

## **Seattle List August 2013**

### **Why Seattle Matters**

In many ways, Seattle is exactly what you think it would be. The coffee shops are great, it has a noticeable “west coast” attitude, the live music scene has an undeniable place in city life and yes, it rains a lot. You also know Seattle as home to Microsoft, Amazon and lots of smart people. This region has a great balance between city comforts and the wonderful mountains and water that surround the city. Seattle’s version of “urban living” is in fact very “urbane”. Most folks here really strive for a middle ground between the great outdoors and the diversity, culture and intelligence of an urban place. There are a lot of connected neighborhoods and the city does not feel that big. Seattle is known as a leader in green and sustainable design. It is also known as a magnet for talent and it has a particular “cool factor” or “high urban IQ” that really attracts the creative class. Pike Place Market is one of the great urban places in the United States. South Lake Union is a good example of a redeveloping urban district around a new street car system. The sea plane tour is one of the best things I’ve ever done. From walking the city, I get the sense that Seattle has a very high percentage of local and independent businesses, especially retailers and restaurants. It was obvious to me that “Seattle was proud to be Seattle” and everyone there seemed to be content with the idea that they could be smart, independent and creative while being part of a neat city and meaningful community.

### **Restaurants**

#### **Favorites...**

Dahlia Lounge  
2001 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
206.682.4142

[www.tomdouglas.com](http://www.tomdouglas.com)

(one of several Tom Douglas restaurants, creative northwest cuisine)

Lola  
2000 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
206.441.1430

[www.tomdouglas.com](http://www.tomdouglas.com)

(another Tom Douglas restaurant, Greek meets northwest)

Metropolitan Grill (CTU favorite)  
820 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
206.624.3287

[www.metropolitangrill.com](http://www.metropolitangrill.com)

(best steakhouse in Seattle, “old school”, great to eat at the bar)

## **Restaurants (continued)**

Shucker's Oyster Bar  
411 University Street  
206.621.1984

<http://www.fairmont.com/seattle/dining/shuckers/>

(in Fairmont Hotel, wonderful smoked oysters and seafood)

Purple Café & Wine Bar  
1225 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
206.829.2280

[www.thepurplecafe.com](http://www.thepurplecafe.com)

(extensive wine list, neat urban space, great for drinks or dinner)

Melrose Market

(dinner at Sitka & Spruce, lunch at Homegrown)

1501-1535 Melrose Avenue

206.324.0662

[www.melrosemarketseattle.com](http://www.melrosemarketseattle.com)

(really neat neighborhood market/food hall concept)

Sazerac at Hotel Monaco

1101 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

206.624.7755

[www.sazeracrestaurant.com](http://www.sazeracrestaurant.com)

(the bar at Hotel Monaco, perfect for drinks)

El Gaucho

2505 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue

206.728.1337

[www.elgaucho.com](http://www.elgaucho.com)

(clubby steakhouse with entertainment)

ART Lounge at Four Seasons Hotel

99 Union Street

206.749.7000

[www.fourseasons.com/seattle](http://www.fourseasons.com/seattle)

(good drinks – great view)

Bookstore Bar at Alexis Hotel

1007 First Avenue

206.382.1506

[www.alexishotel.com](http://www.alexishotel.com)

(cozy and intimate bar/lounge for drinks)

## **Restaurants (continued)**

### **Popular, but touristy...**

Wild Ginger  
1401 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
206.623.4450  
[www.wildginger.net](http://www.wildginger.net)

Elliott's Oyster House  
1201 Alaskan Way Pier 56  
206.623.4340  
[www.elliotoysterhouse.com](http://www.elliotoysterhouse.com)

### **Heard good things, but have not been...**

BOKA Kitchen + Bar at Hotel 1000  
1010 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
206.357.9000  
[www.bokaseattle.com](http://www.bokaseattle.com)

Palace Kitchen  
2030 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
206.448.2001  
[www.tomdouglas.com](http://www.tomdouglas.com)

Steelhead Diner  
95 Pine Street  
206.625.0129  
[www.steelheaddiner.com](http://www.steelheaddiner.com)

Mistral Kitchen  
2020 Westlake Avenue  
206.623.1992  
[www.mistral-kitchen.com](http://www.mistral-kitchen.com)

Bar Sajor  
323 Occidental Avenue South  
206.682.1117  
[www.batsajor.com](http://www.batsajor.com)

Spur Gastropub  
113 Blanchard Street  
206.728.6706  
[www.spurseattle.com](http://www.spurseattle.com)

## **Restaurants (continued)**

Barrio Mexican Kitchen & Bar  
1420 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
206.588.8105  
[www.barriorestaurant.com](http://www.barriorestaurant.com)

## **Hotels**

The Fairmont Olympic Hotel  
411 University Street  
206.621.1700  
[www.fairmont.com/seattle/](http://www.fairmont.com/seattle/)

Hotel Andra  
2000 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
206.448.8600  
[www.hotelandra.com/](http://www.hotelandra.com/)

Hotel Monaco Seattle  
1101 Fourth Avenue  
206.621.1770  
[www.monaco-seattle.com](http://www.monaco-seattle.com)

## **Must See and Do**

- Pike Place Market
- Space Needle (ride the monorail to get there)
- Olympic Sculpture Park
- Sea Plane (Kenmore Air at Lake Union)
- Pacific Place/Nordstrom's Flagship Store (in downtown, also shop along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue downtown from Pine to University)
- The Elliott Bay Book Company – Capitol Hill
- Capitol Hill Neighborhood – Pike/Pine and Broadway are main areas, Pike Street and Pine Street from Harvard to 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., Broadway from Pike to Roy (CafeVita, Cupcake Royale, Retrofit, High 5 Pie, Odd Fellows Lodge, Molly Moon's Homemade Ice Cream)
- South Lake Union district – up and coming urban neighborhood, street car
- Baseball game at Safeco Field – great ballpark, neat neighborhood next door called Pioneer Square, walk to game on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue through Pioneer Square, ride light rail back to downtown core
- Ferry to Bainbridge Island