

WASHINGTON STATE TOURISM REGIONS +



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- Cruise & Stay itinerary ideas
- Introductions to USA inbound specialists and local suppliers
- Travel trade/media familiarization tours
- Newsletters, images, videos
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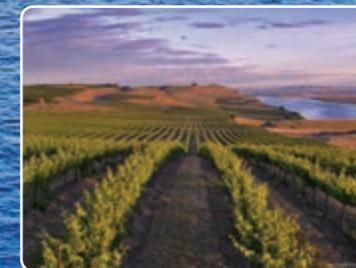
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STAY+CRUISE+PLAY SEATTLE



Your guide to Washington state, the heart of the beautiful Pacific Northwest

WELCOME

The Port of Seattle's cruise industry began in 1999 with six ships sailing to Alaska carrying a total of 6,615 passengers. Today, we have **+ 280 sailings** from Seattle to Alaska.

This guide will provide you with information about the Port's infrastructure and services as well as Alaska ports of call. You'll also find ideas for staying in Seattle and Washington state for pre- and post-cruise experiences.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Port of Seattle is on the ancestral homeland of those who walked here before us and those who still walk here, keeping in mind the integrity of this territory where Native peoples identify as the Duwamish, Suquamish, Snoqualmie, and Puyallup, as well as the tribes of the Muckleshoot, Tulalip, other Coast Salish and Native peoples and their descendants. We are grateful to respectfully live and work as guests on these lands with the Coast Salish and Native people who call this home.

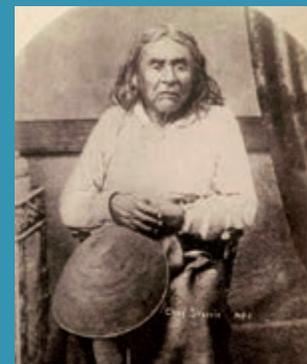
A LONG HISTORY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

Located in the Pacific Northwest of the United States, with Washington state's scenic beauty of evergreen forests, snow-capped mountains and shimmering Puget Sound, Seattle has been the natural gateway to Alaska for more than 100 years. The Port of Seattle is proud to be the largest and fastest growing cruise market on the West Coast.

For over 20 years, the Port has prioritized protecting the environment while growing the cruise industry to deliver \$900 million in annual business revenue to the region each season. We also have a long history of environmental leadership and working with our cruise partners to make Seattle the cleanest, greenest, most energy efficient port in North America and a zero-emission seaport by 2050.

Seattle is the only home port in North America with a voluntary clean water agreement between the Port, the cruise lines and our regulators; the first home port in the world to offer two shore power connections for cruise ships (with a third connection on the way); and the first port in the world to announce a collaborative effort between ports and cruise lines to explore a zero greenhouse gas emission **Green Corridor** from the Pacific Northwest to Alaska.

Beyond compliance, the Port works closely with the industry to minimize the climate change, air quality, and water quality impacts from cruise ship operations through use of cleaner fuels, access to shore power, and a strong collaborative relationship focused on environmental leadership.



Chief Sealth, 1864 - Photo by E. M. Sammis, Courtesy Seattle Public Library (spl_shp_40181b)

TRIBAL CULTURE

Washington is home to 29 federally recognized Native American tribes.

Throughout the state, we encourage you to visit cultural centers to learn about their unique culture and traditions. World-class resorts and casinos are located on many tribal lands. Seattle is the USA's largest city named after a Native American chief — Chief Sealth!

FLY SEA AIRPORT

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) was honored to be named the 2022 World Airport Awards winner as the **Best Airport in North America**.

Real-life travelers voted in the largest, annual global airport customer satisfaction survey. The awards are the most prestigious accolades for airports, assessing customer service and facilities from more than 550 global airports. The questionnaires were completed by travelers of over 100 nationalities.

The new **International Arrivals Facility** at SEA is the modern front door to the Pacific Northwest for international travelers. This facility welcomes passengers with breathtaking views of Mt. Rainier and the Olympic Mountains on the world's longest pedestrian walkway (longer than the Space Needle is high!) which crosses an active taxiway. SEA is leading the way with "Bags First" which reunites passengers with their bags before security screening, speeding up the immigration process.



