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Hello Seattle

A visit to Seattle

www.visitseattle.org

www.cityofseattle.net

www.tourism.wa.gov

The American city Seattle in the North-western corner of the USA hosts one of the technological centres in the country and has at the same time has been of great importance for among other things new American music, amongst other things.

The Boeing factories and Microsoft are two of the large and world-famous companies in the areas, the music band Nirvana sprung from the city, and several films and popular TV shows were recorded here, including The X-files and Twin Peaks, both of which were very popular in the 90's.

Seattle has an exciting history; it was a transitory city for gold diggers on their way to Canada, it burnt down in 1889, and it hosted the World Fair in 1962, all of which can still be seen in the city today.

Seattle is also one of the most beautifully located cities in the USA, with unique scenery on all sides, from the water and the national parks in the West, the Canadian border to the North, to the volcanoes, including Mount Helen, which that saw a huge eruption in 1980.

Have a great trip!

Historical outline

The Seattle area has been inhabited by Native Americans for thousand of years. After a period under Spanish-declared rule, the region was engulfed in the expanding USA.

The history of Seattle is thought to begin in 1851, when Arthur A. Denny arrived here from Alki and picked the spot by Elliott Bay due to its sheltered location.

At first Seattle grew to become a hotspot for the lumber industry, and this soon became the basis for urban expansion. In 1869 the city reached 1,000 inhabitants, and four years later the Great Northern Railway decided to build a railway to Seattle rather than Tacoma. Seattle launched its own rail-building project, which was completed in 1884, but not until 1906 a passenger station, which formed the basis of a new period of growth, was established. The 1880's became the decade when trams were launched, educational facilities were founded, and sewers and roads were established. The town was becoming a large regional city.

A large fire struck Seattle in 1889 and devastated the city's commercial district. This allowed for modern buildings to be constructed, and during the following year, this led to a population increase from 25,000 to 40,000. By the time of the gold rush towards Klondike, Seattle became the embarkation point for fortune hunters from all over the United States, which led to even further economic growth and massive immigration.

During the first half of the 20th Century, Seattle cemented its role as the leading city of the North-western USA. Culture was booming in the city, and industries with large numbers of employees arrived, including Boeing's aeroplane factories.

In 1962 Seattle hosted the World Fair, which revived the city and spurred new investments in a part of the city that had risen from stagnation to new growth. In the following decades, many new businesses were established, not least Microsoft which moved here from Albuquerque in 1979. Other companies in the IT and pharmaceutical industries followed.

Culturally speaking, Seattle also rose to international fame, with the recording of TV shows like The X-files, and famous musicians like Nirvana and Kurt Cobain, who virtually launched a new style of music with its base in Seattle.

Tour 1: Seattle

1. Chinatown

Chinese immigrants were the first Asians to settle permanently in Seattle. It was in the 1860's when there was a great need for labourers for the fishing industry, saw mills, and railroad construction.

Chinatown steadily increased due to the many immigrants to the city, and today it is still largely influenced by Chinese traditions and culture. The district houses Chinese shops, market, restaurants, and even a museum for the history of the neighbourhood and its inhabitants.

2. Pioneer Square



Pioneer Square is in the middle of the historical centre of Seattle, which was largely destroyed in the great fire of 1889. Since then the neighbourhood has been rebuilt in much the same style as before the fire. In the middle of Pioneer Square you find a totem pole from the Tlingit tribe.

3. The Underground Tour

608 First Avenue

www.undergroundtour.com

Seattle's history from before the 1889 fire is below street-level, and you can visit the eerie-looking ruins on a tour that starts at Doc Maynard's Saloon from the 1890's. After an introduction, the tour takes you

down to the old streets, sewer systems, and of course the ruined buildings that have been untouched since 1907.

4. Smith Tower Observation Deck

506 2nd Avenue

www.smithtower.com

Smith Tower is a conveniently located building with an observation deck on the 35th floor. From the deck there is a view of both the historical city centre and the water nearby as well as of the mountains on the horizon.

The building's 42 floors were completed in 1914 as one of the first skyscrapers in the world, built on the initiative of Lyman Cornelius Smith. The building itself is an experience and the lifts to the observation deck are the original lifts from 1914.

5. Waterfall Gardens

2nd Avenue South 219

Waterfall Gardens is an oasis in the middle of the city. The beautiful gardens offer among other things a 7-metre waterfall, and it allows you to feel completely secluded from the city and the traffic passing by only a few metres away.

6. Seattle Police Museum

3rd Avenue South 317

<http://members.aol.com/smpmuseum>

The Police Museum tells the story of law and order in Seattle and the North-western USA, from the somewhat anarchistic times of the colonisation of the North-American continent up to today. There are both historical testimonies and educational interactive displays, and objects such as uniforms, weapons and a prison cell are part of the experience.

