

# SEATTLE TRAVEL GUIDE



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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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# Getting To Seattle

## 1 Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

Sea-Tac Airport (SEA) lies about 10 miles (16 kms) south of Seattle. The main terminal leads out to the road where taxis and buses collect passengers. If you arrive at the north or south satellite terminals, you must first take a subway to the main terminal.

➤ **Map P3**

## 2 Customs

Federal law allows each visitor to bring in \$100 worth of gifts, 1 liter of liquor, and 200 cigarettes duty-free. Cash or negotiable funds exceeding \$10,000 must be declared.

## 3 Left Luggage

You may store your luggage at Ken's Baggage and Storage at Sea-Tac Airport on the Baggage Claim Level between Carousels 9 and 12.

## 4 Lost Property

Sea-Tac Airport operates a Lost and Found service in the central part of the Main Terminal. You can also contact your airline for items left on an airplane.

## 5 Shuttles & Buses

Shuttles stop at all major downtown hotels. The 194 bus is an express service to downtown. It costs \$1.50; exact fare required. Check if your hotel reservation includes a free shuttle from the airport; otherwise look for SeaTac's Ground Transportation Information Booth or dial 55 from any Traveler's Information Board for information. Shuttle Express also offers shared ride service.

## 6 Taxi or Limousine

STITA is the only taxi company authorized to take passengers from the airport, although any carrier can bring you to the airport. Fares to downtown cost about \$30 and take about 15 minutes, not including a suggested 10 percent tip. Private limousine services are more costly.

## 7 Portland International Airport (PDX)

Only a few miles outside of central Portland, Oregon, PDX is a distant alternative on the way to or from Seattle. It's possible to catch an Amtrak train to Seattle from Portland, sometimes for only \$23 one way.

## 8 Kenmore Air

Visitors from Victoria or Vancouver, British Columbia, can make the memorable trip to Seattle on a seaplane that lands on Lake Union.

## 9 Greyhound

There are 4 buses everyday from San Francisco to Seattle, but the journey takes almost 24 hours.



## 10 Amtrak

Seattle's King Street Station is the depot for Amtrak passenger trains from Vancouver, British Columbia, and all points south and east. Find the entrance in between Pioneer Square and the International District. The Coast Starlight rides the rails between Los Angeles and Seattle daily, and Amtrak *Cascades* itineraries include towns and cities between Eugene, Oregon, and Vancouver, BC.

# Getting Around Seattle



## 1 Buses

Metro Transit offers the most inexpensive transportation. A single journey off-peak costs \$1.25; peak times it's \$1.50. Exact fare is required. Pay on entry for buses heading downtown, and on leaving for buses heading away from downtown. Ask the driver for a free transfer if you are connecting with another bus. There is a large Ride Free area downtown, where no fare is required. Most buses

are equipped with wheelchair lifts.

## 2 Ferries

For a sensorial way to experience Seattle and its spectacular environs, consider taking a ferry. Major routes include: Seattle-Winslow (on Bain-bridge Island) and Seattle-Bremerton from Pier 52; and West Seattle-Vashon Island and West Seattle-Southworth from the Fauntleroy terminal. From Anacortes, some distance north of Seattle, there is ferry service to the San Juan Islands and Sydney (on Vancouver Island, north of Victoria).

## 3 Water Taxis

The city has no water taxis per se but there are passenger-only ferries that bring commuters from Bremerton, on the Kitsap Peninsula. Occasionally water taxis run from Alki in West Seattle to the waterfront piers.



**4 Taxis**  
Seattle has abundant licensed taxi operators, and you can flag them down from most downtown streets or call a cab by phone.



**5 Seaplane**  
Kenmore Air has a large fleet of seaplanes offering tours to sightsee Puget Sound, the Olympic Mountains, and the Cascade Range.

**6 Car**  
Driving in Seattle can be a challenge due to large volumes of traffic on downtown streets, freeway logjams, and alternating one way streets that seem to baffle many drivers.

**7 Boat**  
You can rent canoes and kayaks, or sailboats and fishing boats with or without crews. A number of companies on the waterfront, such as Argosy Tours and Spirit of Seattle, provide tours on Elliott Bay, Lake Union, and Lake Washington.

**8 Motorbike**  
Motorbikes and gas or electric scooters provide more freedom and use far less fuel. Try renting one for an exciting way to explore Seattle's hilly terrain.

**9 Bicycle**  
Cyclists are a lot safer on paths reserved exclusively for non-motorized vehicles. A city-wide bicycle helmet law took effect in 2004.

**10 Commuter Rail**  
Seattle's commuter rail service, Sounder, links Seattle's King Street Station with Everett, Edmonds, Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent, Tukwila, and Tacoma. Service is quite limited, though; check schedules.

