

## Itinerary: Too Seattle



Need a second day to take in more of that Seattle brand of magic? Well, after doing day one, you are set for day two. Once again, we will start at the **1 Space Needle** as our main point of reference. This time you are going to take the short walk next door to the **2 Experience Music Project** and Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame, built by Microsoft Co-founder Paul Allen and inspired by his love of Jimi Hendrix and, well, science fiction. The Frank Gehry design for the building is meant to be evocative of a smashed guitar. There are rotating exhibits and often concerts in the Sky Church.

The Science Fiction Museum features Captain Kirk's original command chair from the TV series Star Trek as well as other props and costumes from television and movies. Lots of memorabilia, and posters meant to inspire thoughts and contemplation of the future. Be sure to check it out before you beam up!

Now walk to the Monorail and enjoy a 90 second ride on the transportation of the future! All right, 1962's version of it, but it gets you there and you get to see the city along the way. If you're lucky you can sit in front!

Exit at Westlake Center (hard to miss, as it is the only stop) and make your way down to Westlake Park. Walk straight and across Pine Street. Keep walking towards Fourth Avenue in front of you. Angle to your right so you're walking south on Fourth. Within a few blocks you will be in front of the Central Branch of the **3 Seattle Public Library**, designed by famed Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas. The interior of the building is something to behold. Even the shelves that hold the books are designed to be moved and rearranged as the collection expands, and can shelve 1.5 million books! Daily architectural tours are offered daily usually around 11 AM or noon, with occasional afternoons thrown in. Many other activities and specific info is available on the website.

Just off the main entrance is the kid's section which is a good place to give the kids a break. Oh, and use the bathroom!

From the library, walk down the hill to First Avenue and turn left. You are now walking what used to be the shoreline before the building of a seawall and the reclamation of the land. In a few blocks, you will be in **4 Pioneer Square**. You'll know when you are surrounded by brick buildings and there is a large totem pole in front of you.

This totem pole is a replacement of one that burned during the Depression. The original pole was stolen from a native tribe in Alaska. When city fathers returned and offered to buy another one from the same tribe, they were forced to pay twice! The Pagoda beyond stands over an old city restroom that is rumored to have been left as is, frozen in time. Now across from the Pagoda is the "sinking ship" garage. You'll see why. This is not much to look at but has a soft spot in Seattle's hearts. The razing of the grand old hotel that stood on this spot sparked the preservation movement that saved most of what you see today in Pioneer Square.

A couple more notes about this very spot. First, look across the street from the garage and you'll see the Merchant's Café, which is Seattle's oldest surviving restaurant. The food's fresh though! Upstairs in this building is where the only known photographic portrait of Chief Sealth (Seattle) was taken. Second, look up Yesler Way, and notice how it's sloped. This was the site of the original "Skid Row" as logs would come careening down a raised log skid and land in the water at Yesler's Mill which stood where Magic Mouse Toys is today. The term "Skid Row" or "Road" became associated with homelessness because during rainstorms those without homes would wait out the rain underneath the log skid.

All right, let's get moving down First Avenue. Many of the bars and clubs you see have been there for quite awhile. If you poke your head in to the J & M Café, you can see one of the last pressed tin roofs around. These bars and clubs have played another more recent role in Seattle lore. Grunge was nurtured here back in the heyday and many of the famous bands that put Seattle on the map first played on these stages. You name the band and they played here.

At First and Main, you'll find The Elliott Bay Book Company, which, if you love books, you will go in and never come out! Books, books, and more books! Seattle is one of the most literate cities in the US, and so we love this place. Check out the Café downstairs, look kind of familiar? It is rumored that this was the model for the "Cafe Nervosa" coffeehouse on TV's Frasier. After you oooo and ahhhh, use the restroom here.

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All right, “buy” now, read later because we need to keep moving. Walk down Main Street towards Second Avenue. You will come to Occidental Park and the memorial to fallen firefighters. If you walk to the corner you will see Waterfall Park which is dedicated to all United Parcel Service employees since it was on this spot that UPS started in 1907. Go inside while the waterfall is running and the notion is that all the city sounds are drowned out. Pardon the pun.