7. Klondike Goldrush National Park

117 S Main Street

www.nps.gov/klse

In 1897 rumours of gold in Yukon, Canada, reached Seattle, and in 1897-98 tens of thousands

of gold-struck people travelled through Seattle on their way North. In Seattle they bought food, clothes, supplies, and other necessities for gold digging, and that brought immense revenue to the city and contributed to launching the further development of the city. In the National Park you can gain an insight into the gold rush towards Klondike, and the effect it had on Seattle.

8. Columbia Center

701 5th Avenue

At 295 metres, Columbia Center - previously Bank of America Tower - is the highest building in Seattle. It boasts 76 floors above ground and 7 below and was constructed 1982-85. The observation deck on the 73rd floor is the highest publicly accessible vantage point in Seattle.

9. Seattle Public Library

1000 4th Avenue

www.spl.org

The Seattle Public Library is one of the great architectural experiences of the city. The 56 metres tall exterior of the building is a mix of glass and steel, joined in an extraordinary combination of broken surfaces that stands out from the far more traditional design of the surrounding contemporary buildings. The library opened in 2004 and is very popular among the Seattle inhabitants. It is easy to understand why, if you step inside the building and visit the elegant and airy rooms.

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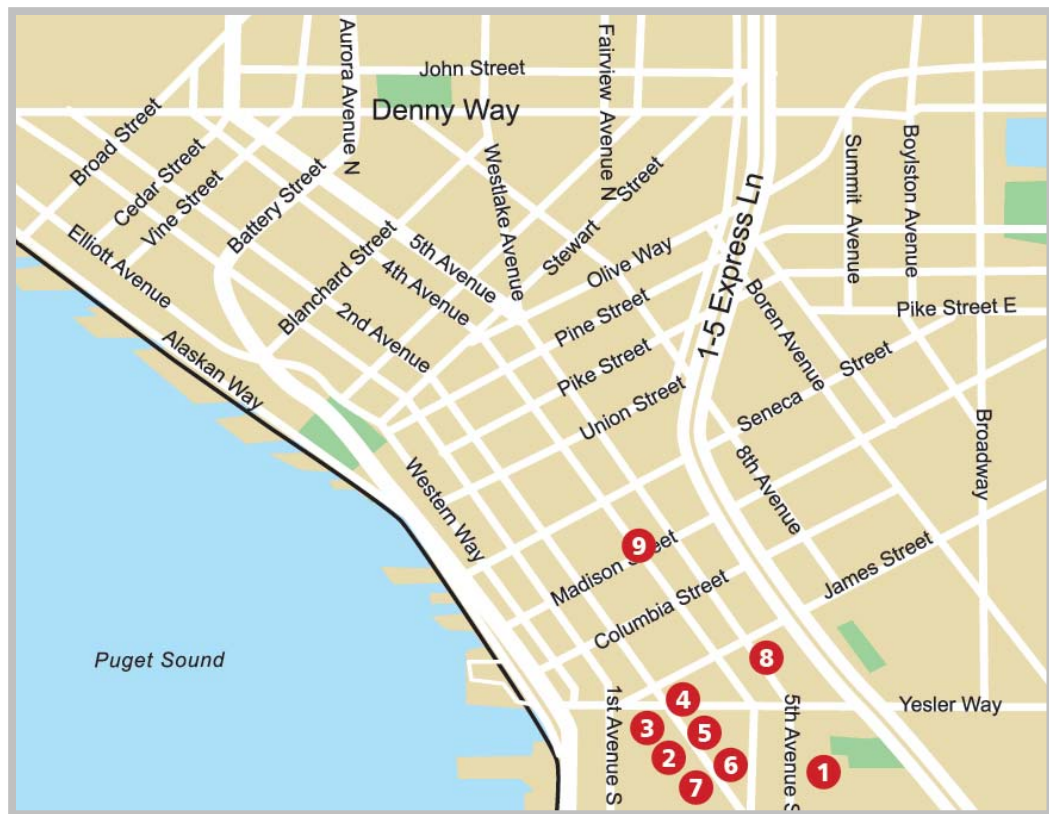
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Tour 2: Seattle

10. Town Hall Seattle

8th Avenue/Seneca Street

www.townhallseattle.org

The name of Town Hall Seattle is not to be taken literally. It was originally built as the Fourth Church of Christ Scientist in the years 1916-22 with inspiration from ancient Rome.

Today the lovely building houses a cultural centre with changing exhibitions, concerts, and performances.

11. The 5th Avenue Theatre

1308 5th Avenue

www.5thavenue.org

The 5th Avenue Theatre was inaugurated in 1926 and has since then hosted innumerable theatre and movie shows.

The beautifully decorated theatre seats more than 2,000 spectators and was decorated by the Norwegian Gustav Liljestrøm. His inspiration came from travels to China, and visiting the 5th Avenue Theatre is almost like stepping into Imperial China.

