

**Seattle List
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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 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 idea that they could be smart, independent and creative while still being part of a neat city and meaningful community.

Restaurants

Favorites...

Dahlia Lounge
2001 4th Avenue
206.682.4142
tomdouglas.com
(one of several Tom Douglas restaurants, creative northwest cuisine)

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

Metropolitan Grill
820 2nd Avenue
206.624.3287
themetropolitangrill.com
(best steakhouse in Seattle, “old school”, great to eat at the bar)

Shucker’s Oyster Bar
411 University Street
206.621.1984
fairmont.com/seattle
(in Fairmont Hotel, wonderful oysters and seafood)

Purple Café & Wine Bar
1225 4th Avenue
206.829.2280
thepurplecafe.com
(extensive wine list, neat urban space, great for drinks or dinner)

Restaurants (continued)

Sazerac at Hotel Monaco
1101 4th Avenue
206.624.7755
sazeracrestaurant.com
(the bar at Hotel Monaco, perfect for drinks)

The Grill on Broadway
314 Broadway East
206.328.7000
thegrillonbroadway.com
(lunch)

Popular, but touristy...

Wild Ginger
1401 3rd Avenue
206.623.4450
wildginger.net

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

Heard good things, but have not been...

El Gaucho
2505 1st Avenue
206.728.1337
elgaucho.com

BOKA KITCHEN + BAR at Hotel 1000
1010 1st Avenue
206.357.9000
www.bokaseattle.com

Palace Kitchen
2030 5th Avenue
206.448.2001
tomdouglas.com/index.php?page=palace-kitchen

Steelhead Diner
95 Pine Street
206.625.0129
steelheaddiner.com

MistralKitchen
2020 Westlake Avenue
206.623.1992
mistral-kitchen.com

Restaurants (continued)

Barrio Mexican Kitchen & Bar
1420 12th Avenue
206.588.8105
barriorestaurant.com

Hotels

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

Hotel Andra
2000 4th Avenue
206.448.8600
hotelandra.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 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 (Café Vita, 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