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ESCAPE TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**A GATEWAY TO
MOUNTAINS, FORESTS,
BEACHES, ISLANDS,
AND MORE**



**10 UNIQUE
REGIONS
AND WAYS TO
PLAY OUTSIDE**



SEATTLE



Seattle is a city where art meets nature and exquisite northwest cuisine pairs perfectly with local Washington wines. With over 200 cruise ship departures offering a variety of Seattle to Alaska itineraries and convenient international flights, it's also where your Pacific Northwest and Alaska adventure begins!

Why not add on a few days in Seattle to experience the city's celebrated coffee culture and outstanding shopping? Maybe the natural beauty of Washington State is what you crave. Explore stunning national parks, volcanic mountains, lush rain forests, wild Pacific Ocean beaches and historic seaport towns. You may even catch a glimpse of our local resident orcas on a visit to one of the beautiful San Juan Islands.

For more information on Seattle or Washington State visit www.Seattle-WashingtonStateUK.co.uk or www.visitseattle.org



WELCOME to WASHINGTON

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Diablo Lake in North Cascades National Park

NESTLED IN AMERICA'S PACIFIC NORTHWEST, Washington state is a kaleidoscope of landscapes, cultures, and experiences. Bustling cities give way to evergreen forests, rocky coastlines, majestic mountains, rolling wheat fields, roaring rivers, and more. Spend your holiday diving into our unspoiled wilds and wandering our urban centres and small towns. Embrace the sights, flavours, and personalities that make Washington truly unforgettable. We welcome you to the Evergreen State!

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SEATTLE SIGHTS

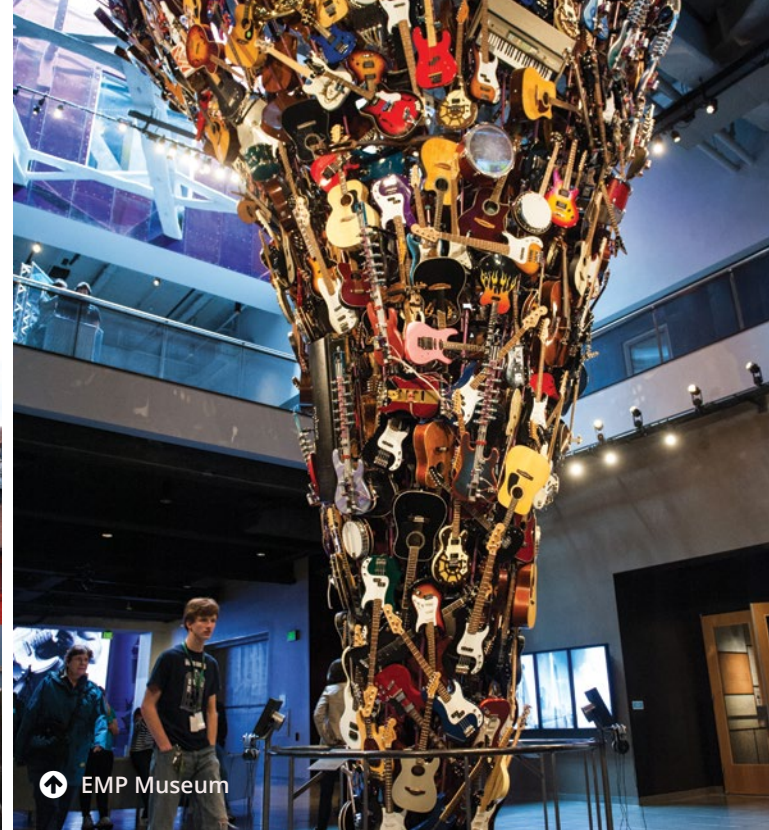
NICKNAMED **THE EMERALD CITY**, SEATTLE IS BURSTING WITH UNFORGETTABLE **ATTRACTIONS** AND **EXPERIENCES**. HERE ARE SOME YOU JUST CAN'T MISS...

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Great Wheel



EMP Museum



Pike Place Market



Seattle Seahawks
Richard Sherman

SPACE NEEDLE

» Built for the 1962 World's Fair, this unique structure is the symbol of the city. Take a lift up to the open-air observation deck, where you can revel in the views of cityscape, Elliott Bay, and distant mountain ranges. For an unforgettable meal, stop at the SkyCity restaurant up top, which rotates 360 degrees every 47 minutes.