The theatre is part of the Skinner Building office complex, which is built in a neo-renaissance style that forms a vivid contrast to the Chinese interior.

12. Fairmont Olympic Hotel

411 University Street

www.fairmont.com/seattle

The grand Fairmont Olympic Hotel is the classic old hotel of Seattle and has offered a constant supply of luxury and delicacies to its many guests since its opening in 1924. If you are looking for a contemporary hotel experience with elements of the days of yore, this is the place to go.

13. Benaroya Hall

200 University Street

www.seattlesymphony.org

Benaroya Hall is the home of Seattle's famous symphonic orchestra. The concert hall opened in 1998 and is named after the philanthropist Jack Benaroya, whose donation greatly contributed to the financing of the building project.

Benaroya Hall is very elegant, and the great concert hall offers both an acoustic and aesthetical experience.

14. Seattle Art Museum

1300 1st Avenue

www.seattleartmuseum.org

The Seattle Art Museum opened in 1931 in the elegant Art Deco building that now houses the Seattle Asian Art Museum. It moved to its present location in 1991, and the statue of the Hammering Man was erected in front of it in 1994.

The museum has a fine collection and arranges temporary exhibitions besides the permanent exhibition.

15. Pike Place Market



Pike Place

www.pikeplacemarket.org

The popular Pike Place Market first opened in 1907. It is located close to Elliott Bay and sells freshly caught fish and farm produces. The amounts and

sizes of the produce are impressive, especially the seafood.

The market is also an entertaining place with a lively trade and a bit of chit-chat with the customers. The market also contains some restaurants and small shops with souvenirs and various crafts products.

It is worth mentioning that the world's first Starbucks Coffee opened in Pike Place Market in 1971. There is still a Starbucks in the market, although it has now moved to a new location.

16. Seattle Monorail

Westlake Center Mall, Pike Street
www.seattlemonorail.com

One of the curious sights of Seattle is the Monorail, which was built for the World Fair in 1962.

It runs from Westlake Center Mall in downtown Seattle to Seattle Center, and the ride is approximately 1.9 kilometres long.

17. Seattle Center

Broad Street, Lower Queen Anne
www.seattlecenter.com
www.pacsci.org

Seattle Center is a large recreational area on the former site of the 1962 World Fair, Century 21 Exposition. The most striking construction in the area is the Space Needle observation tower, and beneath it is located a range of activity options.

The Seattle Center offers various rides and amusements as well as the interesting Pacific Science Center with an IMAX theatre. The complex also houses the MacCaw Hall, which is the home of the Seattle Opera, and which also lends its stage to various other stage productions.

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17a. Space Needle



400 Broad Street

www.spaceneedle.com

The Seattle observation tower, Space Needle, was built for the World Fair in 1962 and is the landmark of the city. The tower soars to 184 metres, and at 159 metres there is both an observation deck and a rotating restaurant. Both places offer a great view of Seattle and the surrounding scenery, and especially the 4,392 metres high Mount Rainier looks impressive from here.

The lift takes 41 seconds and runs on the outside of the tower, making the ride an experience in itself.

18. Experience Music Project



325 5th Avenue North

www.emplive.org

The Experience Music Project is an impressive museum of music that will take you on a veritable musical journey, whether you are into blues, jazz, hip-hip, funk, pop, country, or rock'n'roll. There are detailed descriptions of great music stars as well as the Seattle music scene.

The Experience Music Project is located in a striking building where bright colours and an undulating metal roof set the mood even before you enter the building. Inside the building, you find among other things a 10 metre sculpture made of 600 guitars.

