both by stairs and a wheelchair-accessible ramp, you can enjoy excellent views of the city skyline, the waterfront, the ships in dry dock, container cranes, the West Seattle Bridge, Magnolia Bluff, Blake Island, Bainbridge, and, on a clear day, the Olympic Mountains. Occasionally you may even see a seal. Four coin-operated telescopes on the sidewalk offer view assistance.

*1401 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98101*

### Washington Park Arboretum

http://depts.washington.edu/uwbg/gardens/wpa.shtml

The Arboretum is a hidden gem on the shores of Lake Washington. Jointly managed by UW and the City of Seattle, its 230 acres are a dynamic assortment of plants found nowhere else. The Graham Visitors Center contains an information desk and a gift shop managed by the Arboretum Foundation. The Japanese Garden, located at the south end of the Arboretum has an entrance fee and is managed by the City of Seattle.

*2300 Arboretum Dr E, Seattle, WA 98112*

### Kubota Garden

http://www.kubotagarden.org/

Kubota Garden is a 20-acre Japanese garden in the Rainier Beach neighborhood of Seattle, Washington. A public park since 1987, it was started in 1927 by Fujitaro Kubota, a Japanese emigrant.

*9817 55th Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98178*

## International District

http://www.seattlechinatownid.com/

One of Seattle's oldest neighborhoods, the International District thrives with an array of flavorful Asian cuisines, myriad shops selling everything from fresh fish to traditional herbs, and cool cultural festivals throughout the year. Drop by to drink in the diverse sights, tastes, and sounds of this ethnic enclave.

## Fremont Troll

http://fremont.com/about/fremonttroll-html/

The Fremont Troll, also known as The Troll or the Troll Under the Bridge is a public sculpture in the Fremont neighborhood of Seattle, WA.

*3405 Troll Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103*

## Ye Olde Curiosity Shop

http://www.yeoldecuriosityshop.com

Historic family-run novelty shop & museum for oddities like shrunken heads plus Native American art.

*1001 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98104*

## The Ballard Locks, Botanical Gardens, and Fish Ladder

http://www.myballard.com/ballard-locks-seattle/

Officially known as the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, the Ballard Locks is one of Seattle's most popular tourist attractions, especially during the sunny months. The grounds also feature a fish ladder and the Carl S. English Jr. Botanical Garden — one of the most beautiful park settings in Seattle.

*3015 NW 54th St, Seattle, WA 98107*

## Columbia Tower

http://www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/Columbia-Tower-Club

Columbia Center is the tallest skyscraper in the downtown Seattle skyline and the tallest building in the State of Washington. At 287.4264 m it is currently the second tallest structure on the West Coast.

*711 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104*

## Kerry Park

http://www.seattle.gov/parks/park_detail.asp?ID=342

Kerry Park is a 1.26 acres park on the south slope of Queen Anne Hill in Seattle, Washington, located at the corner of 2nd Avenue W. and W. Highland Drive.

*211 W Highland Dr, Seattle, WA 98119*

# Downtown Seattle ($)

## Bill Speidel's Underground Tours

http://www.undergroundtour.com/

"…[A] leisurely, guided walking tour beneath Seattle's sidewalks and streets. As you roam the subterranean passages that once were the main roadways and first-floor storefronts of old downtown Seattle, guides regale you with the stories our pioneers didn't want you to hear. It's history with a twist!"

*614 1st Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104*

## Safeco Field

http://seattle.mariners.mlb.com/sea/ballpark/

See where the Seattle Mariners MLB team calls home… complete with its retractable roof!

*1250 1st Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98134*

## Theo Chocolate Tour

https://theochocolate.com/

Theo is "[P]roud to be the first Organic and Fair Trade fair for Life Bean-to-Bar Chocolate Factory in North America."

*3400 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103*

## The Space Needle

http://www.spaceneedle.com/home/

See what started it all in the Seattle Center for the 1962 World's Fair and get a new perspective on the city!