PIKE PLACE MARKET

» More than 10 million people visit Pike Place Market every year. It's one of the oldest continuously operating markets in America and has more than 200 vendors selling produce, flowers, food, fish, and crafts. Snap a picture in front of the famous neon sign, gather with the crowds to watch the fish-tossing ritual, queue up at the original Starbucks, or just browse the stalls for seasonal flowers.

CHIHULY GARDEN AND GLASS

» At the foot of the Space Needle, this art showcase is devoted to world-renowned glass artist—and native Pacific Northwesterner—Dale Chihuly. See his colourful glass works in the exhibit halls, or wander the garden to take in sculptural pieces that stud the landscape. In the glasshouse, an installation 30.5 metres in length is suspended overhead.

EMP MUSEUM

» Architect Frank O. Gehry designed the colourful stainless steel and aluminium curves of this museum. Inside EMP is equally stunning with interactive exhibits about music, pop culture, and science fiction. Learn about fantasy worlds, see what's scary in horror films, and record a unique track as your own jam band.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES

» A popular visitor attraction in Washington state is hopping on a ferry boat across Puget Sound. These massive vessels depart from downtown Seattle at Pier 52. Walk or drive on board to soak up the views of the city skyline and forested islands before landing in the quaint towns of Bainbridge Island or Bremerton on the Kitsap Peninsula. Ride home at dusk for a sunset view.

SEATTLE GREAT WHEEL

» The largest Ferris wheel on America's West Coast is 53 metres tall and perched on the edge of Pier 57, overlooking Elliott Bay. Clamber inside one of the weatherproof gondolas for an up-close view of the city skyline, the action-packed waterfront, and the ferries gliding by. Each ride goes around three times, so there are plenty of opportunities to take pictures and enjoy the various sights.

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Fremont Troll

UNDERGROUND TOURS

» Below the streets of Seattle's historic Pioneer Square neighborhood are the remains of the city's original downtown. Several companies offer guided tours of the underground labyrinth, so you can walk through subterranean sidewalks and learn more about the pioneers who built the city.

KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

» The Yukon gold rush of 1897 brought hordes of prospectors to Seattle hoping to catch a boat to Alaska and strike it rich. Take a walk in their gold-seeking shoes at this Pioneer Square museum, where exhibits include gold-panning demonstrations, walking tours of the historic neighbourhood, and artefacts from that time.

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MUSEUM OF HISTORY & INDUSTRY (MOHAI)

» Discover what makes Seattle the city it is today at this museum on the shores of Lake Union. Explore the region's rich maritime heritage, its legacy of technology and innovation, and snapshots from the past several decades.

BALLARD LOCKS

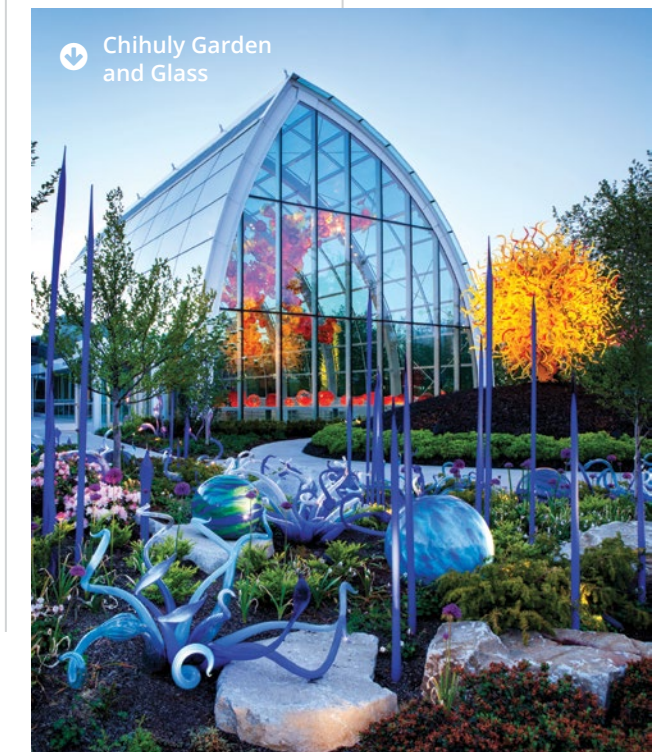
» Opened in 1917, this engineering marvel, officially named the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, lets a parade of boats travel between a freshwater lake and the saltwaters of Puget Sound. Watch as the water levels rise and fall to allow everything from sailboats to barges pass through. Then explore the neighbouring botanical garden and a fish ladder, where you may see salmon leaping up the steps during spawning season.