## Things to Avoid

**1 Don't Call it the Emerald City**  
This name derives from Seattle's rain-soaked greenery and once heavily forested ecology. But locals certainly do not refer to their home that way, although occasionally you may hear Seattle called Jet City, a reference to Boeing's influence on the economy.

**2 Don't Jaywalk**  
Jaywalkers often find themselves collared by waiting police patrols on the lookout for any pedestrian crossing the street at unauthorized places or times. Police do enforce the statute that makes crossing against the light illegal.



**3 Yield to Pedestrians**  
Seattle has a history of protecting pedestrians from collisions with automobiles. All motorized and self-powered vehicles riding the streets have an obligation to stop for pedestrians, whether or not they cross at intersections or outside of crosswalks.

**4 Unsafe Neighborhoods**  
Most tourists never come near the edgier neighborhoods where economic disenfranchisement has helped to foster street crime. Seattle's major streets and arterials are quite safe for sightseeing during the day. Feel free to stroll at night only if you already know the area comfortably.

**5 Smoking**  
Cigarette smoking laws are continually in transition, but Seattle allows restaurant and bar smoking only in designated areas. The law allows establishments to set their own standards, so some businesses may disallow smoking anywhere on the premises, while others have no restrictions at all. Hotels typically save rooms for either proclivity.

**6 Driving Challenges**  
One's patience is tested when navigating Seattle's streets and highways. Keep a lookout for turn-only lanes at busy intersections. If you need to parallel park on steep hills, turn your wheels towards the curb to help prevent a runaway car. If you use manual transmission and you're stopped in traffic mid-hill, be sure to apply the emergency brake until you engage the gears smoothly. You must obey the speed limits, 25 mph (40 kmph), unless posted otherwise.

**7 Underdressing**  
Seattle has two main seasons, wet and dry. Regardless of the time of year, always remember to pack a jacket or sweater, and basic rain gear. Waterproof windbreakers, hats, or polypropylene shells are essential.

**8 Panhandlers & the Homeless**  
All cities have an abundance of homeless individuals, and Seattle is no exception. Avoid contact with panhandlers and beggars and those that are obviously intoxicated. They're rarely aggressive, but it's still a good idea to ignore confrontation. Always keep your possessions firmly in hand or secure.

**9 Forgetting to Tip**  
Almost every restaurant's management keeps wages very low and expects customers' tips to make up the difference. Your gratuity should be in the 15 percent range, more or less depending on the quality of service, and calculated on the pre-tax total. Tip your cab driver 10-15 percent, and allow about \$1 per service for hotel staff.

**10 Age Restrictions & ID**  
The legal drinking age for alcoholic beverages is 21. The law is so strictly enforced that everyone's picture identity card is checked at bars and taverns regardless of how old they may look. Be prepared to show proof of

age. You must be 18 or older in order to purchase cigarettes.

## Budget Tips

### 1 Discount Air Tickets

You can uncover outstanding rates on the Internet. But be sure to call reservation numbers and search the websites of major airlines along with your forays into third-party travel sites to discover the most advantageous deals.

### 2 Hotel Deals

Hotel rates are subject to pricing grids based on such criteria as special promotions, high and low season rates, and room categories. Use your intuition; if something sounds impossibly low, it probably should not be trusted. Call the hotel directly and ask for the best price after researching wholesalers and even the hotel's own website (see Traditional Hotels).

### 3 Fly-Drive Packages

If you stay in or close to downtown and have no plans to explore the surrounding region, you will not need a car. But if you want to spread your wings, many fly-drive packages have built-in price advantages over renting a car separately.

### 4 Discount Coupons

Avoid waiting in long lines and get one universal pass online. You may purchase a CityPass online or at the first attraction you visit. It's good for nine days and includes admission to Woodland Park Zoo, the Space Needle, Pacific Science Center, Seattle Aquarium, the Museum of Flight, and Argosy Cruises.

► [www.seeseattle.org/coupons](http://www.seeseattle.org/coupons) • [www.citypass.net](http://www.citypass.net)

### 5 Cheaper Sleeps

The central location of Seattle's hostels combined with exceptionally low rates is too irresistible to ignore. Hostelling International, featuring a lounge, library, and self-service kitchen/laundry, and Green Tortoise Backpackers Hostel are decent places to stay.

► *Hostelling International: Map J4 • 84 Union St • (206) 622-5443*

### 6 Cheaper Eateries

Cheap eats are widely available. Look anywhere in the International District, especially in the Vietnamese areas, for dinners under \$7. Taquerias and sandwich delis dot corners in every neighborhood, and Indian restaurants offer all-you-can-eat lunch buffets.

### 7 Picnics

The Pike Place Market is a great place to shop for a picnic in one of the city's many parks. Try DeLaurenti's or Three Girl's Bakery for easily portable breads, sandwiches, salads, and freshly baked pastries. At Greenlake, purchase delicious organic carry-out food at PCC Natural Markets.

