

Seattle Travel Tips

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HOTEL

THE WESTIN SEATTLE 1900 5th Ave, Seattle WA 98101

- Heated Indoor Pool
 - Open 5a-11p
- WestinWORKOUT Fitness Studio 7 days a week/24 hours a day
 - Includes Peloton Bikes
 - Sculpt & Flow Kit by Bala Kit or Recover & Recharge Kit by Hyperice are available at the front desk for a nominal fee
- RunWESTIN concierge
 - Every Wednesday 6:30am 3 mile guided run through the city
 - Check out the Route in the Strava App

RESTAURANTS

Close to The Westin Seattle (@ .5 to 1 mile away)

- Vivienne's Bistro 2441 76 Avenue SE, STE 150 <https://www.viviennesbistro.com/>
Chinese restaurant located within the Sheraton; upscale dining room with wooden lanterns, colorful cocktails
- Pike Place Market - **Recommended by a local**
 - Pasta Casalinga, Pike Place Market, <https://pastacasalingaseattle.com/>
hidden away pasta counter, 4 daily bowls with meat, seafood and from the garden renditions
 - Lowell's Restaurant 1519 Pike Pl, Seattle, WA 98101 Seafood restaurant w/
view of the bay!
- From Seattle's 50 Best Restaurants (Seattle Met)
 - Paju 513 Westlake Ave North <https://www.pajurestaurant.com/>
contemporary Korean cuisine

James Beard Semi-Finalists from Seattle

- Outstanding Restaurateur: Quynh and Yenvy Pham Sisters honored for their Vietnamese pho restaurants in 2023, 2024, and 2025: Pho Bac (1923 7th Ave), <https://www.thephocbac.com/>
- Best New Chef
 - Takai by Kashiba – 180 Bellevue Way NE Omakase (“I leave it up to you”) menu where the chef curates your multi-course meal
- Other noted restaurants
 - The 5 Point Café; 415 Cedar St, Seattle, WA 98121 Circa-1929 American diner open 24/7 serving hearty all-day breakfasts, burgers & hot sandwiches.

Short drive from the hotel

- Taylor's Shellfish (if you like oysters 😊) **Recommended by a local**

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- <https://www.taylorshellfishfarms.com/locations>; 410 Occidental Ave S, Seattle, WA 98104; 1.3 miles from hotel
- Revel - <https://www.revelseattle.com/> 401 N 36th Street Seattle WA 98103; 3.3 miles from hotel; Located in Fremont, Korean and Asian Fusion **Recommended by a local**
- Toulouse – inspired by New Orleans, Cajun-Creole cuisine, 601 Queen Anne Ave N, Seattle Washington, 98109 <https://www.toulousepetit.com/about/>; 1.5 miles from hotel **Recommended by a local**

Seattle’s Award Winning Restaurants – Updated 12/3/2025

<https://seattle.eater.com/restaurant-news/89523/eater-awards-winners-seattle-2025>

- Best New Restaurant
 - 5107 Ballard <https://linktr.ee/littlebeastballard>; Upscale English gastropub & steakhouse; 4.7 miles from hotel
- Best All-Day Café
 - The Wyland Mill 3800 Latona Ave, Suite 112 <https://www.thewaylandmill.com/> Serves food inspired by yoshuku – Westernized Japanese cuisine; 3.9 miles from hotel
 - Best Comeback: Good Voyage 8520 14th Avenue South; 6.8 miles from hotel <https://www.goodvoyageseattle.com/> French Café and Bistro
- Best Focaccia Sandwich
 - Hushy’s 3400 Stone Way N; 3.3 miles from hotel <https://www.hushyssandwiches.com/> “the Milanese is the best sandwich, period, we had all year — the breaded pork is cooked with a red wine-honey glaze for a spicy-sweet-meaty combo, and the kimchi adds a welcome vinegary note.”
- Best Pizza
 - Pizza By Ruffin 400 Fairview Avenue #107; 3 miles from hotel <https://www.pizzabyruffin.com/> 1st Black-owned pizzeria in Washington State highlighting flavors of African diaspora