FREMONT TROLL

» Famous for appearing in movies like the 1999 Heath Ledger flick *10 Things I Hate About You*, this sculpture beneath the Aurora Bridge makes for a unique photo op. Climb onto its shoulder and check out the real Volkswagen Beetle in its hand.

SPORTS TEAMS

» Experience epic American sport like a local, just south of downtown Seattle. Here you'll find CenturyLink Field, home of American football's Seattle Seahawks, as well as soccer's Seattle Sounders FC. Baseball's Mariners are at Safeco Field, next door.



Chihuly Garden and Glass

GREAT OUTDOORS


WASHINGTON FEATURES WONDERFUL WILDERNESS, WITH THREE **NATIONAL PARKS** AND DOZENS OF **STATE PARKS AND NATIONAL MONUMENTS** DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE MAGNIFICENCE OF NATURE. FROM MOSSY OLD-GROWTH FORESTS AND WILDFLOWER-LADEN MEADOWS TO IMPENETRABLE MOUNTAINS, ROARING WATERFALLS, AND PACIFIC COAST BEACHES, **WASHINGTON IS THE PLACE TO TRULY EMBRACE THE GREAT OUTDOORS.**

MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

Fire meets ice at America's most notable volcano. Visible from many viewpoints in the state, including Seattle, Mount Rainier is a 4,392-metre-tall volcano clad in glaciers. The iconic peak is a symbol of the state's unspoiled beauty. Within Mt. Rainier National Park, find some of the finest old-growth forest, including the Grove of the Patriarchs, which has trees more than a millennium old. Reach alpine fields by hiking from Paradise through wildflower meadows in summer. Even a relatively modest walk from the Paradise Visitor Centre affords expansive views of the Puget Sound basin. For a more relaxed experience, drive to the Sunrise area, the park's highest point accessible by vehicle, to glimpse the breathtaking vista spread out below. Crane your neck upward to inspect the glacier-clad summit and experience this truly majestic place.



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 Hiking at Paradise in
Mt. Rainier National Park



OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

One of America's largest and best-known parks is vast and diverse. With almost one million acres, Olympic National Park is home to impressive temperate rain forests, towering Douglas firs, jagged cliffs, and rocky Pacific Coast beaches. The park was declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve in 1976 and a World Heritage Site in 1981. Locals and visitors flock here in summer, when the park's 600 miles of hiking trails are open for exploration. Highlights include Hurricane Ridge, a massive mountain playground featuring trailheads and accessible adventures. Elsewhere, explore gems like the mystical Hoh Rain Forest, dreamy Ruby Beach, the serene waters of Lake Crescent, and the natural Sol Duc Hot Springs.



Hoh Rain Forest



NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

This wilderness preserve offers a gorgeous alpine landscape of jagged peaks crowned by more than 300 glaciers. Old-growth trees tower skyward, and a profusion of wildflowers paints the alpine meadows in sublime colour in late summer. The appeal of this diverse terrain of cascading waterfalls and dense, forested valleys ranges from climbing and rafting

adventures to wilderness backpacking treks. One of the most popular ways to explore is the Cascade Pass hike. Traverse the seven-mile trail's 30 or so switchbacks until saw-toothed Johannesburg Mountain comes in view. At the pass itself, fields of flowers beckon, and marmots and chipmunks perform a cheery symphony of wilderness melodies. Also in the park, Ross Lake and Diablo Lake offer peaceful boat excursions on their placid waters.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS & STATE PARKS



Views from Steptoe Butte

Mount St. Helens National Monument

» This volcano displays the amazing ability of nature to recover from extreme events. It famously blew its top in 1980. More than 36 years later, the epic scale of the eruption and nature's reclamation process are visible from the various viewpoints and interpretive centres that line Highway 504 up into the monument. In particular, the gaping northern crater reminds everyone that earth holds forces immense enough to move mountains—quite literally.

San Juan Islands National Monument

» The 172-island San Juan archipelago is both incredible and unique. It's home to what may be the world's best-known orca population as well as a larger number of charming small towns and hamlets. The monument's status preserves several dozen hidden gems, most notably Iceberg Point on Lopez Island, a prime whale-watching overlook, and other unique Pacific Northwest ecosystems in which meadows and old-growth woods hopscotch across the landscape.

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

» Enjoy the impressive landscape formed by the Columbia River's passage along Washington's southern border and on to the Pacific Ocean on a road trip through "the Gorge," as locals call the region. Waterfalls pour down from towering basalt bulwarks, old-growth forests shade the narrow streams flashing down from the heights, and kiteboarders harness the wind to dance across the surface of the rushing river.