SEA is conveniently located 13 miles (21 km) south of Seattle which is easily accessible by Link Light Rail, taxi, shared ride services, and airport shuttles.

SEA

Seattle-Tacoma
International
Airport



CRUISING FROM SEATTLE



TWO CENTRAL CRUISE TERMINALS

BELL STREET, Pier 66, is located directly downtown, along Seattle's lively waterfront, near the Aquarium, Seattle Art Museum, Pike Place Market, and much more.

SMITH COVE, Pier 91, is nestled at the foot of scenic Magnolia Bluff, just a 15-minute drive north of downtown Seattle. It was the world's first cruise facility with two shore power connections which limits air pollution while in port. It can host two cruise ships at one time.

Seven major cruise lines offer over 280 roundtrip sailings on 13 ships for 7- to 14-day itineraries to explore the wonders of Alaska. Cruise lines that call Seattle home include **Carnival Cruise Line, Celebrity Cruises, Holland America Line, Norwegian Cruise Line, Princess Cruises, Oceania Cruises, and Royal Caribbean International**. 50% of Alaska cruises depart from Seattle from April through October.

Parking is nearby, as well as curbside drop-off and pick-ups for taxis, rideshare, and motor coaches. Concierge services are onsite and wheelchair and mobility devices are also available. The Port of Seattle works to ensure safety and health protocols and procedures are in place at our cruise terminals.

For details, visit portseattle.org/maritime/cruise



PORT VALET
Courtesy of the Port of Seattle

ENJOY SEATTLE — LUGGAGE FREE!

The Port of Seattle provides a convenient, complimentary, and secure **Port Valet luggage service**. While on board your ship, sign up, check your luggage, and receive your airline boarding pass. Your luggage will be transferred directly to your airline and checked to your final destination. This service is available for USA domestic travel only and eligibility should be confirmed onboard ship.

DISCOVER SEATTLE

Packed with unique attractions for pre- and post-cruise visits, there is no shortage of fun and exciting things to do in Seattle. Its neighborhoods are visitor attractions themselves with unique traits that define each community:

BALLARD: Scandinavian Heritage/
Fishing Fleets

BELLTOWN: Music/Food

CAPITOL HILL: Nightlife/LGBTQ+

FREMONT: Street Art/Troll

It's exciting! The City of Seattle is completely overhauling its downtown waterfront. In 2019, the viaduct that blocked views and cut the waterfront off from downtown was removed, freeing the city's vistas of the waterfront with its mountain backdrop to downtown.

Today, the harbor is being transformed into a beautiful 20-acre expanse of open public spaces called **Waterfront Park**. From tree-lined pedestrian walkways and protected cycling lanes, visitors can admire the stunning views of Elliott Bay and the urban skyline, grab a bite from local food vendors and open their imagination with public art and performances.

A Seattle Aquarium expansion is a key part of the development which will be connected to the city's new **Overlook Walk** connecting Pike Place Market with the rebuilt waterfront. The Waterfront Seattle program is projected to be completed in 2024. It is the biggest civic project since the Space Needle opened over 60 years ago for the Seattle World's Fair.

INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT: Dining/Bruce Lee

PIONEER SQUARE: History/Galleries

SOUTH LAKE UNION: Seaplanes/Urban Lake

WEST SEATTLE: Alki Beach/Water Taxi



SEATTLE: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Port of Seattle and Washington state have been the gateway to Alaska ever since the Alaska Gold Rush began in 1897. In fact, more people made money selling supplies to the hopeful miners in Seattle than they ever did in the gold fields of Alaska and the Yukon. To learn more, visit Seattle's **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park**.

Beneath Pioneer Square, visitors can take a tour of Seattle's "underground" maze of buried alleys and storefronts that were once Seattle's streets, dating back to 1889 when a great fire ravaged the city. On some of the tours, a clever, and often humorous, narrative is told as you wind through the former streets and see rooms from the historic buildings.

Seattle has always been a city of the future, with many of the companies that have changed the way we live, work, and play calling Seattle home!



