

Seattle List May 2017

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 4th Avenue
206.682.4142
www.tomdouglas.com
(one of several Tom Douglas restaurants, creative northwest cuisine)

Lola
2000 4th Avenue
206.441.1430
www.tomdouglas.com
(another Tom Douglas restaurant, Greek meets northwest)

Metropolitan Grill (CTU favorite)
820 2nd Avenue
206.624.3287
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 4th Avenue
206.829.2280
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
(really neat neighborhood market/food hall concept)

El Gaucho
2505 1st Avenue
206.728.1337
www.elgaucho.com
(clubby steakhouse with entertainment)

Goldfinch Tavern at Four Seasons Hotel
99 Union Street
206.749.7070
www.goldfinchtavern.com

Serious Pie
401 Westlake Avenue
206.436.0050
www.seriouspiesseattle.com
(lunch)

The Brooklyn Seafood, Steak & Oyster House
1212 2nd Avenue
206.224.7000
www.thebrooklyn.com
(sit at bar in dining room with huge chairs)

For Drinks...

Bookstore Bar at Alexis Hotel
1007 First Avenue
206.382.1506
www.alexishotel.com
(cozy and intimate bar/lounge for drinks)

Six Seven Restaurant & Bar at Edgewater Hotel
2411 Alaskan Way
206.269.4575
www.edgewaterhotel.com/seattle-six-seven-restaurant

Oliver's Bar at Mayflower Hotel
405 Olive Way
206.382.6995
www.mayflowerpark.com/olivers-lounge

Scout Restaurant and Bar at Thompson Hotel
110 Stewart Street
206.686.9234
www.scoutpnw.com

Outlier at Hotel Monaco
1101 Fourth Avenue
206.624.7755
www.outlierseattle.com

Popular, but touristy...

Wild Ginger
1401 3rd Avenue
206.623.4450
www.wildginger.net

Elliott's Oyster House
1201 Alaskan Way Pier 56
206.623.4340
www.elliotoysterhouse.com

Heard good things, but have not been...

The Butcher's Table
2121 Westlake Avenue
206.209.5990
www.thebutcherstable.com

Heartwood Provisions
1103 1st Street Avenue
206.582.3505
www.heartwoodsea.com

Matt's in the Market
94 Pike Street, Suite 32
206.467.7909
www.mattsinthemarket.com

Palace Kitchen
2030 5th Avenue
206.448.2001
www.tomdouglas.com

Steelhead Diner
95 Pine Street
206.625.0129
www.steelheaddiner.com

Mistral Kitchen
2020 Westlake Avenue
206.623.1992
www.mistral-kitchen.com

Hotels

The Fairmont Olympic Hotel
411 University Street
206.621.1700
www.fairmont.com/seattle/

Hotel Andra
2000 4th Avenue
206.448.8600
www.hotelandra.com/

Hotels (continued)

Hotel Monaco Seattle
1101 Fourth Avenue
206.621.1770
www.monaco-seattle.com

Thompson Hotel Seattle
110 Stewart Street
206.623.4600
www.thompsonhotels.com/hotels/seattle

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 5th 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 13th 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 1st or 2nd avenue through Pioneer Square, ride light rail back to downtown core
- Ferry to Bainbridge Island