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Lake Chelan National Recreation Area

» Lake Chelan, 50 miles long, is a freshwater fjord. Though the recreation area encompasses much of the lake, the most intriguing portion is at the far northwest end, where the hamlet of Stehekin is reached by boat, plane, or hiking trail. It provides a serene getaway whose park lodge, small inns, and campgrounds are famously complemented by a local bakery with a loyal, far-flung clientele. Popular activities include hiking, bike riding, fishing, and wildlife watching.

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Hanford Reach National Monument

» This last free-flowing, nontidal stretch of the inland Columbia River flows 51 miles through Washington state. Floating the river here constitutes a journey into the past. Eagles and osprey soar overhead; sagebrush forms a desert forest on the riverside flats; and coyotes, deer, and the occasional pronghorn prowl the sage. Recent history looms tall on the southern banks in the form of Hanford nuclear lab buildings created during World War II and, soon, to become part of the multistate Manhattan Project National Historical Park.

Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area

» In Eastern Washington, behind Grand Coulee Dam, is a vast lake with 600 miles of shoreline and blessedly long, warm, summer days that linger into autumn. Fishing, swimming, wildlife watching, and just general relaxing are the key attractions here—and with all that expanse of water, it's easy to find a quiet cove with no one around.

Steptoe Butte State Park

» The attraction here is simple: A 360-degree, 200-mile view of the Palouse, Eastern Washington's rolling hills that are among the most fertile agricultural areas on earth. In May and June, the almost neon green of ripening wheat fields makes a vivid sight. Two months later, golden wheat shimmers in the sun. Fences and motorways thread patterns among the hills like an expressionist canvas. Though the butte is only 1,097 metres high, it is among the best viewpoints in Washington.



EXPLORE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON'S **10 DIVERSE REGIONS** ARE RIPE FOR EXPLORATION. FROM A WINE-LOVER'S PARADISE TO A LANDSCAPE BRIMMING WITH APPLE ORCHARDS AND WILD WEST RODEOS, CONSIDER THE EVERGREEN STATE YOUR PLAYGROUND.

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THE ISLANDS



SCATTERED ALONG THE SALISH SEA, Washington's San Juan Islands are rich with natural wonders. Enjoy the casual lifestyle on the isles of Orcas, Lopez, and San Juan, or embark on a sunset journey aboard a kayak or chartered vessel. Closer to the mainland, Fidalgo, Whidbey, and Camano Islands offer breathtaking beaches, as-fresh-as-it-gets seafood, and stunning state parks. Just don't forget to keep your eyes trained on the sea for a chance to glimpse the state's resident orca whales at play.

- ← Lime Kiln Lighthouse on San Juan Island / Kayaking with orcas in the San Juans →



NORTH CASCADES



TECHNICOLOUR TULIPS FILL THE FIELDS during an annual spring festival in April, while the snowcapped North Cascades add to a landscape bursting with beauty. In this region, waterfront La Conner and historic Fairhaven offer a taste of small-town life. Dreamy Chuckanut Drive winds along the coast for a picturesque drive. Fruit stands and pick-your-own farms dole out the best of agricultural charm. Bald eagles flock to the Skagit River in January, Mount Baker offers snow delights, and the revived university town of Bellingham sports the Scottish Highland Games—kilts and all.

- ← Shops in downtown La Conner / Skagit Valley tulip field →



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3 METRO SEATTLE



- ↻ Monorail and Space Needle
- ↻ Dale Chihuly in Tacoma's Union Station

NATURAL BEAUTY MERGES WITH URBAN energy in the metro Seattle area. Iconic attractions promise everything from soaring sights to flying fish. History and civic discourse live on in the state's capital, Olympia, while the Cascade Mountains and Puget Sound offer a taste of the untamed wild. World-renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly has transformed his hometown, Tacoma. Taste your way through more than 100 wineries in Woodinville, get lost in a superb museum, or drink in the view from Seattle's waterfront.



THE GORGE



A SCENIC BYWAY RUNS PARALLEL to the Columbia River as it carves out Washington's southern border. Enjoy a road trip along Highway 14, or embark on an adventure above the cliffs by cycling or hiking the Syncline Trail. Elsewhere in the region, try everything from windsurfing on the river to stargazing at the Goldendale Observatory. Visit the city of Vancouver, Washington, where there are microbreweries and history aplenty. Be sure to stop in Maryhill, where a fantastic winery, a fine art museum, and a World War I monument in the shape of Stonehenge are sights to behold.