► *PCC Natural Markets: Map P2 • 7504 Aurora Ave N • (206) 525-3586*

### 8 Public Transport Passes

Seattle has no rapid transit system, but you can use the Metro bus system. For \$5, the Metro Visitor Pass provides one day of unlimited travel to all major attractions. Or, purchase multiple ticket booklets of various dollar values. Call Metro Transit Rider Information (see Getting Around Seattle).

### 9 Communications

It may be a good idea to purchase a pre-paid phone card before you leave home. Most of Seattle's branch public libraries offer free Internet access at their computer stations.

► *Seattle Public Library: Map K5 • 1000 4th Ave • (206) 386-4636 • [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org)*

### 10 Laundromats

These have largely been relegated to lower income neighborhoods in a city that's on the expensive side. Maytag operates a coin-operated laundromat in the U-District. Check the yellow pages to see if there's one near where you're staying.

► *Maytag: Map E2 • 4522 Brooklyn NE • (206) 548-1321*

## Special Needs

### 1 Designated Parking

You may park in specially designated spaces if you are disabled and have the proper vehicle identification clearly posted. Any unauthorized use may cause a traffic infraction with a \$250 penalty.

► *Department of Licensing:(306) 902-3770*

### 2 Special Prices

Seattle's Metro Transit system and many other attractions offer discounted fare for senior citizens and the disabled. The Regional Reduced Fare Permit costs \$3 and entitles you to reduced fares on Metro Transit, Washington State Ferries, Community Transit, and Sound Transit. Visitors wishing to obtain such a pass will need an American Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit card. National parks also issue special vehicle passes for the disabled that entitle all passengers in the vehicle to enter for free.

► *ADA:(206) 553-3060*

► *Metro Rider Information:(206) 684-1739*

### 3 Required Accessibility

Any new construction in Seattle must conform to the ADA by providing easy access for the disabled in wheelchairs. While newer hotels and restaurants will by law have met the requirements, you need to call in advance to inquire if your destination has conformed to the emerging standards.

### 4 "Kneeling" Buses

Seattle's Metro system pioneered the use of Lift-U lifts on public transportation buses to accommodate those who use wheelchairs or have difficulty using stairs. Look for a wheel-chair symbol posted next to the scheduled arrival times on placards posted at bus stops.

**5 Ramped Curbs**

Every downtown corner provides ramped curbs, and frequent neighborhood street construction entails installing ramps where they do not already exist. Most government buildings, supermarkets, tourist attractions, performance venues, and hotels have clearly marked hands-free entrance and egress doorways and ramps.

**6 Accessible Toilets**

Seattle has an exemplary record of providing disabled access to toilets in public restrooms. However, public restrooms for the general public are few in Seattle, although there are public port-a-potties near the Pike Place Market.

**7 Visually Impaired Travelers**

Founded in 1965, the Community Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted is a great resource for sight-impaired individuals. The Seattle Public Library offers a Washington Talking Book & Braille Library and an equal access library program.

➤ *Community Services for the Blind & Partially Sighted: 1-800-458-4888*

➤ *Washington Talking Book & Braille Library: 1-800-542-0866 • www.wtbl.org*

**8 Gay & Lesbian Travelers**

Seattle has many organizations that assist gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered travelers with gender-related information.

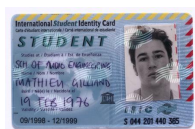
➤ *Seattle LGBT Community Center: (206) 323-5428 • www.seattlelgbt.org • Pride Foundation: (206) 323-3318 • www.pridefoundation.org • PFLAG: (206) 325-7724 • www.seattlepflag.org*

➤ *Lesbian Resource Center: (206) 322-3953 • www.lrc.net*

➤ *Lambert House (see Lambert House Gay Youth Center)*

**9 Children's Needs**

When traveling with children, be aware of their tired and sore feet, boredom, and short attention spans. Always pack a few snacks and essential medications.

**10 Students**

Use your student ID card for reduced admission to museums, festivals, gallery events, concerts, and other special programs.

## Banking & Communications

**1 Exchange**

Look for currency exchange offices in the Main Terminal and South Satellite at Sea-Tac Airport (see Seattle-Tacoma International Airport), and at major banks downtown. Thomas Cook has an exchange branch at 4th Avenue and Pine as well. You can avoid bad rates by obtaining cash from ATMs, where daily rates are more advantageous.

**2 ATMs**

You may incur a small fee for using the ATM if you are not a customer of the bank (your own bank may charge you, too). Check with your bank for charge rates before you travel.

**3 Credit Cards**

Rental car agencies and hotels require a credit card for booking reservations. While many smaller eateries still do not accept cards, the majority of restaurants do. Call the bank's toll-free number if you lose your card. Always keep a small amount of cash for tips and small purchases.

**4 Traveler's Checks**

The use of debit and credit cards has made traveler's checks less popular. Their face value is equal to cash if you buy them in dollars, but you need to present a photo ID, and cashing them in banks or currency exchange offices can be time consuming.