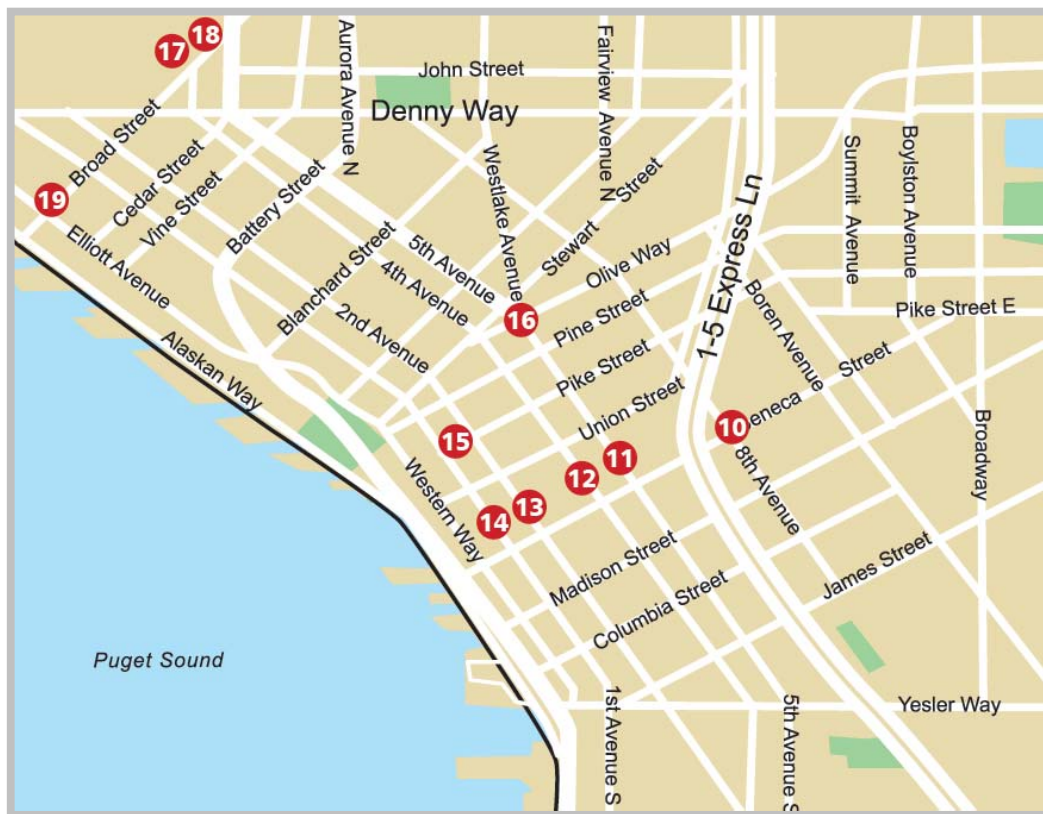
19. Olympic Sculpture Park

2901 Western Avenue

www.seattle.gov/parks

www.seattleartmuseum.org

This sculpture park opened in 2007 in a former industrial estate that housed the Unocal Company until the 1970's. The organisation behind the city's art museum took initiative to transform the area into a recreational area close to downtown Seattle, and the project has created beautifully creative spaces to showcase the various sculptures of the park.



Tour 3: Seattle

20. Seattle Asian Art Museum

1400 E Prospect Drive, Volunteer Park
www.seattleartmuseum.org

As the name indicates, the Seattle Asian Art Museum is the Asian department of the city's art museum. The exhibition displays a range of interesting objects, while the building itself is worth a second look, since it is the original building of the Seattle Art Museum from 1931 and a beautiful example of the Art Deco style of the time.

21. Washington State History Museum

1911 Pacific Avenue
www.wshs.org

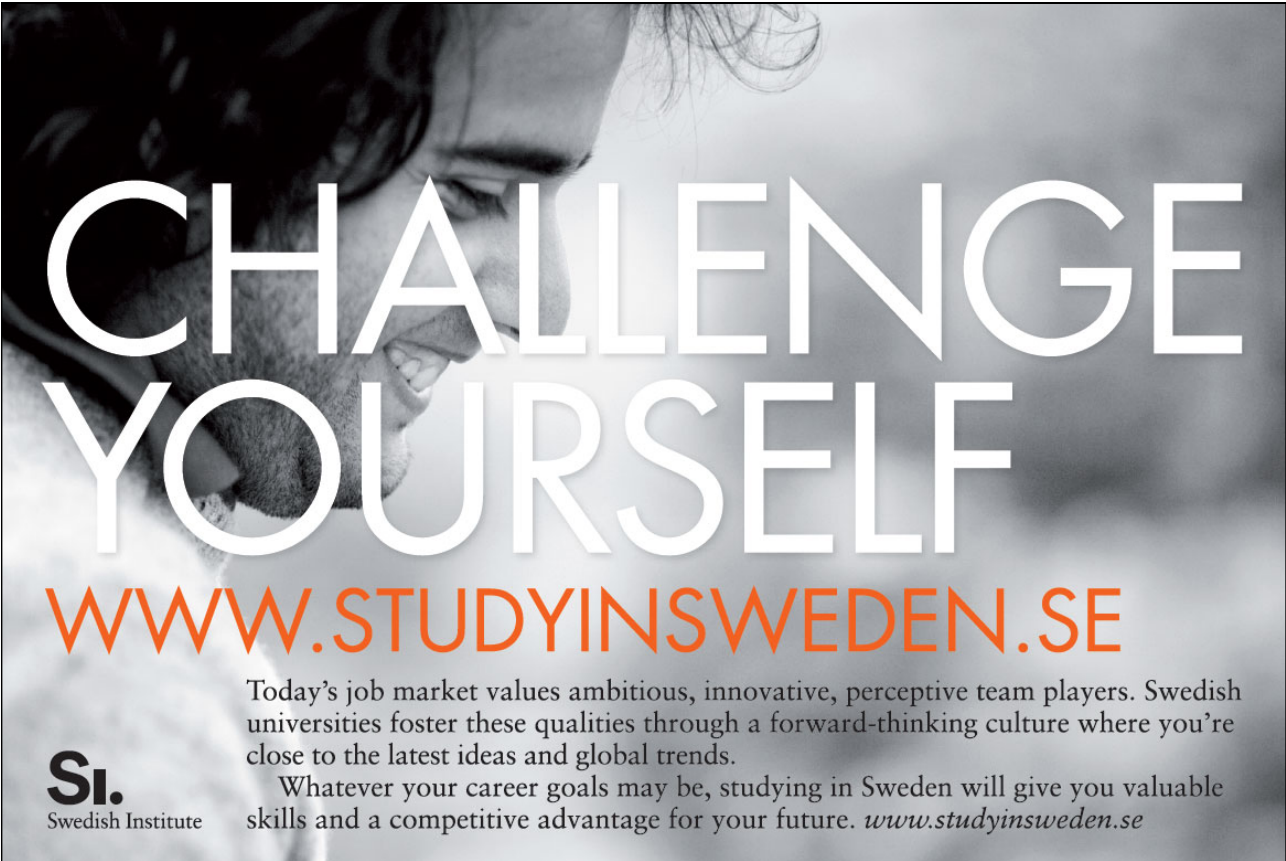
In the historical museum of Washington State you can revisit historical people and events that have shaped the state as well as the world history. The exhibition is exciting with interactive displays and narrative sequences.