- ↻ Columbia River Gorge



- ↻ Summer wildflowers in bloom at Mount St. Helens



THE VOLCANOES



THIS REGION, IN THE SOUTHWEST corner of the state, features three volcanoes: Mount Rainier, Mount St. Helens, and Mount Adams. Volcano country draws adventure-seekers and lovers of majestic scenery, all hoping to glimpse the impressive sights from up high. Fuel up in small gateway communities like Enumclaw and Ashford before venturing out to explore the foothills or ascend the slopes. One of the easiest ways to get a view of Mount Rainier is atop Crystal Mountain Resort, where a gondola ferries passengers up to the summit in 12 minutes.



4 PENINSULAS & COAST



THE DRAMATIC SHORELINES OF WASHINGTON'S Pacific Ocean coast are home to a host of marine wildlife and historic structures, with spine-tingling viewpoints like Cape Flattery. Inland on the Olympic Peninsula, hike or bike on nearly one million acres of the national park, stroll down the Long Beach Peninsula to see the impressive meeting of sandy beach towns and colourful flyers during the Washington State International Kite Festival, or indulge in the quaint harbour towns on the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas for maritime heritage and plenty of charm.

- ↻ Ruby Beach

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NORTH CENTRAL

WASHINGTON'S NORTH CENTRAL REGION TEEMS with home-grown vibes. From Wild West towns and traditions—like the Ellensburg Rodeo—to endless orchards and laid-back resort towns, this area is all about living large and having fun. Taste your way through the heartland to see why this is called Apple Country, dive deep into pristine Lake Chelan, yodel your heart out in the Bavarian-themed town of Leavenworth, and soak up the sun in Wenatchee. Come winter, the Methow Valley offers up snowy escapades, from cross-country skiing to sled-dog races.

Lake Chelan



WINE COUNTRY

CONSIDER THIS PARADISE FOR WINE lovers. Vineyards and a majority of the state's 900 wineries are found here, so you can pair a wine tour with a plethora of fine dining and local excursions, from cycling to golfing to fishing. Fertile Yakima Valley boasts grapes and hops galore, with multiple wineries and outdoor activities like hiking Cowiche Canyon. At the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers, the Tri-Cities boasts more than 300 days of sunshine a year, some 200 wineries within a 50-mile radius, and access to the wild Hanford Reach National Monument. Finally, the charming community of Walla Walla features 90 tasting rooms within 15 minutes of its historic downtown.



Abeja Winery in Walla Walla

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NORTHEAST

SPOKANE, THE SECOND-LARGEST CITY in Washington, anchors this region with a bustling downtown, a winding riverfront, craft breweries, and tasting rooms aplenty. Take the SkyRide, a scenic cable car that travels past an urban waterfall and under the historic Monroe Street Bridge. In the surrounding rural landscape of the Inland Empire, dig for fossils in Republic, cruise out onto Lake Roosevelt, and explore the history of the region, from Native American roots to the mighty Grand Coulee Dam.