**5 Tax**

Most restaurants charge 9.3 percent sales tax, while retail purchases are subject to a combined state and city sales tax of 8.6 percent. Car rentals at the airport include sales tax, an additional 10 percent tax, plus the 10 percent airport concession fee – 28.3 percent above initial rental price.

**6 Post Offices**

Most post offices operate Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm; some branches open on Saturdays from 9am for 3–6 hours, depending on their location.

**7 Telephones**

Seattle's area code is 206, but the vastness of surrounding suburbs has necessitated several prefixes. 425 covers most of the Eastside, 253 covers south of the city, and 360 handles outlying areas. Local calls made from Seattle to those other areas require that you dial 1, the area code, and the seven-digit number. Toll-free numbers

begin with 800, 877, or 888. Dial 411 for directory assistance, 011 for an international call, and 911 in case of an emergency.

**8 Voice Mail**

The novelty and convenience of voice mail has long since worn out its welcome. But it still has a vital place in both personal and professional realms. Leave your name, a brief message, and a call-back number if you

expect positive results. The long beep is sometimes all you can count on hearing – especially if you are trying to make dinner reservations.

### 9 Internet

There's no shortage of Internet cafés in Seattle, and quite a few feature Wifi service for seamless remote and wireless connections laptop users. Charges vary, and occasionally there is no charge. Seattle public libraries (see Communications) offer free Internet access, though time limits apply.

### 10 Courier Services

The most popular overnight mailing services are FedEx, UPS, and DHL. Also consider using the competitively priced services of the United States Post Office for overnight, second-, or third-day guaranteed deliveries.

## Security & Health

### 1 Earthquake Procedures

Should an earthquake strike, stay calm. If you are indoors, stand under a load-bearing door frame or get under a heavy desk or table. If you're driving, stay in the vehicle and park in an open area away from lamp posts and bridges. Major earthquakes are extremely rare, although the Puget Sound region includes several fault lines that are susceptible to tremors.

### 2 Consulates

Most major countries have consulates in the city. If anything untoward occurs, contact your national representative.



### 3 Petty Crime

Every city has problems with petty crime, especially for tourists who may look lost. The best defense is to be aware of your surroundings. Don't walk into any area that looks questionable.

### 4 Emergencies

Dial 911 from any phone during an emergency. Be prepared to provide your location and the circumstances

to the aid dispatcher so that the appropriate help will arrive quickly.

### 5 AIDS

The AIDS virus is still a public health problem, so don't take risks of engaging in unprotected sex. Seattle has ample public health facilities and centers that offer free services.

### 6 Helplines

Find support and information for almost any problem via Seattle's public service helplines.

### 7 Police Reports

If you are the victim of a crime, you should report it to the nearest police department as soon as possible. You will be issued a police report, which will be needed for any insurance claims you make.

### 8 Outdoor Safety

Ask any staffer working at a reputable outdoor recreation store for general information about a particular area. Ranger stations are also excellent sources for information. Even for a day hike you'll want reserves of food, water, spare seasonal clothing, and first aid, among other personal items.



### 9 Hospitals & Clinics

Seattle has an enviable list of first-rate medical institutions that provide emergency care, health care services, and treatment, including Harbor-view Medical Center (Seattle's public hospital), Swedish Medical Center, and Virginia

Mason Medical Center.

### 10 Health Insurance Claims

You should plan on paying for any health care at the time of (or even before receiving) treatment. Save receipts for reimbursement by your insurance company. Prevent billing worries by confirming in advance that the hospital or clinic you choose accepts your form of coverage.

## Eating & Accommodation Tips



### 1 Pacific Rim Cuisine

In Seattle, this cuisine refers to fresh Pacific Northwest ingredients combined with the flavors and cooking techniques of countries bordering the Pacific Ocean. Chefs create masterpieces and signature

dishes using sushi-grade fish, Kobe beef, ginger- and soy-based sauces, and handmade noodles to complement US menu mainstays.

### 2 Other Cuisines

You can hardly walk a block without meeting up with a Thai restaurant. Mexican taquerias compete with



establishments serving Spanish tapas, while French and Italian bistros still attract crowds. Indian restaurants often include Pakistani, Tibetan, and Nepalese dishes as well.

### 3 Reservations

It's advisable to secure lunch or dinner reservations at formal or expensive restaurants, or at those with a view. Alternatively, consider dining at a non-peak hour, as getting a table anywhere special at noon or 6pm is a challenge.



### 4 Drinks

Washington has its share of award-winning vineyards. Better restaurants employ sommeliers to assist you in choosing wines to complement your meal, and they can also steer you toward a selection based on price. If beer or ale suits your taste, Washington has many microbreweries emulating the heavier British styles of ales and stouts, as well as crisp German lagers and Belgian Abbey ales.