22. Henry Art Gallery

15th Avenue NE/NE 41th Street
www.henryart.org

The Henry Art Gallery is adjacent to the campus of the University of Washington. The gallery opened as the first public art museum in Seattle in 1927 and was named after Horace C. Henry, who donated the funds for the opening of the gallery as well as a collection of paintings.

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The gallery is most renowned for its displays of modern art and the exhibition on the development of photography.

23. Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture

NE 45th Street/17th Avenue NE

www.washington.edu/burkemuseum

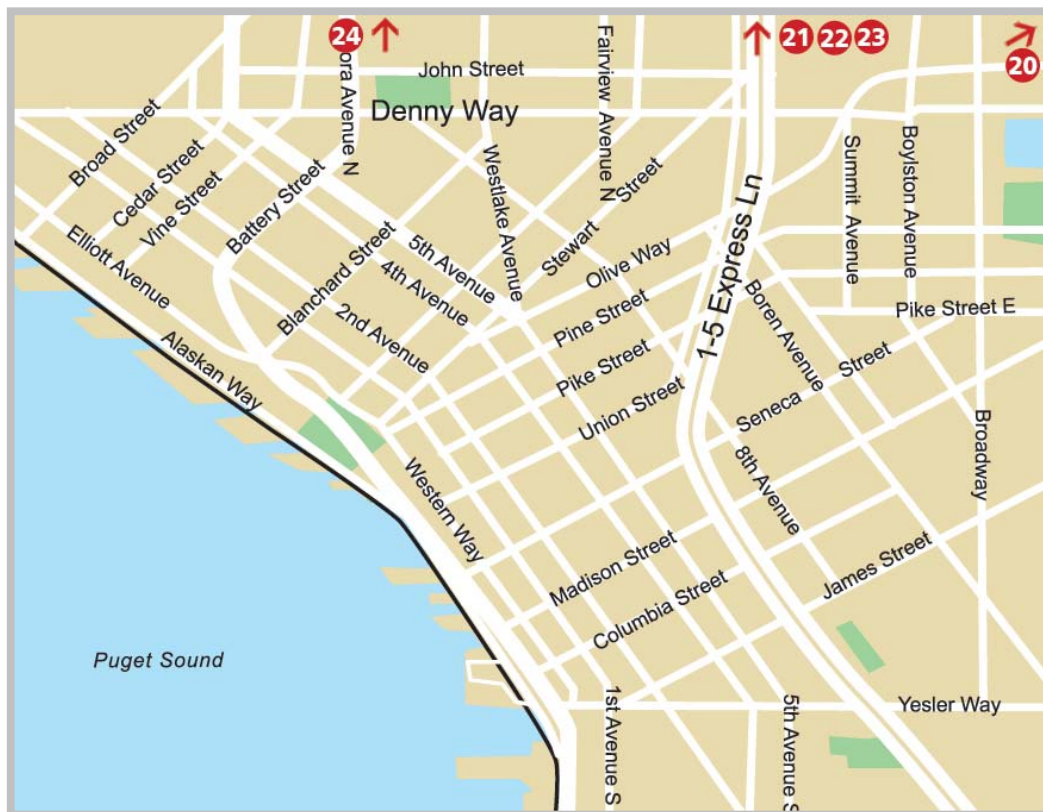
The Burke Museum is the National History and Culture Museum of The University of Washington, and it displays a large collection of archaeological and ethnographical objects, where especially the collection from the North-west Pacific area stands out.