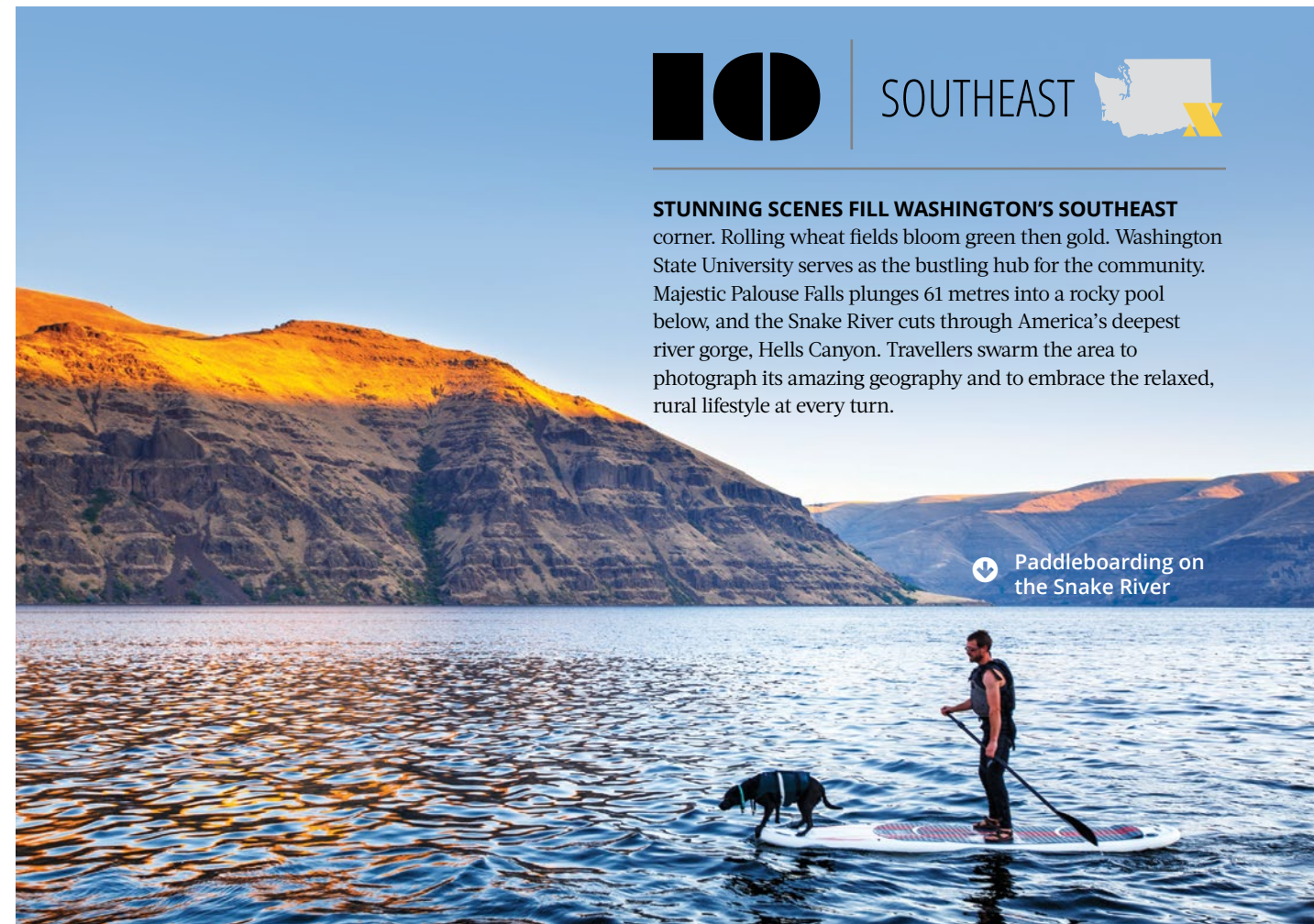
Downtown Spokane / Grand Coulee Dam



SOUTHEAST

STUNNING SCENES FILL WASHINGTON'S SOUTHEAST corner. Rolling wheat fields bloom green then gold. Washington State University serves as the bustling hub for the community. Majestic Palouse Falls plunges 61 metres into a rocky pool below, and the Snake River cuts through America's deepest river gorge, Hells Canyon. Travellers swarm the area to photograph its amazing geography and to embrace the relaxed, rural lifestyle at every turn.

Paddleboarding on the Snake River



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WHILE YOU'RE HERE, YOU CAN WATCH WHALES, SKI MOUNTAIN SLOPES, SHOP FOR WORLD-FAMOUS DESIGNER BRANDS, AND EVEN SEE THE REAL-LIFE LOCATIONS FROM YOUR FAVORITE FILMS.



Crystal Mountain

SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

» Crystal Mountain is Washington's premier ski area. With 12 metres annually, it averages more snow than Whistler. Fifty named runs of all difficulty levels are spread across 2,600 acres. Ride a gondola to the top for stupendous views of Mount Rainier.

Mt. Baker is a niche ski area, which boasts the World Record snowfall in a winter season: nearly 29 metres in 1998–99. Its

average annual snowfall is 16.5 metres, and the area is a mecca for backcountry and ski-touring. For this, a local guide is highly advisable given the incredible snowfalls the area receives.

Washington's 10 main ski areas have a high proportion of local skiers and riders, which means weekdays are quieter and a great time to visit.



Chambers Bay

Golfing

» You're never far from a fairway in Washington, where the temperate climate means golf season lasts almost year-round. Links-style layout Chambers Bay, on the shores of south Puget Sound, hosted the U.S. Open golf tournament in 2015. This undulating patch of grasslands recalls the classic courses of St. Andrews, Scotland, and is thus a favourite of traditionalists.

Other notable golf courses around the state include Gamble Sands, situated on top of a sandy promontory in central Washington, with views of the Columbia River, broad fairways, and bunkers galore; Palouse Ridge, which takes advantage of the dramatic natural landscape, with contours, fescue grasses, and pine groves; and Walla Walla's Wine Valley Golf Club, ranked one of the best public courses in the state.