### 5 Tax & Tipping

Restaurants add 9.3 percent sales tax to the total bill, and it's considered gracious if you leave a tip of at least 15 percent (see Forgetting to Tip).

### 6 Choosing Hotel Locations

For an urban experience or a central location, downtown is the hands-down pick. If you have a car or don't mind the distance, a number of B&Bs, boutique hotels, or guesthouses (see Traditional Hotels) border the downtown area.

### 7 Hotel Gradings

All major hotels are subject to a widely accepted star-based system that gauges the overall merits, level of service, and amenities advertised by the property. Four-star hotels are the most luxurious and expensive. If you have any doubts, simply ask the reservation agent if the hotel has a rating. However, hotels rarely mention status unless they have a high score.

### 8 Making Hotel Reservations

Seattle has become a worldwide destination for huge conventions and large tour groups, many coming from cruise ships in the summer months when the tourist industry flourishes. Make your reservations in advance to avoid finding only a limited choice on arrival.

### 9 Extra Costs & Tipping

Occasionally, travel packages at downtown hotels include overnight parking with the room, but most charge exorbitant rates for the service. You are charged for making phone calls even when dialing a toll-free number. If the room includes a stocked refrigerator, anything consumed will add to the bill. Also remember to tip the housekeeper and other service providers at the hotel.

### 10 Traveling with Kids

Many hotels don't charge extra for kids 12 and under staying in their parents' room. Some have the same service for children 18 and under. Others may provide roll-away beds or cribs for a price. Search the neighborhood around Seattle Center for the most family-friendly hotels or motels. Parking lots nearby are often cheaper than the hotel's garage.

# 2

## PLACES TO STAY

## Ace

This hotel, situated in a historic building, appeals to guests who prefer location over luxury. There are few amenities, instead the emphasis is on ultra-modern decor. Pike Place Market and the surrounding retail and art-infused Belltown are nearby.

► **Map H3** • 2423 1st Ave • (206) 448-4721 • [www.acehotel.com](http://www.acehotel.com) • \$\$

## Alexis

Since 1901, the Alexis has lived up to its stellar reputation as an elegant haven for those who prefer pampering. Evening wine tasting, 24-hour room service, Internet access, steam and fitness room, full day spa, and the Bookstore Bar are some of the highlights.

► **Map K5** • 1007 1st Ave • 1-800-426-7033 • [www.alexishotel.com](http://www.alexishotel.com) • Dis. access • \$\$\$

## Bacon Mansion

This 1909 Edwardian Tudor mansion exudes elegance with original carved wood trim, 3,000-crystal chandelier, marble fireplaces, and a remarkable library. Most rooms have private baths.

► **Map E4** • 959 Broadway E • 1-800-240-1864 • Dis. access • No air conditioning • \$\$

## Chambered Nautilus

This gracious 1915 Georgian Colonial home is close to the UW campus. Four rooms have porches overlooking gardens and mountains, and guests stay in nicely furnished one- or two-bedroom apartments.

► **Map F2** • 5005 22nd Ave NE • (206) 522-2536 • [www.chamberednautilus.com](http://www.chamberednautilus.com) • \$\$

## Chelsea House Station

Built in 1929, this inn is tastefully decorated in Arts and Crafts furniture. All 9 rooms and suites offer private baths. It is located near Woodland Park Zoo; Metro buses stop 3 blocks away.

► **Map D2** • 4915 Linden Ave N • 1-800-400-6077 • [www.bandbseattle.com](http://www.bandbseattle.com) • No air conditioning • \$\$

## College Inn

Built for the 1909 Alaska-Yukon Exposition, this historic landmark inn offers old-world charm and hospitality. Rooms come with washbasin, mirror, and minimal furniture. Rates include Continental breakfast.

► **Map E2** • 4000 University Way NE • (206) 633-4441 • [www.collegeinnseattle.com](http://www.collegeinnseattle.com) • \$

## Courtyard (Westlake)

One of Marriott's less expensive hotels offers great lake views and proximity to Seattle Center and I-5. Rooms have free Internet access, and there's also an indoor swimming pool.

► **Map J1** • 925 Westlake Ave N • 1-800-321-2211 • [www.courtyardlakeunion.com](http://www.courtyardlakeunion.com) • Dis. access • \$\$

## Crowne Plaza

A reputed chain hotel with well-appointed rooms and an easy walk to the Convention Center and trendy boutiques.

► **Map K4** • 1113 6th Ave • 1-800-521-2762 • Dis. access • \$\$

# 3

## SHOPPING

## 5th Avenue Boutiques

A collection of boutiques between Union and Spring Streets caters to customers for whom price is no object. Fox's Gem Shop, Brooks Brothers, and St. John Boutique are the best stops for fine gems and jewelry and high fashion galore.