24. Heritage Nordic Museum

3014 NW 67th Street

www.nordicmuseum.org

This is the only museum in the USA to especially depict the life, culture, and contribution to American society of the Danish, Norwegian, Finnish, and Icelandic immigrants. They mainly arrived to North America in the latter half of the 19th Century for financial reasons or in the pursuit of happiness in a new country. The permanent exhibition, *The Dream of America*, depicts the transatlantic voyage to the settlements as well as the way of life and culture of the many Nordic people, including a range of historical artefacts.



Day Tours from Seattle

25. Seattle Harbor Cruise

Seattle Waterfront

www.seattletours.us

www.argosycruises.com

Since 1949 harbour cruises have departed from the Seattle harbour front to the harbour and Elliott Bay outside the city. During the cruise, there is information about the history of the city, and the trip provides a wonderful view of the modern skyline of Seattle as well as of the great mountains in the distance. You can also take an evening cruise with included dinner and the benefit of seeing the buildings beautifully lit up.

26. Mount Rainier National Park



125 km SE of Seattle

www.nps.gov/mora

www.mrsr.com

Mount Rainier is the highest peak in the Cascade Mountains East of Seattle. A national park has been established in the area around the 4,392 metres tall mountain and offers a wide array of nature.

The national park contains a total of 26 glaciers, which each year gain from the massive snow of the winters. Alpine flowers can be found in the area just beneath the permanent snow, and in winter there is skiing on Crystal Mountain and around White Pass Village.

The forest areas present many beautiful hiking trails, lakes and scenic views as well as a broad range of the local fauna, including bears, elk, and mountain goats.

At the foot of Mount Rainier, you can take the old steam engine on the Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad. A trip from Elbe to Mineral Lake last 1½ hours and is approximately 20 kilometres long, and you can either return by the same train or stay in the beautiful area and take a later departure.

27. Mount St. Helens

150 km S of Seattle

www.fs.fed.us/gpnm/mshnm

On May 18th 1980, Mount St. Helens in the Cascade Mountains practically exploded in a huge eruption. Rivers of mud flooded more than 300 square kilometres of forest, clouds of ashes reached a height of more than 20 kilometres, and the wind carried it several kilometres to the East.

The violent eruption blasted a full 400 metres off the summit of the volcano, so the height is now 2,550 metres against previously 2,950 metres. Today the volcano is beginning to accumulate lava tension again, so several trails nearby have been closed off for visitors. From the visitor centre at Silver Lake at 154 metres altitude, you can study the history of the volcano and the dramatic events of 1980 in particular.

From the Johnston Ridge Observatory (Spirit Lake Memorial Highway) at 1,300 metres altitude, you are just 8 kilometres from Mount St. Helens and right at the centre of the disaster area from 1980. Here you can look across a barren volcanic landscape, straight at the partly blasted wall of the volcanic crater. Johnston Ridge Observatory is only open during the summer months.

The mountain is named after Lord St. Helens, who was a close friend of George Vancouver, who explored the area in the 18th Century.

28. Olympic National Park

130 km W of Seattle

www.nps.gov/olym

The Olympic Peninsula, with the Olympic National Park at its centre, is a piece of beautiful and varied nature. The area is dominated by temperate rainforest with a large variety of plants and wildlife. The innumerable hiking trails offer beautiful views as well as an opportunity for berry-picking. There are also mountains with glaciers.

You can start your trip to the national park by taking a boat-trip from Seattle's harbour to Bainbridge Island on the opposite side of the Puget Sound. The boat trip takes 35 minutes and is an experience in its own right. Alternatively you can drive South of the sound, through Olympia, the State Capital of Washington. This route offers the chance to admire the beautiful location of the city as well as the Capitol building.

29. Everett Tour Center

Highway 526, 45 km N of Seattle

www.boeing.com/companyoffices/aboutus/tours

Seattle is the home of Boeing who, along with European Airbus, is the world's largest aerospace manufacturer. A trip here is impressive partly due to the enormous assembly hangars, where you will have the chance to see aeroplanes such as the 747 and the 777. The tour provides information of Boeing's history as well as a first-hand view of the exciting process of aeroplane production.