*400 Broad St, Seattle, WA 98109*

## Chihuly Garden and Glass

http://www.chihulygardenandglass.com/

"Providing a look at the inspiration and influences that inform the career of artist Dale Chihuly, the Exhibition includes eight Galleries, the centerpiece Glasshouse and a lush Garden."

*305 Harrison St, Seattle, WA 98109*

## Seattle Art Museum (SAM)

http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/

"SAM has been the center for world-class visual arts in the Pacific Northwest since 1933. Visit SAM to see a museum carved into the city, as much a part of Seattle's landscape and personality as the coffee, rain, mountains, Pike Place Market, and the Space Needle."

*1300 1st Ave, Seattle, WA 98101*

## Seattle Great Wheel

http://www.seattlegreatwheel.com/

The Seattle Great Wheel is a giant Ferris wheel at Pier 57 on Elliott Bay in Seattle, Washington. With an overall height of 175 feet, it was the tallest Ferris wheel on the West Coast of the United States when it opened on June 29, 2012.

$13/Adult, $50/VIP (with glass floor!)

*1301 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98101*

## Experience Music Project Museum

http://www.empmuseum.org

*Featuring Exhibitions*:

Hello! Exploring the Supercute World of Hello Kitty
Wild Blue Angel: Hendrix Abroad, 1966-1970
Infinite Worlds of Science Fiction
Indie Game Revolution
Fantasy: Worlds of Myth and Magic
Can't Look Away: The Lure of Horror Film
We are 12: The Seattle Seahawks and the Road to Victory

$22 Online – Adult/Student tickets

*325 5th Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109*

## Pacific Science Center

https://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/

"Pacific Science Center began as the United States Science Pavilion during the 1962 Seattle World's Fair. Millions came to explore the wonders of science during the World's Fair and upon closing ceremonies, the Science Pavilion was given new life as the private not-for-profit Pacific Science Center, becoming the first U.S. museum founded as a science and technology center. On July 22, 2010 Pacific Science Center was declared a City of Seattle Landmark. On October 22, 2012 Pacific Science Center celebrated making science fun for 50 years."

IMAX, Planetarium Shows, Daytime/Evening Laser Shows, & more!

General Exhibit Admission $19.75/Adult

*200 2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109*

## Argosy Cruise Tours

http://www.argosycruises.com

Take in amazing views of the Seattle skyline, Elliott Bay waterfront, the Olympic and Cascade mountain ranges, shipping terminals, and historic neighborhoods. Discover interesting facts about waterfront piers, Seattle's maritime history and Space Needle from the expert narration offered on the cruise. Catch a glimpse of container ships and The Washington State ferry fleet — the largest in the U.S.

*1101 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98101*

## Seattle Aquarium

http://www.seattleaquarium.org

he Seattle Aquarium is a public aquarium opened in 1977 and located on Pier 59 on the Elliott Bay waterfront in Seattle, Washington, USA. It is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

$22.95/Adult

*1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59, Seattle, WA 98101*

## Sky View Observatory

http://skyviewobservatory.com

Located on the 73rd floor of Columbia Center, the Sky View Observatory is nearly 1,000 feet, offering the tallest public viewing area west of the Mississippi. The 360-degree panoramic view includes Mt. Rainier, Bellevue, the Cascade Mountains, Mt. Baker, Elliott Bay, the Olympic Mountains, the Space Needle and the city of Seattle.

$14.25/Adults

*701 5th Ave Floor 73, Seattle, WA, 98104*

# 20 Minute Drive

## Woodland Park Zoo

http://www.zoo.org/

92-acre zoo with nearly 300 species, a vintage carousel, summer concerts & an indoor play space.

$13.75/Adult

*5500 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103*

## Museum of Flight

http://www.museumofflight.org

The Museum of Flight is a private non-profit air and space museum in the northwest United States. It is located at the southern end of King County International Airport, in the city of Tukwila, just south of Seattle.

$20/Adult

*9404 E Marginal Way S, Seattle, WA 98108*