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**WELCOME  
TO  
WASHINGTON**

**A Guide to Seattle's Iconic Neighborhoods**

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Chances are if you already know about a city in Washington, it's Seattle. It's the most populated city in our state- right around three-quarters of a million people. With rich history from the gold rush through the creation of grunge and the emergence of technology, this city has had many phases. These events have shaped the neighborhoods and people who live in them.

Our list by no means encompasses every Seattle neighborhood (there are 40 according to the city's [website](#)), so we picked some of the most popular ones with plenty of things for you to do.



### 1. [Capitol Hill](#)

We promise you're not in Washington, D.C.! Our Capitol Hill neighborhood might not contain the state's capitol building, but it is the city's center for dining and nightlife. Grab a delicious meal before a live show in one of the many local music venues.



### 2. [Downtown](#)

Seattle's bustling downtown is full of high-rise office buildings, shopping and great views of the Puget Sound. [Pike Place Market](#) is its most famous attraction, vending local fares and wares year-round. Head down to the [waterfront](#) piers for a ride on the [Seattle Great Wheel](#), chowder at [Ivar's](#) or a [ferry](#) across the sound.



### 3. [Ballard/Fremont](#)

Ballard and Fremont are two neighborhoods just north of the city with very similar offerings. Old warehouses have turned into breweries and restaurants that churn out some of the best food and drinks in the city. You'll also find a bustling arts scene and funky boutique shops to browse.



### 4. [University District](#)

Otherwise known as the "U-District", this neighborhood is home to the main campus of the University of Washington! See students studying at cafes before heading to bars for a night of fun. Make sure to stop by the [Quad](#) on campus- it's known for its beautiful cherry blossoms in the spring.



## 5. [Chinatown International District](#)

Many cities in the United States have a Chinatown, but ours encompasses so much more. Vietnamese, Japanese and Filipino immigrants have all lived nearby, making for some of the best international food in the city. Check out [Uwajimaya](#) for international snacks you can take home to try.



## 6. [Belltown](#)

Just northwest of downtown, Belltown is full of shopping and dining after a day exploring the market. Sit by the water in [Olympic Sculpture Park](#) to take in views of the bay and art displays.



## 7. [Pioneer Square](#)

One of the oldest and most historic neighborhoods of the city, Pioneer Square is a great place to learn about how the gold rush and logging industry shaped the city. If you look down you'll see purple glass squares that shine light on an entire town sitting below today's Seattle- [Underground Tour](#) can tell you all about the Great Seattle Fire and old city that once was!



## 8. [West Seattle](#)

In 1851, the Denny Party landed at Alki Point in West Seattle, making it Seattle's original establishment. Nowadays you can stroll along the boardwalk at [Alki Beach](#) to grab some fresh seafood for lunch before playing volleyball and lounging in the sand.



## 9. [Queen Anne](#)

Queen Anne is a mostly residential neighborhood, but it does house Seattle Center, a district made to showcase the city's tourist attractions at the 1962 World's Fair. Going up into Queen Anne Hill, you can get a great skyline view at [Kerry Park](#) before a tasty meal at [Toulouse Petit](#) and dessert at [Molly Moon's](#).



#### 10. [South Lake Union](#)

If you want to feel like you've stepped into the next century, head to the neighborhood colloquially known as SLU. Home to Amazon, Google and Facebook offices to name a few, there is a LOT of innovation going on here. Tour the [Seattle Spheres](#) to learn about horticulture and some of Amazon's initiatives!



#### 11. [SoDo](#)

SoDo stands for South of Downtown. This neighborhood makes it on our list for two things in particular: [T-Mobile Park](#) and [Lumen Field](#). These are the places you can watch the Mariners, Seahawks and Sounders face off against other talented teams.



*Which neighborhood are you looking forward to exploring the most? Have any questions about Washington or what it's like to live here? Reach out any time! We're here to help!*





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