Orca whale in the San Juans

WHALE WATCHING

» The San Juan Islands are known for their resident orca whales, which can be seen up close from any number of whale-watching tours. If you're on the mainland, though, there are plenty of round-trip options that can get you close to orcas, from a Clipper Vacations vessel that zips from Seattle's waterfront to the San Juans for a day trip, or a Puget Sound Express boat that departs from Edmonds in the north Puget Sound area.



Premium Outlets

SHOPPING

» Visit downtown Seattle's flagship Nordstrom store to find four levels of designer styles. In the city of Bellevue, shopping malls Bellevue Collection and The Shops at The Bravern feature showrooms for designers such as Jimmy Choo and Gucci. If you're seeking even more style, Premium Outlet shopping centres in North Bend and Tulalip offer discounted prices from dozens of brands, as does The Outlet Collection in Auburn. Other Washington gift ideas include fine chocolates, glass art, and handmade crafts.



Fran's Chocolates



📍 Celebrity Cruises' Solstice departing Seattle

FOOD & DRINK

From craft wine, coffee, beer, and spirits to freshly caught seafood and just-picked fruit, Washington has a bounty of food and drinks that showcase the flavors of the state.

Wine

Washington is the second-largest producer of premium wine in America, with sips that rival France from some of the most creative minds in recent decades. Find refreshing rieslings, earthy merlots, and everything in between at more than 900 wineries.

Coffee

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 mean you can always find your perfect caffeine fix.

Fresh Seafood

With surrounding waters of the Pacific Ocean, rivers, lakes, and bays, Washington menus brim with fresh oysters, Dungeness crab, salmon, halibut, and geoduck—a saltwater clam native to the Pacific Northwest.

Fruit & Produce

The farm-to-fork movement takes on new meaning here, where restaurants pride themselves on sourcing local ingredients. It's an easy feat when you consider Washington's crops include acres of apples, pears, cherries, berries, rhubarb, and lentils.

Beer & Spirits

More than 300 craft breweries and some 100 artisan distilleries embrace Washington's "drink local" ethos. Flavour preferences tend toward hoppy India pale ales, but master brewers and distillers offer up endless creativity when it comes to your next sip.



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CRUISES

» Seattle is the top cruise port on the United States's West Coast and a great gateway from the Pacific Northwest to Alaska. Seven major cruise lines (Carnival, Celebrity Cruises, Holland

America Line, Norwegian Cruise Line, Princess Cruises, Oceania Cruises, and Royal Caribbean) provide opportunities for 7- to 14-day cruises to explore the wildlife, wilderness, and awe-inspiring wonders of Alaska.

The Port of Seattle maintains two cruise terminals: Bell Street Pier 66

is located along Seattle's downtown waterfront and Smith Cove Pier 91 is located at the north end of Seattle's waterfront, 10 minutes from the city's retail core. At both cruise terminals, you will find a concierge service, luggage storage, rental car kiosks, and easy passenger pick-up.

POP CULTURE SIGHTS

Explore Washington's diverse backdrops to follow in the footsteps of your favourite fictional characters from film and literature.

» Blockbuster hits like *Sleepless in Seattle* put the city on the map. Travellers today can glimpse the film's famous floating home from Lake Union. Television shows *Frasier* and *Grey's Anatomy* are also set in Seattle and highlight famous icons like the Space Needle and the Seattle Centre Monorail.

On the Olympic Peninsula, Port Townsend's Fort Worden State Park was the setting for *An Officer and a Gentleman*. *Twilight* fanatics flock to Forks, a quiet logging town that has embraced this vampire sensation. Twihards can see Bella's truck at the Forks visitor centre, visit the beaches of La Push, and stop by the harbour town of Port Angeles, where Bella and Edward had their first date. Meanwhile, cult hit *Twin Peaks* returns in 2017, showcasing sights like Snoqualmie Falls and North Bend's Twede's Cafe, better known as the show's Double R Diner.