► **Map K4**

## Admiral Metropolitan Market

This neighborhood supermarket and gourmet purveyor of prepared food offers customized salads, pasta dishes, and panini (grilled sandwiches) cooked to order, and creative side dishes galore. The store also sells quality kitchenware.

► **Map B5** • 2320 42nd Ave SW • \$

## Archie McPhee's

Call on the famous mail order gag gift company, which sells items in the rubber chicken category of humorous gifts.

► **Map B1** • 2428 NW Market St

## Avalon Glass Works

Find blown-glass vases, bowls, sculpture, ornaments, garden floats, paperweights, and seasonal items in myriad shapes, colors, and sizes in this exciting workshop.

► **Map B5** • 2914 SW Avalon Way

## Baby & Co.

The place for European styled slacks, skirts, dresses, and accessories for women. Look for designs by Martha Francis Garbed, Lilt in Paris, Comme des Garçons, and Marithe and Francois Girbaud.

► **Map J4** • 1936 1st Ave

## Bailey/Coy Books

One of Seattle's smaller book retailers (see Broadway) that specializes in gay and lesbian literature and periodicals. The staff is exceptionally well informed and friendly.

## Ballard Used & Rare Books

Have the staff search for an elusive out-of-print book, or browse the shelves for old but not forgotten favorites.

► **Map B1** • 2232 NW Market St

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## Bitters Co

The owners scour the Far East, Southeast Asia, and their own roster of Washington artists and designers to handpick crafts, home furnishings, and personal accessories.

► **Map D2** • 513 N 36th • (206) 632-0886

## Bon-Macy's

For less extravagant spenders, there's what used to be the locally owned Bon Marche. The new name reflects investment and ownership by the famous Chicago department store chain, but locals still refer to this large store simply as the Bon. Find everything from linen to lingerie, and loveseats to luggage, all at reasonable prices.

► **Map J4** • 300 Pine St • (206) 506-6000

# 4

## PLACES TO EAT

## Alki Bakery

Specializes in decadently tall cakes, irresistible cookies, éclairs, berry pies, and cheese-cakes. Also serves tasty salads, homemade soups, and sandwiches.

► **Map A5** • 2738 Alki Ave SW • (206) 935-1352 • \$

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## 1200 Bistro

Outstanding cocktails and superb tasting plates.

► **Map M3** • 1200 E Pike St • (206) 320-1200 • \$\$

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## Anthony's Homeport

Diners find excellent service, and fresh seafood that includes king salmon, Dungeness crab, and local oysters.

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## Assaggio Ristorante

Savor tasty authentic Italian cuisine such as fresh herbed veal parmigiana, ravioli cappesante, gnocchi gorgonzola, and osso buco. Many desserts are imported from Italy.

► **Map J3** • 2010 4th Ave • (206) 441-1399 • \$\$

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## Azuma

Chef-owner prepares a small selection of fresh fish.

► **Map A6** • 4533 California Ave SW • (206) 937-1148

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## Azuma Sushi

Insiders return often for their fix of professionally prepared sushi and sashimi, sake, and teriyaki at very reasonable prices.

► **Map A6** • 4533 California Ave SW • (206) 937-1148 • \$

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# 5

## BARS AND NIGHT CLUBS



## B&O Espresso

A more refined and higher priced outlet for fine baked goods and specialty coffees. They also make deluxe wedding cakes and have a full service bistro next door.

► **Map L2** • 204 Belmont Ave E • (206) 322-5028 • \$

## Bad Juju Lounge

DJs spin alternative music, rock, and whatever they feel like, and revelers take in New Orleans-style voodoo art.

► **Map M3** • 1518 11th Ave • \$

## Bauhaus Books & Coffee

Savor San Francisco's Caffè Trieste espresso and coffee along with delicious scones and croissants.

► **Map L3** • 301 E Pine St • (206) 625-1600 • \$

## Big Time Brewery & Alehouse

Draws young and old to sample handcrafted ales.

► **Map E2** • 4133 University Way NE • (206) 545-4509

## Chop Suey

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This club dominates the smoke-filled, hard rock scene on Capitol Hill, but does so with style and flair. Glowing red lights and lanterns shed a bit of light, while images of Bruce Lee add to the kitschy theme. Most of the acts are local or regional rock outfits, although hip-hop rules on Sunday nights.

► **Map E4** • 1325 E Madison • (206) 324-8000

## Coffee Messiah

In a city that has turned coffee retailers into millionaires, this tiny café began as a nonprofit enterprise. They also host live music nights.

► **Map E4** • 1554 E Olive Way • \$

## Comet Tavern

A legendary hangout for rockers and great pretenders alike. It's just a tavern with some pool tables, but the crowd, the location, and the stories etched into tabletops tell a different tale.

► **Map M3** • 922 E Pike St • \$

## Consolidated Works

The only multidisciplinary contemporary arts center in the Pacific Northwest is housed in a cavernous space large enough for jumbo jet assembly. ConWorks brings artists and patrons together with the philosophy that all creative art forms speak one language. The facility includes three artist-in-residence studios, a 150-seat theater, the 50-seat movie hall, a 6,000-ft (1,829-m) visual art space, and a café.

