

Itinerary: Must Do



You have one day in town and want to max out your experience in a truly Northwest way. It's easy! Start at the **1 Space Needle**; from there, head west on Broad Street towards the water. You will arrive at Seattle's newest art museum, the **2 SAM Olympic Sculpture Park**. These sculptures are varied and inspiring and as big as the view across Puget Sound. Best of all, the art and the view are free! After enjoying the 3-D art, head out the SW entrance; you can go to the right and take a quiet walk along Myrtle Edwards Park or go to the left and experience the waterfront. After all, you only have one day!

Along the waterfront you'll pass the Edgewater Hotel where you "fish from your window" as the Beatles did when they stayed there in 1964. Keep walking past Bell Harbor Marina where large cruise ships to Alaska dock all summer long and you'll catch some nice boats docked in the marina if you want to dream. There are lots of eateries and shops tucked along the route.

Make your way to the **3 Seattle Aquarium**, which recently went through a major renovation, and you'll be greeted inside by a literal wall of water. You could get lost at sea here with lots of hands on kid-friendly exhibits that will entertain the little ones. Hint: don't miss seeing all kinds of sea creatures swimming around the underwater dome, and try going at feeding time. That's something to sea!...get it?

Directly across from the Aquarium, you will see the Pike Place Market Hillclimb, which is a set of steps leading straight to Pike Place Market. (Hint: they also have elevators.) As you reach Western Avenue, look to your left and you will see that the Market is actually built on a cliff that used to descend to the water. Walk half a block in that direction and see to your left the visitor's center and across from that a triangular sculpture marking the spot where the native tribes would gather and have beach fires.

Keep walking up the slope and you will come to Victor Steinbrueck Park. Victor was instrumental in saving the Market from being torn down in the 1970's. Another view across the water will welcome you but if you turn around, you will see a good picture of downtown. Go ahead and take a picture!

Now, cross the street and you are at the north end of the **4 Pike Place Market**. Here we can make you sound like a local. It's the "Pike Place Market," not "Pike's Place." The Market opened in 1907 to allow the consumer to buy onions right from the producer rather than go through gouging middlemen. So much to see and do at the market that could use a map! Hey, pick up a free copy of the Pike Place Market News at the many stands and you get a map inside along with all happenings in the Market.

Be sure to walk the rows, see all wears and wares. As you walk down Pike Place (hence the name) you will walk by the first Starbucks. Though it was not originally in this location but moved here after its original Market building was torn down in the 1970's. Notice the difference in the original and new logos. This is the only place to see the original logo.

If you are looking for some ethnic cooking ingredients there are several specialty shops in the Market. Indian, Hispanic, Germanic, Italian cuisines all have specialty stores. Of course, eating out is even better in the Market and there are probably hundreds of eateries ranging from crepes, to hot dogs, to gyros, to Bolivian food!

Now, as you wander, don't forget there are three floors of stores and restaurants. Clothing, hats, bags, just about everything can be had in the Market. Some of our favorites are BLMF Bookstore on the third floor of the "Down Under," Golden Age Collectibles for those into comics, an antique poster store, and even a magic shop.

As you reach the southern end of Pike Place, check out Rachel the pig and feed her some coins to help out the Market non-profit services, then go down the steps next to her and around the corner to see the famous gum wall outside Unexpected Productions and the Market Theater. This is Seattle's longest running improv show and the wall was created by their audiences waiting in line. Yes, the Market even has a theater company! Go to a show!

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After putting your gum on the gum wall, continue down the alley, turn right, cross Western Avenue and take the stairs down to the waterfront. Turn left and a short distance down will be the **5 Washington State Ferry Terminal**. Check the schedule and take the ferry to Bainbridge Island. It's a shorter trip and a stunning way to see the skyline! You can simply enjoy the ride and stay on the boat for the return voyage. If you time it just right, you can catch the setting sun adding a red glow to the Seattle skyline.

Now you're in a position to take in Seattle at night...but that's another story.

The Details

Olympic Sculpture Garden

LOCATION: 2901 Western Ave, Seattle, WA 98121
 HOURS: Open daily 30 minutes prior to sunrise, and closes 30 minutes after sunset
 CONTACT: (206) 654-3100

Seattle Aquarium

LOCATION: 1483 Alaskan Way #59, Seattle, WA 98101
 HOURS: Daily 9:30am- 5pm. Last entry at 5pm, exhibits close at 6pm.
 FEES: Adults \$15.00, Youth \$10.00, Children 3 and under are free.
 CONTACT: (206) 386-4320

Pike Place Market

LOCATION: On Pike Place between Pike St. and Virginia St.
 HOURS: Pike Place level: Mon- Sat, 10am- 6pm, Sun, 11am- 5pm
 DownUnder stores: Mon-Sun, 11am- 5pm

Washington State Ferries

LOCATION: 801 Alaskan Way Pier 52, Seattle, WA 98104
 HOURS: Seattle to Bainbridge Island daily 5:30 AM- 12:15 AM, approximately every hour.
 FEES: Walk on Adults \$6.70, Seniors \$3.35, Kids \$5.40
 CONTACT: (206) 464-6400