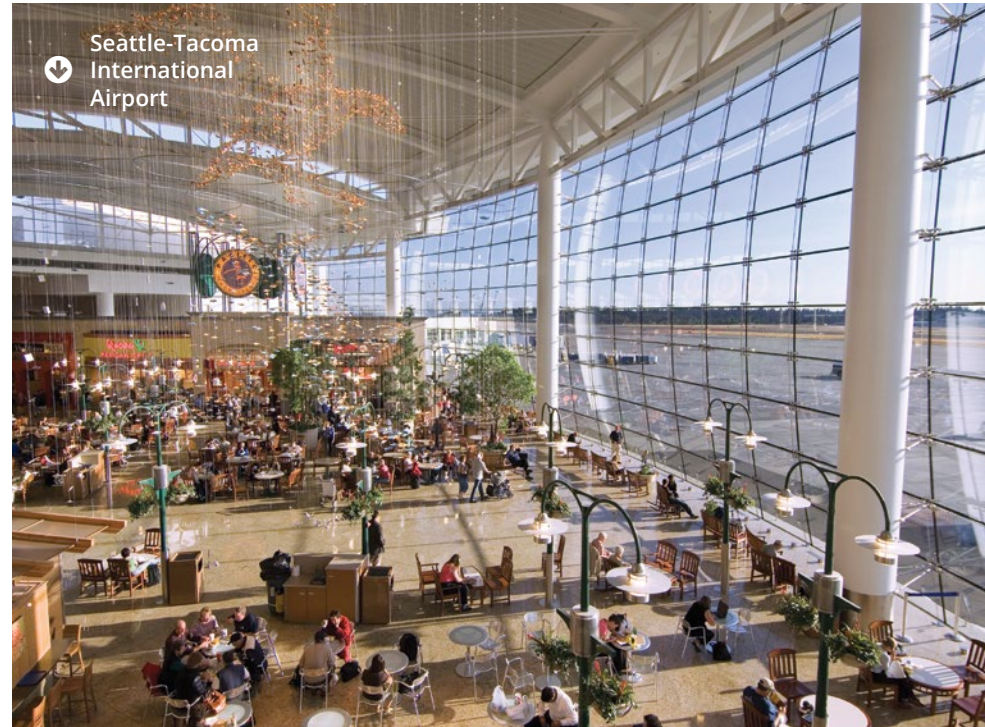


📍 Twede's Cafe in North Bend

TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIRPORTS

» Operated by the Port of Seattle, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is the 13th busiest airport in the United States, serving 42.3 million passengers, which is more than London Gatwick. Twenty-four airlines serve 77 nonstop domestic and 22 international destinations. Direct air links from the United Kingdom include British Airways and Delta Air Lines (service becomes Virgin Atlantic in March 2017), plus one-stop service via Reykjavik with Icelandair. Light rail connects the airport to downtown Seattle in 30 minutes.



LAND BORDER CROSSINGS

» The four driveable border crossings between Western Washington and Canada have the most traffic. Peace Arch, Pacific Highway, and Sumas are open 24 hours a day. Lynden is open from 8am to midnight daily. Eastern Washington has eight land border crossings with Canada. All foreign travellers entering the United States by land are required to complete Customs Declaration Form 6059B and Form I-94 (white), Arrival/Departure Record. Customs and Border Protection will issue a paper form I-94 at land border ports of entry.



Peace Arch border crossing

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WASHINGTON STATE



- 1 Olympic National Park
- 2 North Cascades National Park
- 3 Mt. Rainier National Park

TRAINS

» Amtrak and Rocky Mountaineer offer travel to Washington state from California and America's Midwest (Amtrak), as well as Canada's British Columbia (Rocky Mountaineer). Washington stops on Amtrak's three routes include Spokane, Tacoma, and Seattle, with onward connections to Portland. Canadian-based Rocky Mountaineer offers a luxury train route between Seattle and Vancouver.



Amtrak Cascades

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WEATHER

» Washington's climate varies by region. On the west side of the Cascade Mountains, summers boast very little humidity and are relatively mild, with high temperatures averaging in the 20°-23° C. In winter, the mild climate means temperatures almost never go below freezing and snow is not common in lower elevation cities. On the east side of the state, summers tend to run hotter, with high temperatures averaging 25°-30° C. Winter temperatures can drop below freezing, with snowfall common in low- and high-elevation towns.

Vehicles & Driving

» To rent a car in Washington, you must have a valid driving licence from your country and be at least 21 years old. In order to enter the U.S. by land from Canada or Mexico, certain documents are required in addition to your passport and visa: an International Driving Permit (highly recommended), vehicle registration paperwork, and proof of liability. Contact your country's motoring association in advance of travelling.

Reflection Lake, Mt. Rainier National Park

WHAT'S YOUR
EXCELLENT
WASHINGTON STATE
ADVENTURE?



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The State™

Do you dream of majestic peaks, captivating sunsets or a stroll through a quiet vineyard? Washington State is full of memory-making adventures. So whether you're a first-time visitor or resident expert, start your adventures at experiencewa.com.



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