► **Map K2** • 500 Boren Ave N • (206) 381-3218

## Crocodile Café

This Belltown café opened in the early 1990s, just after major Seattle bands such as Nirvana, Soundgarden, and Mudhoney changed the face of rock music. It's still a destination for new talented bands, local or touring, appealing to audiences who favor college rock radio and singer-songwriters. Features inexpensive fare, and the owner's husband happens to be Peter Buck of R.E.M.

► **Map J3** • 2200 2nd Ave • (206) 441-5611 • \$

# 6

## PLACES OF INTEREST

## Alki Point



Seattle pioneer Arthur A. Denny (see Denny Party) and his party aboard the ship *Exact* were the first Europeans to settle the region; they chose the beachhead of West Seattle to come ashore in 1851. Duwamish Tribe Chief Sealth met the group with open arms and began a long friendship with Seattle's founders. Today, Alki Point boasts row after row of upscale water-front condos for the well-to-do, and a great beach for shell hunting or scuba diving.

► **Map A5**

## Adobe Systems

A waterfront office building that was designed to leverage the look of Fremont's erstwhile industrial structures houses this software company.

► **Map D3** • 801 N 34th St • (206) 675-7000

## Art Institute of Seattle

The institute offers programs in graphics, fashion, and culinary and media arts.

► **Map H4** • 2323 Elliott Ave • (206) 448-0900

## Austin A. Bell Building



Elmer Fisher, Seattle's foremost commercial architect, designed this handsome building that reflects Richardsonian, Gothic, and Italianate styles. It houses pricey condos and a nightclub.

