

2-DAY ITINERARY

# PLAY IN SEATTLE'S BACKYARD

SOAK IN THE VIEWS AT DES MOINES BEACH PARK.

The fun never stops here. There are plenty of places to play—and stay—in Seattle's Backyard, Seattle Southside. With so much to see and do, it's the perfect home base to get the most out of your Seattle vacation.

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# Autumn Adventure!

Fall is a uniquely wonderful season in the Pacific Northwest. The Evergreen state turns into the red, yellow, and orange state and the aroma of pumpkin spice fills the air. Seattle Southside takes pride in the season with plenty of fall events, holiday buffets, and a wide variety of fun indoor attractions. Here's a sample weekend itinerary for your fall visit!



## Day 1

After checking into your hotel, start your weekend off on the right foot with a hearty breakfast at the **Pancake Chef**. For nearly 60 years, the Pancake Chef has been serving up delicious specialty pancakes, chicken fried steak, omelettes, and more. The classic atmosphere and savory and sweet breakfast combinations make this hidden gem one of the best breakfast options in Seattle Southside.

After breakfast, head down to **Des Moines Creek Trail** for a walk through the falling leaves. You'll have a chance to take in that crisp, fall air and get well acquainted with the scenery of the Pacific Northwest. If you happen to work up an appetite, just up the street from **Des Moines Beach Park** sits TripAdvisor's #1 restaurant in Des Moines, **Wally's Chowder House**. Warm up with a cup of Wally's famous clam chowder and munch on their fresh and local fish and chips.

You're on vacation so you don't want to get overwhelmed on the first day (save that for the second), instead, ease into your evening with a spa treatment at the **Cedarbrook Lodge**. **The Spa at Cedarbrook** offers spa treatments ranging from a Swedish massage, to a sea salt exfoliation, to an oxygen facial and several combination packages. Once you're feeling relaxed and rejuvenated, sit down by the fire and have an exquisite meal at **Copperleaf Restaurant** (also located inside the Cedarbrook Lodge). Finally, get some rest for your second day of autumn adventures.



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## Day 2

Start your morning off with a coffee or milk tea from **85 Degree Bakery Café**. The Taiwanese coffee shop/bakery has proven to be quite popular in Seattle Southside, so get there early to grab your hot cup and Danish or multigrain bread. Next, head down the street to the aviation/spaceflight capital of Western Washington, **The Museum of Flight**. The museum houses an original Air Force One, an SR-71 Blackbird, a NASA Space Shuttle Trainer and much, much more. Plus, if you happen to be visiting around Halloween, the museum turns into **The Museum of Fright**, with plenty of Halloween activities and games for the kids.

After a few hours at the museum, you'll undoubtedly be ready for lunch. When the weather cools off and there's a chill in the air, soup always seems to hit the spot, and authentic Japanese from **Arashi Ramen** is soup. Hearty and savory bowls of pork broth filled with spices, egg, veggies, and perfectly cooked noodles make for a filling meal that the whole family will enjoy.

If you've got a sweet tooth, the **Seattle Chocolate Factory Tour** is a must. You'll learn about their sustainable sourcing, see how their famous truffle bars are made, and of course, there will be plenty of post-tour samples. Also, similar to The Museum of Fright, if you're visiting around Halloween, the tour gets completely transformed into a spooky, lights out experience with ghouls and goblins roaming the factory floor. However, be warned, these tours sell out every year, so you'll need to book well in advance!

You've reached your final meal of your trip and don't worry, it's a good one. Dine in at **Sharp's Roasthouse**, just down the street from the airport. When we're talking about comfort food for the soul, it really doesn't get much more comfortable than Sharp's. They specialize in meats like their classic prime rib and cheddar dip, St. Louis ribs, Carolina gold BBQ, buttermilk fried chicken, and their prime-grade marbled beef "hamburgs." You'll end your fall getaway on a high note...in a food coma.

## SAVE IN SEATTLE'S BACKYARD!

### YOUR SMARTPHONE CAN GET DISCOUNTS ON:



Explore Seattle's Backyard with this free mobile passport! Discover world-renowned museums, savor local and international cuisine at exceptional restaurants, shop at boutique and designer stores, and have fun at unique and thrilling attractions, all at a significant discount. Get more for your money and experience the sights and bites of Seattle Southside with the **FREE Do More – Save More Passport!**

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# WHAT TO PACK FOR YOUR TRIP

**COMFORTABLE SHOES** are perfect for trips to the beach, mountains, or a power shopping excursion.



**WATER BOTTLE/ CANTEEN** for coffee/ water to keep hydrated and caffeinated.



**LAYERS** because the weather can change quickly—scarves and light coats depending on the time of year.



**SUNSCREEN** because we have more sun than rain here.



**SUNGLASSES**, although if you forget them, chances are you'll be able to find them here.



**CHANGE/CASH** for transit and farmers markets.



**CAMERA** to capture the mountain views. Don't forget the charger/extra batteries.



**UMBRELLA** maybe, just in case.



## MOBILE TOOLS



**General travel:**  
**Washington State Department of Transportation** has an app that provides information on traffic, ferry schedules, mountain pass conditions, and wait times to and from the Canadian border.  
*Price: Free*



**For traffic:**  
**Waze** tells you the best route based on current traffic patterns. If a better route becomes available, it will automatically reroute you.  
*Price: Free*



**For a ride:**  
**LYFT** is a rideshare service that pairs drivers with people who need a ride. Get your first ride for free when you use the code SEATTLESOUTHSIDE.  
*Price: Free for first ride; up to \$20*



**For public transportation in downtown Seattle:**  
**One Bus Away** is the app for many public transportation options in the Seattle area including Metro Transit, Sound Transit, and many others.  
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**Transportation Fares:**  
**Transit Go Ticket** Buy your light rail, bus, water taxi, and Sounder tickets on the app! Buy as many tickets as you like. When you're ready to board, simply activate your ticket.  
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**For dining options:**  
**Open Table** allows you to make reservations with a click of a button.  
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**CityMapper** provide A to B trip planning with ETA including all modes: bus, light rail, ferry, bike/ car sharing, and Uber.  
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