

# Seattle

## Gem Of The Northwest



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# Tour Summary

Seattle is nestled between the Puget Sound and Lake Washington. Although the Space Needle makes the city skyline recognizable, on a clear day you can see from the Cascade Mountains to the Olympic Range. This is a city dedicated to bringing beauty, nature, and artwork to the urban landscape. You can see this everywhere in the local markets, numerous museums and public displays of artwork. Seattle has ignited musical revolutions, television and cinematic fame, as well as computer genius. On this tour we'll see iconic landmarks, fabulous shopping, architectural marvels, historic buildings, and even a park that sits atop the freeway.

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# Introduction





Seattle is the northernmost major city on the West Coast of the United States, and like no other you'll ever visit. Seattleites are proud of the beauty, nature, and abundant artwork in their city.





In fact, Seattle is so dedicated to bringing nature to the urban landscape that it has adopted the new city motto of "Metro-Natural." We'll see this as we take a

walking tour of the best-known city highlights.



On our tour we'll see Pike Place market, more than 100 years old. This market is often referred to as the "Soul of Seattle." Pike Place has a rich history and is not just for tourists.





Locals living in the downtown neighborhood peruse the alley shops and do their grocery shopping here. But be careful, sometimes the fish go flying!



We'll also see the historic neighborhood called Pioneer Square. This was the original downtown area and is the largest registered historic district, at 30 square blocks.





The neighborhood also features numerous memorials, parks, and museums, including the Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the free Klondike Goldrush Museum.



The downtown library is a stark contrast to the historic district, with its 11-story steel-and-glass structure. The modern marvel wasn't even feasible 20 years ago.





The engineering problems faced when designing this massive structure required cutting-edge engineering software. With more than 10,000 panes of glass, this building is an architectural masterpiece.





We'll also walk through the best downtown shopping core. The Convention Center, which houses a fully staffed visitor center, is our entry point for Freeway Park.



This ingenious use of urban space is a park that spans an 8-lane freeway. The park perfectly balances commuter needs with a pedestrian-friendly environment.



Before that, we'll start our tour at the Seattle Center, a 74-acre campus, with 17 acres of park space that acts as a cultural playground and home to some of Seattle's biggest attractions.





There is an excellent probability when you visit the Seattle Center you'll chance on one of the more than 5,000 activities and festivals that take place here annually. For a full listing of the events, check their website.

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