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- Best New Restaurant
 - Atoma 1411 N 45th Street Seattle Washington 98103; 3.5 miles from hotel <https://www.atomaseattle.com/> contemporary restaurant local, seasonal inspired menus
 - Familyfriend 3315 Beacon Ave S; 4.9 miles from hotel <https://www.instagram.com/familyfriend20671/?hl=en>; Guamanian

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restaurant in Beason Hill – the Kewpie Burger was voted best burger by Seater Eater in 2024

- Outstanding Bakery
 - Saint Bread 1421NE Boat Street <https://www.saintbread.com/>; 3.5 miles from hotel
- Outstanding Hospitality:
 - Archipeligo 5607 Rainier Ave S <https://www.archipelagoseattle.com/> Pacific Northwest cuisine through progressive Filipino American flavors; 7.3 miles from hotel
- Outstanding wine and other beverages program
 - Ltd Edition Sushi 1641 Nagle PL Suite 006; 1.2 miles from hotel <https://www.ltdeditionsushi.com/> one Omakase (“I leave it up to you”) menu where the chef curates your multi-course meal to ensure freshest, highest grade sushi possible
- Outstanding Bar
 - Roquette 2232 1st Ave <https://www.roquettesea.com/>; 1.1 miles from hotel
- Best New Bar
 - Sophon 7314 Greenwood Avenue N <https://www.sophonseattle.com/>; 5 miles from hotel
- Best New Chef:
 - Pancita – 5501 30th Ave NE <https://www.pancitaseattle.com/> “Mexican food from our hearts to your belly!”; 4.6 miles from hotel
 - Houlme - Orcas Island <https://www.houlme.com/>
 - Homer – 3013 Beacon Avenue South <https://www.restauranthomer.com/> Mediterranean and Middle Eastern – inspired cuisine; 5.1 miles from hotel
 - Canlis 2576 Aurora Ave N <https://canlis.com/>; 1.9 miles from hotel
 - Kathakali 11451 98th Avenue NE <https://www.kathakali-juanita.com/> Kerala Cuisine with an urban twist; 15.1 miles from hotel
- Others
 - Von's 1000 Spirits; 1225 1st Ave, Seattle, WA 98101 Von's Seattle is a downtown institution featuring true Seattle Sourdough, bespoke spirits, scratch cocktails, and American dining; 1.9 miles from hotel

ACTIVITIES

Close to The Westin Seattle (@ .5 to 1 mile away)

- Pike Place Market <https://www.pikeplacemarket.org/>
 - The original Starbucks café
 - Dozens of diverse eateries
 - More than 225 local artisans selling their wares
 - The famous fish-tossing tradition
 - Talented street musicians
 - Gum Wall (had to include it 😊)
 - Overlook Walk

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- The Seattle Center <https://www.seattlecenter.com/>
 - Space Needle
 - Seattle Center Monorail
 - Museum of Pop Culture <https://www.mopop.org/>
 - Chihuly Garden and Glass <https://www.chihulygardenandglass.com/>
 - Pacific Science Center <https://pacificsciencecenter.org/>
 - Pacific Northwest Ballet
 - Seattle Opera
- Pioneer Square <https://pioneersquare.org/>
 - About 1 mile/25 minute walk from the Westin
 - “historic charm and modern delights” walkable neighborhood with historic architecture a scenic waterfront, thriving arts community vibrant shops, restaurant sand exciting nightlife and music scene
 - **Underground Seattle Tour** <http://undergroundtour.com/> ***Recommended by a Local***
- [Seattle Art Museum \(SAM\)](#)
- [Olympic Sculpture Park](#)
- [The Seattle Great Wheel](#) (Ferris Wheel)
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- [Beneath the Streets](#)
 - Gives engaging walks that tell stories about the neighborhood’s once-infamous Red Light District and its colorful LGBTQIA+ history.
- Seattle Self-Guided Walking Tours with Audio, Washington:
<https://www.gpsmycity.com/gps-tour-guides/seattle-609.html>

