



SEATTLE



BALLARD LOCKS FISH LADDER
Watch salmon migrate up a fish "ladder" to lay their eggs in upstream lakes.

DISCOVERY PARK
Seattle's largest park offers beautiful hikes along 534 acres of beaches, meadows, and woodlands.

SAN JUAN ISLANDS
Soar 100 miles on a seaplane for whale watching in the Salish Sea.

GREEN LAKE
Rent a paddle boat, go kayaking, or build a sandcastle at this 50,000-year-old, glacier-built lake.

BURKE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND CULTURE
Washington's oldest public museum features historic and contemporary art, such as this canoe paddle by Puyallup artist Shaun Peterson.

LINDA BUCK
b.1947
The Seattle-born co-winner of the 2004 Nobel Prize in Physiology investigates how we smell things.

ARCHIE MCPHEE
Find alien puppets, rubber chickens, and other strange toys at this delightfully weird store.

FREMONT

MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND INDUSTRY
Make costumes, props, toys, and more at one of this museum's Maker Days.

VOLUNTEER PARK

PIKE PLACE MARKET
is famous for its fish-throwing seafood sellers and a wall filled with zillions of pieces of chewed gum!

CUP OF JOE
There are about 1,600 coffee shops in the Seattle area, including the very first Starbucks, in Pike Place Market.

THE SEATTLE CENTER MONORAIL
was built for the 1962 World's Fair. Today it carries about 2 million passengers between its two stops every year.

SEATTLE GREAT WHEEL
This 175-foot-tall giant ferris wheel can carry over 300 people in its 42 gondolas.

SHERMAN ALEXIE
b.1966
The award-winning author of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* lives in Seattle.

CARRIE BROWNSTEIN
b.1974
This founder of the rock band Sleater-Kinney and award-winning writer of the comedy TV show *Portlandia* was born in Seattle.

GAIL DEVERS
b.1966
This Seattle-born athlete overcame the thyroid disorder Graves disease to win two Olympic gold medals in the 1990s.

TOLT-MACDONALD PARK
Head 40 miles outside the city to explore scenic trails and camp in an old shipping container or a yurt!

KIWANIS MEMORIAL PRESERVE PARK
Many great blue herons nest here during the spring and summer. These birds have a wingspan of up to 6 feet!

WHALE WATCHING
In these waters you can spot several pods of orcas, the official marine mammals of the state of Washington.

SPACE NEEDLE
When the Space Needle was built in 1962, it was the tallest building west of the Mississippi.

CHIHULY GARDEN AND GLASS
See real flowers alongside the extraordinary, colorful creations of glass artist Dale Chihuly.

OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK
Peruse a collection of sculptures at this public park, including a pair of eyes that you can sit in!

INTERNATIONAL FOUNTAIN
Built for the 1962 World's Fair, this fountain has 20 jets that spray water in time to music.

ARTISTS AT PLAY
Rope ladders, a 35-foot climbing tower, and a musical swingset await at this artist-designed playground.

PIONEER SQUARE UNDERGROUND TOUR
Roam a maze of buried alleys and storefronts where Seattleites once did business.

CHINATOWN-INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT
The heart of Seattle's Asian American community is made up of Chinatown, Japantown, and Little Saigon.

THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
is filled with 11 floors of public art, bright yellow escalators, and, of course... 9,906 shelves of books!

JIMI HENDRIX PARK
This park is named for one of the world's greatest guitarists, born in Seattle.

BILL GATES
b.1955
Born in Seattle, the computer programmer who co-founded Microsoft plans to donate 95% of his wealth to charity.

THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT
Climb aboard one of only 20 Concorde planes ever built. These supersonic jets could reach a speed of 1,350 mph—that's twice the speed of sound!

WATERFALL GARDEN PARK
Grab a "Seattle Dog" (a hot dog topped with cream cheese) and marvel at this 22-foot manmade waterfall in the middle of the city.

SHAUN PETERSON (QWALSUIUS)
b.1975
The sculptures of this artist from the Puyallup tribe appear along the Seattle waterfront.

WELCOME TO THE EMERALD CITY

Surrounded by water, forests and mountains, Seattle is famous for its lush scenery, giving it the nickname the "Emerald City." Packed with things to see and do, Seattle has a bustling cosmopolitan atmosphere, with distinctly different neighborhoods jostling for your attention.

The city was named 165 years ago for a Duwamish tribal leader, Chief Si'ahl, who is remembered for his compelling speeches and peacemaking skills. In the 1700s and 1800s, the Duwamish and Suquamish tribes lived in this area hunting deer, fishing for salmon, and making medicines from plants. Today, Seattle is home to a booming tech industry, with large companies such as Microsoft and Amazon having their headquarters here. It is also a haven for coffee lovers, musicians, and artists.

Favorite books about the city include *Wheedle on the Needle* by Stephen Cosgrove, *Jackie's Wild Seattle* by Will Hobbs, and *Seattle Blues* by Michael Wenberg.

KEY FACTS

STATE WASHINGTON	
NAMED FOR	Duwamish Indian leader Chief Si'ahl
FOUNDED IN	1851
STATE POPULATION	7,170,351
CITY POPULATION	668,342
AREA	84 square miles
TALLEST BUILDING	Columbia Center: 937 feet (76 stories)
NICKNAME	The Emerald City Coffee Capital of the World Jet City
BEST PLACE TO ...	See a troll: Under the George Washington Bridge in Fremont
A CITY FIRST	The world's first Starbucks coffeehouse opened in Seattle in 1971
LOCAL LINGO	That's filthy (That's very cool)
CAN YOU FIND?	5 umbrellas

24 HOURS IN SEATTLE

- 9 AM** Breakfast on apples, Washington's state fruit, at the Ballard Farmers' Market. But don't eat the seeds—they contain cyanide!
- 10 AM** Kayak around Lake Washington and imagine paddling a Salish canoe like Seattle's namesake, the Duwamish Chief Si'ahl.
- 11 AM** Visit the playful glass galleries of legendary Seattle artist Dale Chihuly or one of Seattle's other glassblowing studios.
- 12 PM** Drop quarters into slots to unveil the collection freakish footwear at the Giant Shoe Museum in Pike Place.
- 1 PM** Dine on triple-garlic chicken teriyaki at a Seattle Mariner's game. And don't worry if it rains—the Safeco Field roof will close!
- 2 PM** Climb to the Columbia Center's Skyview Observatory—the highest public-viewing area west of the Mississippi River.
- 3 PM** Watch some winged wonders being created on a Boeing Factory Tour.
- 4 PM** In September, scoot south of the city to try sheep-riding at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. Then treat yourself to a raspberry-jam-filled scone.
- 5 PM** Visit Seattle's glass-walled library to read a local author such as Bonny Becker or Elizabeth Rider Montgomery.
- 6 PM** Watch a play at the award-winning Seattle Children's Theatre.
- 7 PM** For dinner, pick up some pork lau lau, kumquats, and red bean cake at Uwajimaya, the largest Asian grocery in the northwest.
- 8 PM** Go to bed dreaming of Jim Whittaker, the Seattle-born hiker who was the first American to reach the summit of Mount Everest... and plan to visit Mount Rainier in his honor the next day!