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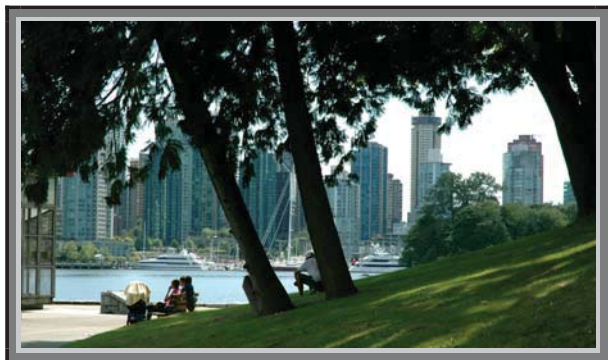
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30. Vancouver



Vancouver, 220 km N

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www.gastown.org

www.vanmuseum.bc.ca

www.moa.ubc.ca

www.vancouverlookout.ca

www.capbridge.com

www.grousemountain.com

The Canadian city of Vancouver is, like the twin city Seattle, extremely beautifully situated amidst beautiful nature. Vancouver's recent history dates back to the Spanish settlers in the 16th-18th Centuries, but it wasn't until Hudson's Bay Company started their trading post here in 1827 that the city began developing. This continued when the Trans-Canadian Railroad arrived here in the latter half of the 19th Century.

The city has a broad range of sights. It is a good idea to start in the Gastown district, which is the oldest part of Vancouver. In 1867 there was only one sawmill here, but since "Gassy Jack" Deighton's arrival, a saloon was built and soon came more buildings that eventually turned into the town of Granville, which was later renamed Vancouver.

Vancouver Museum (1100 Chestnut Street) depicts the city's history from the Native Canadians to the present-day city through exciting displays with many original artefacts. If you want to see more of the native culture, it is highly recommended to visit the Museum of Anthropology (6393 Marine Drive).



The nature comes very close to the city centre in Vancouver, which can be seen from the top of the Harbour Centre Tower (555 Hastings Street West). The Capilano Suspension Bridge (3725 Capilano Road) and the mountains around Grouse Mountain (6400 Nancy Green Way) are both a short drive from the city centre, and at Grouse Mountain there is a skylift that will take you up to an altitude of 1,100 metres.



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With children in Seattle

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www.seattleaquarium.org

Wild Waves & Enchanted Village (South Enchanted Parkway 36201):

www.sixflags.com/parks/enchantedvillage

Woodland Park Zoo (Woodland Park):

www.zoo.org

Shopping in Seattle

Pine Street, Pike Place, Pioneer Square, över huvud taget gatorna mellan Stewart Street, University Street, Forth Avenue og Seventh Avenue
Macy's (1601 Third Avenue):

www.macys.com

Nordstrom (500 Pine Street):

www.nordstrom.com

Pacific Place (Sixth Avenue/Pine Street):

www.pacificplaceseattle.org

Pike Place Market (Pike Place):

www.pikeplacemarket.org

University Village (4500 25 Avenue NE):

www.uvillage.com

Westfield Southcenter (633 Southcenter Mall):

www.westfield.com/southcenter

Westlake Center (400 Pine Street):

www.westlakecenter.com

Public transportation in Seattle

Seattle municipal transportation:

<http://transit.metrokc.gov>

Seattle Monorail:

www.seattlemonorail.com

Seattle Airport:

www.seatac.org

Washington State Ferries:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries

USA's Railroads:

www.amtrak.com

Metro Map



Facts about USA



Political

Official name	United States of America
Capital	Washington
Government	Federal republic
Head of State	President George W. Bush
Deputy Head of State	Vice President Richard B. Cheney
National day	July 4
Date of independence	July 4, 1776 from Great Britain
Primary religion	Christianity
Language	English
Area	9,631,420 km ²
Population (2000)	281,421,000

Borders on

North	Canada, The Arctic Sea
South	Mexico, Gulf of Mexico
East	The Atlantic Ocean
West	The Pacific Ocean, Bering's Sea, Bering's Strait

Highest Mountains

Mount McKinley	6,194 meters
Mount Saint Elias	5,489 meters
Mount Foraker	5,304 meters
Mount Bona	5,045 meters
Mount Blackburn	4,996 meters
Mount Sanford	4,949 meters
Mount Fairweather	4,671 meters
Mount Hubbard	4,557 meters
Mount Bear	4,520 meters
Mount Hunter	4,442 meters

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Largest islands

Hawaii	10,414 km ²
Kodiak Island	9,293 km ²
Prince of Wales Island	6,675 km ²
Chichagof Island	5,388 km ²
St. Lawrence Island	5,135 km ²
Admiralty Island	4,362 km ²
Nunivak Island	4,209 km ²
Unimak	4,119 km ²
Baranof Island	4,065 km ²
Long Island	3,629 km ²

Largest lakes

Lake Superior*	82,414 km ²
Lake Huron*	59,596 km ²
Lake Michigan	58,016 km ²
Lake Erie*	25,745 km ²
Lake Ontario*	18,529 km ²
Great Salt Lake	4,400 km ²
Lake of the Woods*	4,390 km ²
Lake Okeechobee	1,890 km ²
Lake Pontchartrain	1,630 km ²
Champlainsee*	1,130 km ²