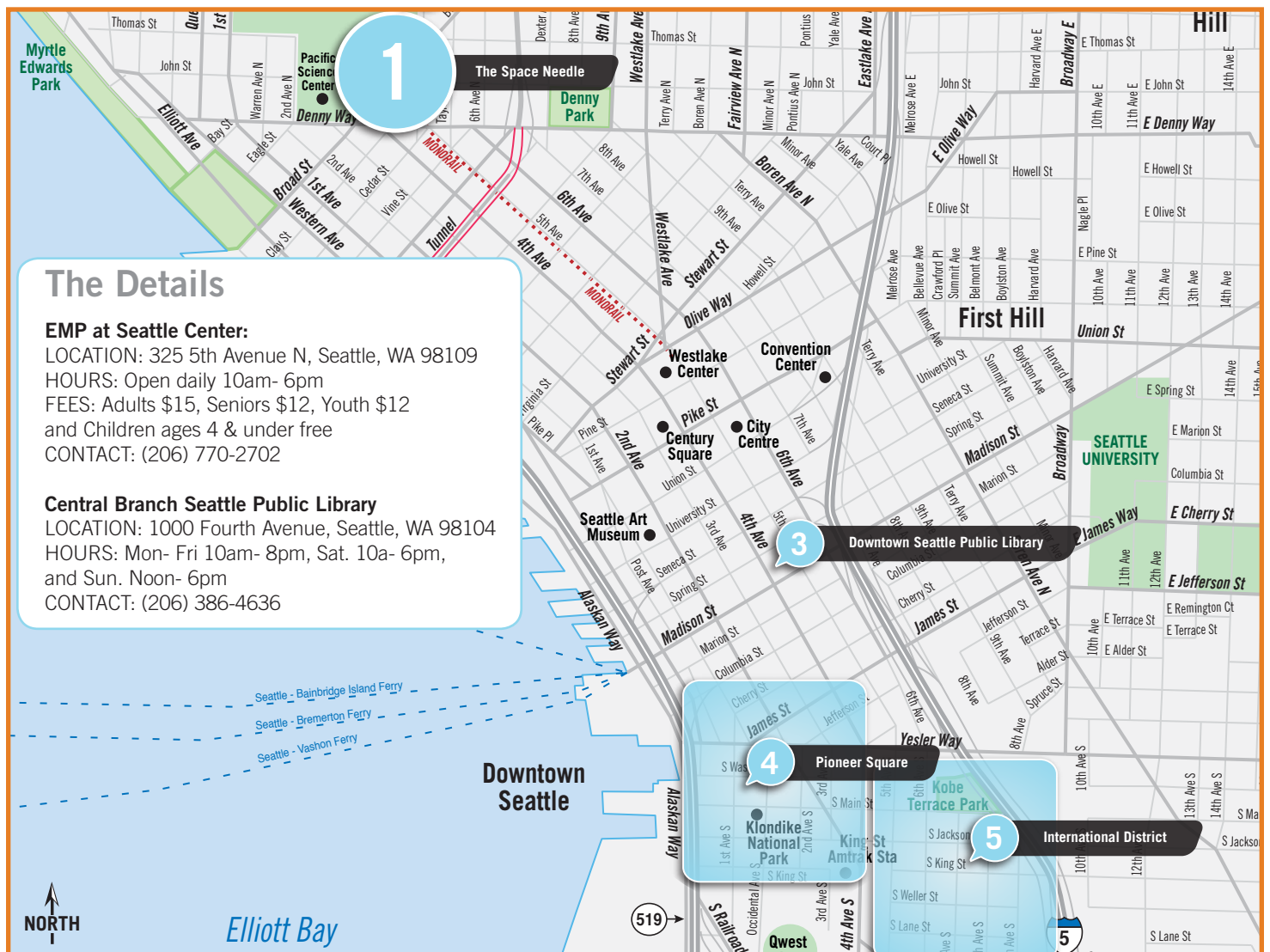
All right, keep walking up Main Street or catch the Waterfront “Streetcar” Bus (Route 99) on Second Avenue. If walking, go to Maynard and turn left. Cross Jackson and you are in the **5 International District (ID)**.

The ID is an amalgamation of small communities. Koreatown, Chinatown, Japantown are all here and you will go from one to the other seamlessly. As you walk into the International District you’ll cross Jackson Street, which was the center of the Seattle jazz scene in the 1940’s and 50’s. Ray Charles and Quincy Jones cut their teeth on this street and many jazz greats appeared in these haunts.

Notice the Pagoda in Hing Hay Park at Maynard and S. King Street. During the summer months there may be a Tai Chi class or free music happening in the park for your enjoyment.

As you walk into the district keep your eyes peeled, as there are so many little shops and stores to buy authentic Asian goods, furniture, and food. Talk about food! This is a great spot for lunch. It’s hard to go wrong here food-wise though Tai Tung Restaurant, The Tropics, and Shanghai Garden are all fun and near each other.

After you are done wandering the ID, take a cab or grab bus #99 all the back along the waterfront to Broad Street. From there it’s a short walk back to the Space Needle.



## The Details

### EMP at Seattle Center:

LOCATION: 325 5th Avenue N, Seattle, WA 98109  
 HOURS: Open daily 10am- 6pm  
 FEES: Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, Youth \$12  
 and Children ages 4 & under free  
 CONTACT: (206) 770-2702

### Central Branch Seattle Public Library

LOCATION: 1000 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104  
 HOURS: Mon- Fri 10am- 8pm, Sat. 10a- 6pm,  
 and Sun. Noon- 6pm  
 CONTACT: (206) 386-4636