Short drive from the hotel

- Seattle City Pass to see multiple attractions - **Recommended by a Local**
- Argosy day cruises <https://argosycruises.com/> **Recommended by a Local**

Top Sights in Seattle <https://visitseattle.org/things-to-do/sightseeing/top-25-attractions/>

- [Woodland Park Zoo](#)
- [Seattle Asian Art Museum](#)
- [Seattle Aquarium](#)
- [Pier 62](#)
 - An expansive space to soak up city and bay views and enjoy free arts and cultural programming and fitness classes
- [Wings over Washington](#)
 - An interactive theater that virtually transports you to some of the state’s most stunning natural wonders, like Mount Rainier and the San Juan Islands.
- Seattle China Town <https://www.seattlechinatownid.com/the-neighborhood>
 - About 1.6 miles/35 minute walk from the Westin
 - Saturday March 7, 2026 11am -5pm Lunar New Year:
<https://www.seattlechinatownid.com/experiences/lunar-new-year>

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- The Fremont Troll <https://theramblingrenegade.com/original-fremont-troll/>
 - North 36th Street Seattle, WA, 98103 under the north end of the Aurora Bridge; 3.2 miles from the hotel; **Recommended by a local**
- Museum of Flight <https://www.museumofflight.org/>; **Recommended by a local**
 - 9404 E. Marginal Way South, Seattle WA 98108

Just in Time – Events March

- **Sunday 3/1** Hot Chocolate Run 5K, 10K or 15K <https://hotchocolate15k.com/city/seattle/>
- **Sunday 3/1** Dramatic gay opera March 1, 2026 Seattle Center (1.2 miles NW)
 - Set in the nation’s capital, [Fellow Travelers](#) is “heart-wrenching” [NY Times] historical fiction about two men in a relationship who must make impossible choices as they struggle to survive the Lavender Scare of the 1950s at McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer St. in Seattle.
- Seattle Mariners (Baseball)
 - Home Games <https://www.mlb.com/mariners/schedule/2026-02>
 - **Sunday 3/1** vs Rangers
 - **Tuesday 3/3** vs Angels
 - **Thursday 3/5** vs Padres
 - **Saturday 3/7** vs White Sox
- Seattle Kraken (Hockey) <https://www.nhl.com/kraken/>
 - **Monday 3/2** vs Carolina Hurricanes
 - **Wednesday 3/4** vs St. Louis Blues
 - **Saturday 3/7** vs Ottawa Senators

March 3 - 8, 2026 Live: *The Notebook*: Based on the novel and popular film, [The Notebook](#) tells the story of a couple who share a lifetime of love despite the forces that threaten to pull them apart at The Paramount Theatre, 911 Pine St. in Seattle.

March 3 - 8, 2026 Immersive experience Bellevue (11 miles E) “Step into a planet beyond your imagination with virtual-reality technology, 10 rooms with different themes, and fantastic landscapes” at [Bubble Planet](#), 103 110th Ave. NE in Bellevue. Closed Tuesdays.

March 1 -22, 2026 Cirque show Redmond (16 miles NE)

A female heroine discovers that her choices can influence the world as she progresses through the stages of evolution in [Echo](#), performed by Cirque du Soleil in a giant heated tent at Marymoor Park, 6046 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE in Redmond.

March 1 -22, 2026 Shakespeare comedy Downtown (0.4 miles E)

Full of romance, mischief, and whimsy, [A Midsummer Night’s Dream](#) is the comical story of four young lovers caught up in a quarrel between the king and queen of the faeries at ACT Theatre, 700 Union St. in Seattle