► **Map H3** • 2326 1st Ave









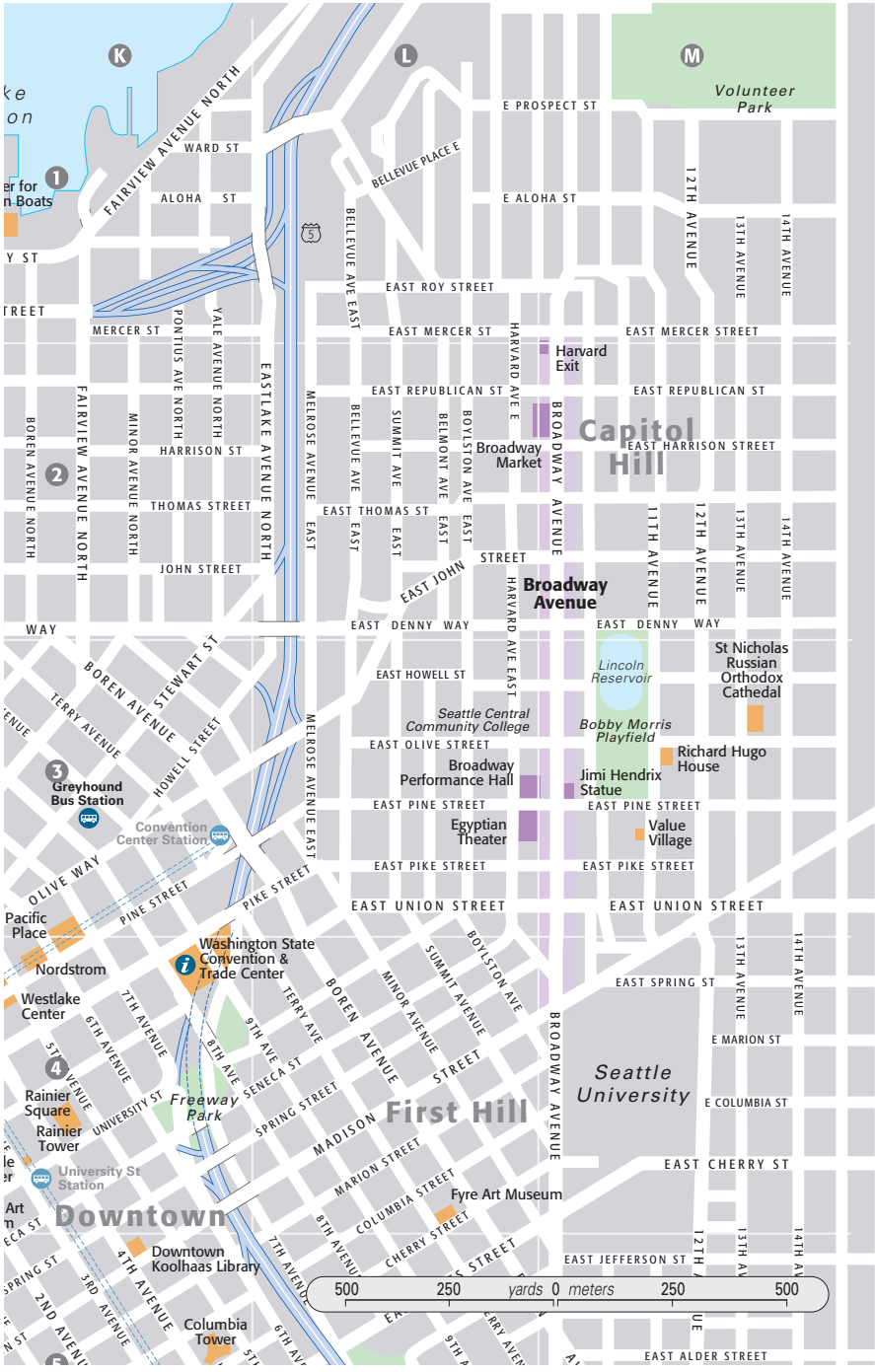






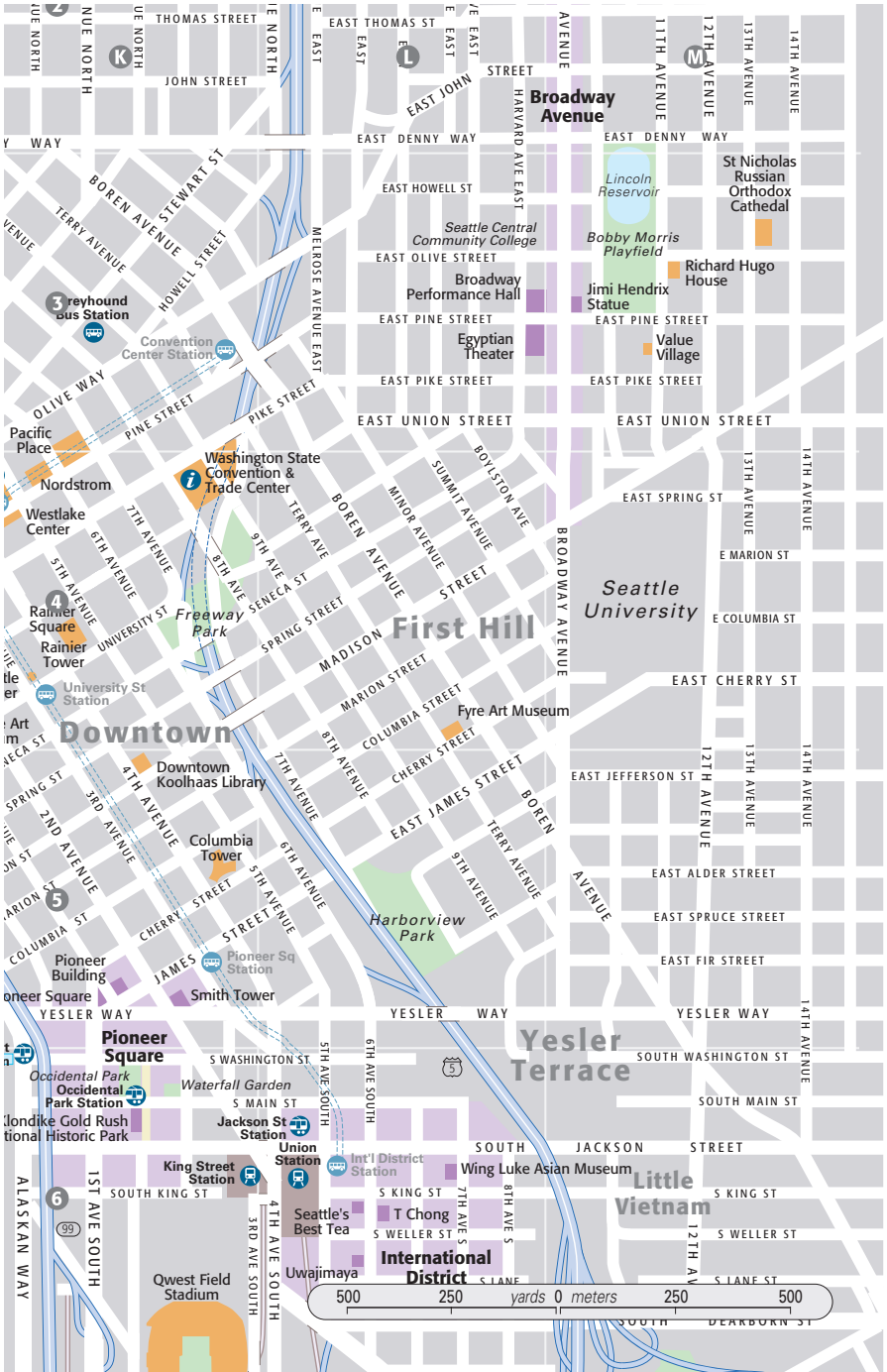




















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