SEATTLE ATTRACTIONS

- 1 Argosy Cruises – argosycruises.com
- 2 Ballard Locks – ballardlocks.org
- 3 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Discovery Center – discovergates.org
- 4 Boeing Future of Flight – boeing.com/company/tours
- 5 Burke Museum – burkemuseum.org
- 6 Chihuly Garden and Glass – chihulygardenandglass.com
- 7 Center for Wooden Boats – cwb.org
- 8 FRS Clipper – clippervacations.com
- 9 Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park – nps.gov/klse
- 10 Museum of Flight – museumofflight.org
- 11 Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) – mohai.org
- 12 Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) – mopop.org
- 13 National Nordic Museum – nordicmuseum.org
- 14 Northwest African American Museum – naamnw.org
- 15 Pacific Science Center – pacificsciencecenter.org
- 16 Pike Place Market – pikeplacemarket.org
- 17 Seattle Aquarium – seattleaquarium.org
- 18 Seattle Art Museum – seattleartmuseum.org
- 19 Seattle Asian Art Museum – seattleartmuseum.org/visit/seattle-asian-art-museum
- 20 Seattle Children's Museum – seattlechildrensmuseum.org
- 21 Seattle Great Wheel – seattlegreatwheel.com
- 22 Skyview Observatory – skyviewobservatory.com
- 23 Smith Tower Observation Deck – smithtower.com
- 24 Space Needle – spaceneedle.com
- 25 Washington State Ferries – wsdot.wa.gov/travel/washington-state-ferries
- 26 Wing Luke Museum – wingluke.org
- 27 Wings Over Washington – wingsoverwa.com
- 28 Woodland Park Zoo – zoo.org



LODGING TIPS:
visitseattle.org
visitbellevuewa.com
seattlesouthside.com

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES
 is a government agency that operates ten routes serving 20 terminals located around Puget Sound and in the San Juan Islands. It is designated as part of the state highway system and offers passengers splendid views of our wondrous waters.
wsdot.wa.gov/travel/washington-state-ferries



AWARD-WINNING CHEFS AND TASTEMAKERS

With the surrounding waters of the Pacific Ocean, rivers, lakes, bays, and Puget Sound, Washington menus brim with fresh oysters, Dungeness crab, salmon, halibut, mussels, and — yes — geoduck (pronounced gooey-duck), a saltwater clam native to the Pacific Northwest.

All around the state you'll discover gifted, talented chefs who serve meals to satisfy and delight the most discerning palates. Eat your way across Washington — it's a foodie's fantasy come true.

Pair this freshness of seafood with the farm-to-fork movement and you'll find restaurants and chefs who pride themselves on sourcing local ingredients. It's not too difficult when you consider Washington's top crops include apples, pears, cherries, berries, rhubarb, lentils, and asparagus. Tastemakers also purchase from local farmers and foragers that grow and harvest ingredients like mushrooms and lavender.



CHEERS! SANTÉ! CIN CIN! SKÅL! PROST!



Washington is the second-largest producer of premium wine in the USA, second only to California. Find refreshing Rieslings, earthy Merlots, and everything in between at more than 1,000 wineries. We invite you to raise a glass to the maker as you explore and taste from wineries large and small across the state and discover a one-of-a-kind experience.

washingtonwine.org

The beer scene is also impressive as 375 craft breweries, some 100 artisan distilleries, and 30 cideries embrace Washington's "drink local" ethos. Brewers pride themselves on sourcing local, with Yakima as the largest single source of hops in the world. Discover award-winning ales, creatively infused brews, seasonal flavor, and hoppy selections.

washingtonbeer.com

In the state that launched Starbucks, it's no surprise that Washington runs on coffee. Locally loved indie cafes, small batch coffee roasters, and — yes — a Starbucks on practically every street corner means you can always find your perfect caffeine fix.



Walla Walla, in eastern Washington, has won *USA TODAY*'s "America's Best Wine Region" for an unprecedented three consecutive years!



GATEWAY TO ALASKA



Many wonder “Why cruise to Alaska?” The answer is easy. Renowned as “The Last Frontier,” Alaska boasts unspoiled scenic splendors of staggering mountains rising above glaciers “calving” as they thunder into icy waters.

Be astounded by the rich cultural heritage of Alaska’s history from its First Peoples to Russian traders and gold miners.

