

3-DAY ITINERARY

# EXPLORE IN SEATTLE'S BACKYARD



TAKE IN THE VIEWS FROM MT. RAINIER NATIONAL 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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**SOUTHSIDE**   
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# Trek Around the Pacific Northwest!

There's so much to see and do that planning your trip might seem overwhelming. Fear not, for we have created the perfect itinerary to see the highlights all within a few days!



## Day 1

It's your first day in Seattle Southside. Surely, you're going to want to see the sights in downtown Seattle. Fortunately, Seattle Southside has a few different tours to choose from that pick up guests from Seattle Southside hotels. **Customized Tours, Tours Northwest, and Totally Seattle Tours** all offer Seattle city tours, and they all cater to guests staying in Seattle Southside hotels. The tours take around three hours and you'll be able to see some of the most iconic landmarks in the Pacific Northwest.



After you've gained a basic knowledge about Seattle from your tour, be sure to visit the iconic **Space Needle**. Unveiled at the 1961 World's Fair, a trip to Seattle wouldn't be complete without an elevator ride to the observation deck! Offering 360° panoramic views of the city, plenty of picture taking opportunities, and an exquisite rotating restaurant, the Space Needle is a great way to start off your Seattle adventure.

By now you will be famished, so head down to one of the oldest public farmers markets in the United States and snack your way through the booths. There's so much to do at **Pike Place Market**, it would be hard to see it all. Take a selfie in front of the legendary (and unsanitary) **Gum Wall**, sample some of Seattle's finest cheese at **Beecher's Handmade Cheese**, grab a latte at the first **Starbucks**, and witness the iconic tossing of the fish at the **Pike Place Fish Market**.



Grab dinner at **Elliott's Oyster House** on the waterfront and enjoy the views of the Seattle Great Wheel and the ferry boats coming and going and then hop on the light rail back to your Seattle Southside hotel for a good night's rest. You'll need it for Day 2!



## Day 2

You saw it when you flew (or drove) in, and yes, it's pretty much snow-covered all year-round; but visiting **Mount Rainier National Park** is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It's about a two-hour drive from Seattle Southside, but the aforementioned tours (or a rental car) can get you there, and it's most definitely worth it. The majestic views from Paradise and Sunrise will leave a lasting impression on any visitor and the trail offerings are suitable for all hikes, from beginners, to seasoned veterans. Pack a sack lunch or dine in at one of the visitor centers, but be sure to bring plenty of drinking water, it's a must for any Mount Rainier visitor.

When you get back in town, enjoy a relaxing evening of elegance and deliciousness at **Copperleaf Restaurant & Bar**. Nestled on 11 acres of restored wetlands and attached to the **Cedarbrook Lodge**, this eco-friendly, intimate dining venue is perfect for a romantic dinner. Boasting options that are both locally grown and sustainably sourced, one can feel at peace dining on brown butter roasted delicate squash and Neah Bay sablefish.



Larry Gallie

## Day 3

You're already staying here so why not spend your final day locally and get the authentic Seattle Southside Experience? Start at **The Museum of Flight**, where you can explore the history of aviation and spaceflight. Step back in time at the Personal Courage Wing, where you'll see more than a dozen fighter planes from WWI and WWII. And check out the NASA full-fuselage trainer, the original Air Force One, Concorde, B-17F Bomber, and many more air and spacecraft.

Just across the street from Westfield Southcenter sits a thrill-seekers dream, **iFLY Seattle**. iFLY features a 10-story vertical wind tunnel, designed to create the perfect indoor skydiving experience. It may seem intimidating for someone who has never attempted anything quite so daring, but with an age range of 3 to 103, iFLY is fun for everyone!

After the museum, head down the street to **Westfield Southcenter**, the biggest shopping center in the Pacific Northwest. Have a delicious seafood lunch at **Duke's Chowder House**, TripAdvisor's #1 restaurant in the city of Tukwila. Start off with some of their award-winning clam chowder and feast on Dungeness crab-stuffed halibut. After your meal, head to the **Made in Washington** store to purchase some true Pacific Northwest souvenirs like smoked salmon, hand-blown glass, or artisan chocolates.

After a long day of fun, there's no better way to end your Seattle Southside adventure than at **Des Moines Beach Park**. Nestled along Puget Sound, this hidden gem offers stunning views and a relaxing, peaceful setting. Walk along the beach or one of the many trails, then catch one of the most breathtaking sunsets in the Pacific Northwest.

# 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.  
*Price: Free*



**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.  
*Price: Free*



**For dining options:**  
**Open Table** allows you to make reservations with a click of a button.  
*Price: Free*



**The ultimate transit app:**  
**CityMapper** provide A to B trip planning with ETA including all modes: bus, light rail, ferry, bike/ car sharing, and Uber.  
*Price: Free*



**For discounts and coupons:**  
**The Do More - Save More Passport** has deals on some of the most popular area attractions, restaurants, hotels, and experiences. Check your passport before paying full price!  
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