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In the popularity contest among cities, Seattle is a perennial favorite. In fact, *Forbes* recently reported that it's the second-fastest-growing metro area in the country. It's not hard to see why. The city has more than its fair share of natural wonders, with national forests to the east and west, Mount Rainier to the south and Puget Sound running along its western edge. Add to that a booming cultural landscape, fantastic restaurants and a business climate that boasts several Fortune 500 companies, and the Emerald City is a modern-day mecca for those seeking an abundance of opportunities for work and play.

# SEATTLE

## GLOBAL TRAVELER



**WHERE TO STAY** **Kimpton Hotel Monaco Seattle**  
Whimsy is on full display in this downtown hotel. Bright pops of color liven up the lobby and guest rooms, kids get their own mini-sized robes and a "pets welcome" policy means your furry (or feathered) friend is welcome, too. [monaco-seattle.com](http://monaco-seattle.com)

**LUNCH** **Chinatown-International District**  
Seattle's Asian hub offers plenty of eating options, but your best bets are dim sum at competing faves Jade Garden and Harbor City. After, explore the mind-blowing array of groceries, live seafood, deli fare and home goods at megastore Uwajimaya. [uwajimaya.com](http://uwajimaya.com)



**AFTERNOON** **Nordic Museum**  
Freshly arrived in its new home in Ballard, this museum celebrates the culture and people of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden through exhibits, classes and film—and at its café, Freya. [nordicmuseum.org](http://nordicmuseum.org)



**DINNER** **Mamnoon**  
Locals flock to this upscale eatery for its take on Middle Eastern fare. Start with *moushakal*, a four-dip platter served with pita, before moving on to Persian fish stew or chicken with green onion and sumac. [mamnoonrestaurant.com](http://mamnoonrestaurant.com)



**AFTER DINNER** **Foreign National**  
Among the inventive cocktails at this nearly hidden, Asian-vibed spot, the Silk Road (rum, coconut milk, curry, pandan, ginger and a dash of salt) stands out—if only for the funky vintage mug it's served in. [foreignnationalbar.com](http://foreignnationalbar.com)

## MUSIC LOVER

### WHERE TO STAY ▶ W Seattle

With live music in the Living Room bar on Fridays and Saturdays; a private recording studio with a vocal booth, mixing equipment and a lounge; and special events like a beer and hip-hop yoga class, this hotel is ready to rock. [wseattle.com](http://wseattle.com)



**MORNING** **MoPOP**  
The exhibits at the Museum of Pop Culture are as funky as the frequently pilloried Frank Gehry-designed building they inhabit. This month, dive into shows devoted to Nirvana, Pearl Jam and Jimi Hendrix or get hands-on with the musical instruments in the Sound Lab. [mopop.org](http://mopop.org)



**SHOPPING** **Sonic Boom Records**  
Get lost in the racks of vinyl, cassettes and CDs at this iconic Seattle music shop, which also hosts musicians for in-store concerts. [sonicboomrecords.com](http://sonicboomrecords.com)



**AFTERNOON** **Jimi Hendrix Park**  
This guitar-shaped homage brings the legacy of the city's native son to life. Take a walk through the timeline of Hendrix's life, read lyrics etched along the walkway or visit the butterfly gardens. [jimihendrixparkfoundation.org](http://jimihendrixparkfoundation.org)

**DINNER** **Sugar Hill Seattle**  
Thai street food meets hip-hop at this Capitol Hill restaurant/lounge where DJs spin every night of the week. Tuck into curry corn fritters, winter melon soup or deep-fried chicken wings before dancing the night away. [sugarhillseattle.com](http://sugarhillseattle.com)

## FOODIE

### WHERE TO STAY ▶ Inn at the Market



This waterfront hotel is ideally situated for those wanting to explore Pike Place Market. Once you've done that, check out one of the inn's four restaurants or enjoy a glass of wine on the rooftop deck. [innatthemarket.com](http://innatthemarket.com)