SMALL SHIP CRUISING is offered from Seattle by **American Cruise Lines, UnCruise Adventures, and Lindblad Expeditions.**

Exploring the Pacific Northwest by smaller vessels provides access to inlets, picturesque historic seaside towns, wilderness and even more wildlife while cruising in comfort and style. **FRS Clipper** offers daily trips to our Canadian neighbor Victoria, BC from Pier 69.



PORTS OF CALL •

KETCHIKAN

Known for its intricately carved native totem poles and some of the most breathtaking wilderness in the world, Ketchikan is located at the southernmost entrance to Alaska’s famed Inside Passage. The wildlife here may outnumber people!

SITKA

Only accessible by plane or ship, this wilderness outpost provides vestiges of Russia’s control over Alaska until 1876 when the USA purchased the territory for \$7.2 million. Tucked between mountain and sea, Sitka boasts fantastic natural beauty.

JUNEAU

The capital of Alaska, Juneau is one of the largest wilderness areas in America and celebrated for its abundance of wildlife, exciting outdoor adventures, and jaw-dropping scenery. Join a fishing excursion, scenic flight over glaciers, or enjoy the city’s shops and artistic flare.

TRACY ARM

Located about 50 miles (80 km) south of Juneau, Tracy Arm is a classic fjord offering one of Alaska’s greatest combinations of mountains, wildlife, waterfalls, glaciers, and icebergs.

SKAGWAY

Home to the era of gold rush buildings, Skagway is now preserved as part of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park. Ride the vintage White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad locomotives to experience sweeping mountain vistas.

GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

This park is a highlight of Alaska’s Inside Passage and part of a 25-million-acre (10,17,141 hectares) World Heritage Site — one of the world’s largest international protected areas. Enjoy the amazing natural sounds of Glacier Bay — crashing glaciers, bellowing sea lions, whispering rain, and singing seabirds.



DISCOVER WASHINGTON'S NATIONAL PARKS

1 MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

Fire meets ice at America's most notable volcano. Sixty miles south of Seattle, glacier-capped Mount Rainer, is known locally as "The Mountain." Within the park find millennium old-growth trees, alpine fields of wildflowers and truly memorable hiking for all.

2 NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

This wilderness area that many call the North American Alps offers a gorgeous alpine landscape of snow-capped peaks crowned by more than 300 glaciers. Explore the park via the Cascade Loop, a 440-mile (708 km) scenic byway.

3 OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

Home to temperate rain forests, natural hot springs, pristine mountain lakes, and wild Pacific Ocean beaches, the park with 26 native species is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

EXPLORE WASHINGTON'S BEAUTIFUL STATE PARKS

Washington has **more than 135** state parks, preserving the most treasured lands, waters, and historic places.

parks.wa.gov/Find-a-Park

1 MYRTLE FALLS, MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK



TOP 10 FACTS WASHINGTON STATE



- 1 RING OF FIRE:** Washington state claims 12 volcanoes, with five considered active. Mount St. Helens last erupted in May 1980.
- 2 ICE AGE:** With more than 3,000 glaciers, Washington is the second most glaciated state in the USA; second only to Alaska.
- 3 GREAT HEIGHTS:** The majestic, 14,410 ft. (4,392 m) Mount Rainier is the highest point in the state.
- 4 RUN FREE:** Up to 12,000 wild horses roam the Yakama Indian Reservation.
- 5 GRAND DAM:** There are over 1,000 dams in the state. Washington's Grand Coulee Dam is the largest in the USA.
- 6 GOING DEEP:** Hells Canyon is the deepest gorge in North America at 8,000 ft. (2,436 m), deeper than the Grand Canyon in Arizona.
- 7 LEGENDARY EXPLORATIONS:** The Lewis and Clark Expedition entered the state on October 10, 1805. Drive the Lewis and Clark Trail Highway from Clarkston, on the eastern border of the state to Cape Disappointment, on the Pacific Ocean.
- 8 WATERFALL WONDER:** Snoqualmie Falls is 100 ft. (30 m) higher than New York's Niagara Falls. There are over 3,000 named waterfalls in Washington.
- 9 SAND SPIT:** The native (and tasty) Dungeness crab gets its name from Dungeness Spit, the longest natural sand spit in the country at 5.5 miles (9km) long.
- 10 NORTH BY NORTHWEST:** Cape Flattery on the Olympic Peninsula is the northwestern most point in the contiguous continental United States.