* partly in Canada

Longest rivers*

Missouri	4,023 km
Mississippi	3,765 km
Yukon River	3,185 km
Rio Grande	3,034 km
St. Lawrence River	3,058 km
Arkansas River	2,364 km
Colorado	2,333 km

Red River	2,189 km
Snake River	1,965 km
Columbia River	1,857 km
Ohio River	1,579 km

* Some of the rivers run through other countries as well as the USA

Largest cities (2006)

New York-Jersey City	18,818,000
Los Angeles	12,950,000
Chicago	9,506,000
Dallas-Fort Worth	6,004,000
Philadelphia -Wilmington	5,827,000
Houston	5,540,000
Miami-Fort Lauderdale	5,464,000
Washington-Arlington	5,290,000
Atlanta	5,138,000
Detroit	4,469,000

Administrative regions

State	Capital	Area
Alabama	Montgomery	135,293 km ²
Alaska	Juneau	1,717,854 km ²
Arizona	Phoenix	295,276 km ²
Arkansas	Little Rock	137,732 km ²
California	Sacramento	411,912 km ²
Colorado	Denver	269,837 km ²
Connecticut	Hartford	14,371 km ²
Delaware	Dover	6,452 km ²
District of Columbia*	Washington	159 km ²
Florida	Tallahassee	170,451 km ²
Georgia	Atlanta	154,077 km ²
Hawaii	Honolulu	16,377 km ²
Idaho	Boise	216,632 km ²
Illinois	Springfield	149,998 km ²

Indiana	Indianapolis	94,321 km ²
Iowa	Des Moines	145,743 km ²
Kansas	Topeka	213,283 km ²
Kentucky	Frankfort	104,749 km ²
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	134,382 km ²
Maine	Augusta	86,542 km ²
Maryland	Annapolis	32,160 km ²
Massachusetts	Boston	27,360 km ²
Michigan	Lansing	250,941 km ²
Minnesota	Saint Paul	225,362 km ²
Mississippi	Jackson	125,546 km ²
Missouri	Jefferson City	180,693 km ²
Montana	Helena	381,156 km ²
Nebraska	Lincoln	200,520 km ²
Nevada	Carson City	286,367 km ²
New Hampshire	Concord	24,239 km ²
New Jersey	Trenton	22,608 km ²
New Mexico	Santa Fe	315,194 km ²
New York	Albany	141,205 km ²
North Carolina	Raleigh	139,509 km ²
North Dakota	Bismarck	183,272 km ²
Ohio	Columbus	116,096 km ²
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	181,196 km ²
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South Dakota	Pierre	199,905 km ²
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Washington	Olympia	184,824 km ²

West Virginia	Charleston	62,809 km ²
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Wyoming	Cheyenne	253,554 km ²
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Holidays

January 1	New Years Day
Third Monday in January	Martin Luther King Day
January 20 every 4 years	Presidential inauguration
Third Monday in February	Washington's birthday
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day
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Climate – New York	Mean temperature °C	Precipitation millimetres
January	-0.2	84
February	0.8	79
March	5.7	99
April	11.3	93
May	17.0	106
June	22.0	85
July	24.8	105
August	24.1	104
September	20.1	91
October	14.1	84
November	8.6	107
December	2.5	92

Source: WorldClimate (www.worldclimate.com)

Climate – Miami	Mean temperature °C	Precipitation millimetres
January	6.9	53
February	9.1	45
March	11.9	46
April	16.1	19
May	20.8	10
June	26.2	9
July	28.4	65
August	27.1	77
September	24.3	40
October	18.3	33
November	11.7	35
December	7.6	59

Source: WorldClimate (www.worldclimate.com)

Climate – Denver	Mean temperature °C	Precipitation millimetres
January	-1.2	14
February	0.7	16
March	3.8	34
April	9.0	45
May	14.0	63
June	19.3	43
July	23.0	47
August	21.8	38
September	16.8	28
October	10.7	26
November	3.8	23
December	-0.5	15

Source: WorldClimate (www.worldclimate.com)

Climate – Los Angeles	Mean temperature °C	Precipitation millimetres
January	13.5	67
February	14.1	59
March	14.8	46
April	16.0	22
May	17.4	3
June	19.5	1
July	22.0	0
August	22.4	3
September	21.6	5
October	19.5	8
November	17.0	40
December	14.4	40

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Climate – Seattle	Mean temperature °C	Precipitation millimetres
January	4.5	141
February	6.3	107
March	7.5	94
April	9.5	64
May	12.8	42
June	16.0	38
July	18.4	20
August	18.6	27
September	15.8	47
October	11.5	89
November	7.3	149
December	4.7	149

Source: WorldClimate (www.worldclimate.com)

A man wearing a wide-brimmed hat, a tropical print shirt, and shorts stands on a brick-paved platform next to a silver train car. He is looking towards the right. The background shows a clear blue sky and the side of the train car with several windows.

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