**BREAKFAST** **Starbucks Reserve SODO**  
At one of the latest offerings from the Seattle brand, rich walnut woodwork, copper accents and an open fireplace invite you to settle in with a nitro latte or other expertly crafted drink. [starbucksreserve.com](http://starbucksreserve.com)

**COOKING CLASS** **Hot Stove Society**  
Located in the stylish Hotel Åndra, this cooking school from prolific restaurateur Tom Douglas offers lunch, night and weekend classes. You'll slice, dice and brew with help from top instructors—and perhaps even alongside the iconic figure himself. [hotstovesociety.com](http://hotstovesociety.com)



**DESSERT** **Fog Rose**  
Seconds after being created, the sorbets and ice creams made here—using liquid nitrogen—are dished into your cup, cone or waffle bowl, ready to be adorned with fruit, edible flowers, shards of chocolate bark and more. [fogrose.com](http://fogrose.com)

## INSTAGRAMMER

### WHERE TO STAY ▶ Ace Hotel Seattle

Whitewashed brick walls make fun details pop here—the brand's first location. Artwork from the likes of Shepard Fairey and Johnne Eschleman adorn the rooms, while curio cabinets and antlers play to the vintage feel. [acehotel.com/seattle](http://acehotel.com/seattle)



**LATE MORNING** **The Moo Bar**  
Raindrop cakes—gelatinous orbs made with mineral water and a setting agent, served with kinako powder and syrup—are all the rage at this bubble tea bar, where you also may see drinks topped with puffs of homemade cotton candy. [themoomilkbar.com](http://themoomilkbar.com)

**AFTERNOON** **Seattle Glassblowing Studio**  
Think you might be the next Dale Chihuly? Put your talents to the test at a 30-minute Blow Your Own Glass class, where you'll have the chance to make one of six objets d'art. [seattleglassblowing.com](http://seattleglassblowing.com)



**DINNER** **Altura**  
Chef Nathan Lockwood and his wife, Rebecca, have mastered the art of the plate. Over the course of a prix fixe dinner, guests are treated to a series of whimsical, color-punctuated dishes. [alturarestaurant.com](http://alturarestaurant.com)



**EVENING** **Unicorn and Narwhal**  
At this duo of carnival-themed bars, midway classics such as corn dogs and funnel cakes share the menu with kitschy cocktails. Try the Smoke & Mirrors—a blend of lemon, blackberry, whiskey and soda. [unicornseattle.com](http://unicornseattle.com)

## URBAN EXPLORER



**WHERE TO STAY ▶ Thompson Seattle**  
Chic and sleek, the Thompson is the hip hotel of the moment. Head down to dinner at Scout PNW, where regional cuisine reigns, or take the elevator upstairs to the always-hopping rooftop bar, The Nest. [thompsonhotels.com](http://thompsonhotels.com)



**MORNING** **Amazon Spheres**  
These glass globes house not only Amazon offices but also 40,000 plants from cloud regions around the world. Tours are offered two Saturdays a month—or pop into the Amazon Go store next door to try cashierless shopping. [seattlespheres.com](http://seattlespheres.com)

**LUNCH** **Westland Distillery**  
Take a tour to learn about the whiskey-making process at this urban distillery, then keep the party going in its Cantilever Room with cocktail flights and small bites. Don't skip the Beecher's cheese curds. [westlanddistillery.com](http://westlanddistillery.com)



**EARLY EVENING** **Kerry Park**  
You can visit this popular park all day for its stunning views, but sunset is especially magical. Take in the panorama of the city, plus Elliott Bay, Bainbridge Island and, when it's clear, Mount Rainier. [kerry.parks.seattle.gov/parks](http://kerry.parks.seattle.gov/parks)



**DINNER** **Sawyer**  
This spot from chef Mitch Mayers serves upscale comfort food—think oxtail nachos, 'nduja cheesy bread and rotisserie porchetta. Save room for the peanut buttery S'more Choco Tacos. [sawyerseattle.com](http://sawyerseattle.com)