STATE OF WASHINGTON TOURISM

For more information, visit:
stateofwatourism.com

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1 METRO PUGET SOUND

SEA is the gateway for the Pacific Northwest. 45% of Alaska cruises sail from Seattle. The dramatic mountain and sea backdrop provides inspiration for major brands (Amazon, Microsoft, etc.), the arts, music, and dining. Attractions reflect the unique flavor of the Pacific Northwest such as the Space Needle, Chihuly Garden and Glass, and Boeing.

2 SALISH SEA

Mt. Baker, the third highest mountain peak in Washington, dominates the skyline here. The valleys below are home to the lush Skagit Valley, well-known for its tulip and daffodil fields along with fresh produce stands. Bellingham is noted for its craft breweries and Blaine is a border town to British Columbia, Canada.

3 ISLANDS

Accessible by ferry, seaplane, and in some cases, bridges, the San Juan Islands, as well as Whidbey and Camano islands, provide a mellow vibe to enjoy nature. Resident Orcas call this region home and it's the heart of Washington's whale watching. Historic seaport villages are havens for numerous artists plus sea-to-table and farm-to-fork restaurants.

4 PENINSULAS

From seaport towns and fields of lavender to the high alpine vistas of Hurricane Ridge, the Peninsulas offer diverse landscapes. In Olympic National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you will find deep turquoise lakes, thermal hot springs, rain forests, rugged Pacific coastlines and the northwestern most point of the contiguous continental USA, Cape Flattery.

5 BEACHES

The Long Beach Peninsula boasts the longest beach in the USA where the bounty of the sea and land is evident with oysters, clams, deep-sea fishing, and abundant cranberry bogs. Cape Disappointment State Park brings the history of the Lewis and Clark expedition to life. Oregon is nearby, across the Astoria-Megler Bridge.

6 VOLCANOES

At the southern end of the Cascade Mountain Range, are two well-known volcanoes located in Mount Rainier National Park and Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. The White Pass and Chinook Scenic Byways provide magnificent mountain vistas and insight into the past and present timber industry. Olympia is the Washington state capitol.





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1 THE GORGE

The mighty Columbia River provides most of the border between Washington and Oregon. Popular river boat cruising follows the path of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Driving east, the scenery changes dramatically from evergreen forests to dry alpine desert. Explore the curves of the Columbia to find wind surfing, wineries, and spectacular scenery.

2 WINE COUNTRY

Wineries are found throughout Washington with Yakima, Tri-Cities, and Walla Walla considered to be the heart of Washington wine country. Although the style of wineries varies, they provide opportunities to meet the winemakers with their boutique nature. In this rich agricultural region, hops production supplies 70% of all hops grown in the USA, with the Yakima Valley providing the majority.

3 TRAILS & LAKES

Home to the rugged mountain peaks of North Cascade National Park and Cascade Loop National Scenic Byway, abundant activities await. The 440-mile (708 km) loop includes dramatic park overlooks of deep turquoise mountain lakes; Leavenworth, a Bavarian-themed village; Wenatchee's apple country; Lake Chelan, a favorite getaway for Washingtonians; and Winthrop's cowboy country.

4 PONDEROSA

Spokane is a gateway to the national parks of Glacier (Montana), Yellowstone and Grand Teton (Wyoming). It is a key stop for Amtrak's Empire Builder from Seattle to Chicago. With the Spokane River running through the heart of the city and numerous city parks, visitors can enjoy an active, outdoor lifestyle.

5 PALOUSE

Over a million years ago, during the Ice Age, glaciers covered this region. Palouse Falls State Park is an example of the power of nature carving out canyons and creating spectacular waterfalls. Palouse is an agricultural wonderland with rolling hills of wheat that are beautiful from verdant spring to the golden harvest season.



Rain? What Rain?

Seattle's climate is classified as temperate marine with long, pleasant summer days. Cruise season temperatures average 70°F (21°C). Surprisingly, Seattle is ranked 44th in the list of rainfall amounts in the USA, less than Miami and New York City.

Time Zone: PDT (Pacific Daylight Time)