

THE WESTIN WANDERER: Your 2026 NWACUHO Visitor Guide

A neighborhood-by-neighborhood guide to food, culture, tours, and activities during your Seattle stay.

Neighborhoods Surrounding The Westin Seattle

Approximate travel times from **The Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave)**

1. Downtown Core — 1–10 minutes (walk)

Right outside your door. Perfect for quick meals, coffee runs, and between-session adventures.

Dining

Pike Place Market • The Carlile Room • Lola • Serious Pie • Wild Ginger • Pike Place Chowder • Beecher's Handmade Cheese

Entertainment

The Triple Door • Seattle Art Museum Benaroya Hall (Seattle Symphony) Paramount Theatre (Broadway + concerts) • Fifth Avenue Theatre (Broadway musicals) • AMC Pacific Place • SIFF Cinema Downtown • Seattle

Great Wheel • Wings Over Washington • Ye Olde Curiosity Shop

Activities

Pike Place Market stroll • Seattle Public Library (iconic architecture) • Waterfront Park & Pier 62 • Westlake Center

Tours

- Seattle Monorail to Seattle Center
- Argosy Harbor Cruise (Pier 55)

HistoryLink Self-Guided Tours:

[HistoryLink Tours — Market to MOHAI](#)

[HistoryLink Tours — Pike Place Market Eateries](#)

[HistoryLink Tours — Seattle's Central Waterfront](#)

[HistoryLink Tours — Pike Place Market Architecture](#)

2. Belltown — 5–12 minutes (walk)

Trendy, artsy, perfect for evenings out.

Dining

Black Bottle • Tilikum Place Café • Wake & Bake • Shaker + Spear • The 5 Point Cafe • Bangrak Market

Entertainment

Jazz Alley • Jupiter Bar • The Crocodile

Activities

Olympic Sculpture Park • Myrtle Edwards Park

Tours

[HistoryLink Tours — Belltown](#)

3. South Lake Union — 12–20 minutes (walk) | 10 min (streetcar)

Modern waterfront with tech, lakeside views, and top-tier brunch.

Dining

Duke's Seafood • Portage Bay Café • White Swan

Jack's BBQ • Pizza by Ruffin

Entertainment

MOHAI • SIFF Film Center

Activities

Lake Union Park • Center for Wooden Boats • Historic shipyard walk

Tours

- Maritime/shipyard walking loop (self-guided)

[HistoryLink Tours — South Lake Union](#)

4. Seattle Center / Uptown — 15 minutes (walk) | 2 minutes (Monorail)

Seattle's cultural heart.

Dining

Caffe Vita • Skillet • Agave Cocina • Zeek's Pizza

Entertainment

Space Needle • MoPOP • Chihuly Garden & Glass • Laser Dome and IMAX Theatre @ Pacific Science Center Climate Pledge Arena (Kraken games, concerts, comedy) • SIFF Cinema Uptown

Activities

Seattle Center campus • International Fountain • Artists at Play

Tours

Seattle Monorail (historic transport attraction)

5. Capitol Hill — 3 minutes (Light Rail) | 20–25 minutes (walk)

Creative, queer-friendly, full of bookstores, cafés, and nightlife.

Dining

Spinasse • Plum Bistro • Bateau • Oddfellows • Salt & Straw • Bait Shop • Hawk Dogs • Via Tribunali • Mt. Joy

Entertainment

Neumos • The Unicorn • The Egyptian Theatre (SIFF) • Northwest Film Forum • Rock Box (Karaoke)

Activities

Elliott Bay Book Company • Volunteer Park Conservatory
Cal Anderson Park

Tours

[HistoryLink Tours — Volunteer Park \(Seattle\)](#)

6. Pioneer Square — 3 minutes (Light Rail) | 15–20 minutes (walk)

Seattle's oldest neighborhood. Brick streets, bookstores, galleries.

Dining

London Plane Café • Zeitgeist Coffee • Damn the Weather • Taylor Shellfish Oyster Bar • 13 Coins

Entertainment

Comedy Underground • Theatre Off Jackson (Pioneer Square/CID border) • Moore Theatre (nearby)

Activities

Waterfall Garden Park • Occidental Square • Smith Tower

Tours

- Underground Tour

HistoryLink Self-Guided Tours:

[HistoryLink Tours — Pioneer Square's LGBTQ+ History](#)

[HistoryLink Tours — Pioneer Square Music](#)

[HistoryLink Tours — Pioneer Square](#)

7. Chinatown–International District — 8 minutes (Light Rail) | 20–25 minutes (walk)

Rich cultural heritage, incredible food, and powerful history.

Dining

Jade Garden • Harbor City • Phnom Penh Noodle House • Uwajimaya Food Hall • Tai Tung • Fort St. George • Young Tea

Entertainment

Wing Luke Museum (AANHPI history)
Theatre Off Jackson • Hing Hay Park cultural events • Pinball Museum

Activities

Uwajimaya & Kinokuniya Bookstore

CID murals • Panama Hotel & Tea Room (Historic Japanese American landmark, preserved sentō, tea service)

Tours

- Japanese American Heritage Walk
- Wing Luke Museum neighborhood tours

HistoryLink Self-Guided Tour:

[HistoryLink Tours — Chinatown-International District](#)

8. University District — 10–12 minutes (Light Rail)

Youthful, academic, full of global eats.

Dining

Ba Bar • Xi'an Noodles • Morsel • Aladdin Gyro-Cery

Entertainment

Neptune Theatre • Henry Art Gallery • Burke Museum

Activities

UW Quad • Drumheller Fountain • University Book Store
Rainier Vista • Red Square • HUB Games and Bowling

Tours

UW Campus Tour (self-guided):

<https://builder.guidebook.com/g/#/guides/uwtours/details>

Indigenous Walking Tour:

https://ais.washington.edu/sites/ais/files/documents/indigenous_walking_tour_at_the_uw.pdf?_gl=1*10v93d2*_gcl_au*ODAyNTc0NDc5LjE3NjI5ODQ0OTU.