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# PLAY IN SEATTLE'S BACKYARD



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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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# Thrills & Chills



## 3-DAY ITINERARY

Seattle's Backyard is this place to be for adventures on the extreme side! There's plenty of fun to be had here for the adrenaline junkie in all of us. Here's a three-day itinerary for those looking to get a little more thrill out of their vacation...



## Day 1

Let the fun begin in Puget Sound on a scuba diving tour with **Seattle Dive Tours**! Swim around exploring the aquatic home of starfish, urchins, and rockfish on a half-day guided tour. Dive tours are a must for lovers of marine biology and it's not uncommon to come across a Giant Pacific Octopus or a Wolf eel to get the heart pounding!

After a morning dive, head to **Anthony's HomePort** for a delicious seafood lunch. The fish is fresh, and the view of the **Des Moines Marina** is spectacular. Be adventurous and try an oyster shooter! Make sure you've had enough time to decompress after your scuba diving adventure, because the next activity puts you in a hot air balloon with **Seattle Ballooning**. Balloon rides set along the backdrop of Mount Rainier and Western Washington make for an unforgettable experience. Also, you'll probably get more than a few amazing Instagram photos to impress your loyal following.

After your day of aquatic and aerial adventures, it's probably time to head back to the hotel for a good night's rest.



## Day 2

Depending on the season, your second day of thrill-seeking can take you on a day trip to either the **Summit at Snoqualmie** for a day of skiing/snowboarding, or to Poo Poo Point for a beautiful hike. The Summit at Snoqualmie is the closest mountain ski resort to Seattle Southside and it's great for winter sports like skiing, snowboarding, or tubing. They also have a great terrain park with jumps, boxes, rails, and a half pipe, just in case you're training for the X Games.

If it's not winter, take a drive to every hang/paraglider's favorite hike, Poo Poo Point. The hike itself isn't too strenuous, and the views from the top are incredible. Plus, you'll have a chance to watch (or join) the gliders takeoff and sail away!

If you chose to do the hike, then you'll have some time left for another thrilling aerial adventure. Just across the parking lot from **The Museum of Flight**, sits some rather striking red and yellow open-cockpit biplanes. If you've ever wondered what it was like to fly in the early 1900s, now's your chance! **Olde Thyme Aviation** will take you on a historic flight around some of the most iconic Seattle landmarks! After this flight, it'll be hard to go back to the regular, closed-cabin commercial planes.



## Day 3

Your final day of thrills begins inside the vertical wind tunnel at **iFLY** Seattle. iFLY brings the euphoria of skydiving indoors, where there's no threat of a malfunctioning parachute. But that doesn't take away from the experience! Jump into the wind tunnel with your instructor and feel the gust lift you into the air. After a few spins in the indoor sky, you'll never want to leave!

Or, if you want to try the real (outdoor) thing, you'll want to make a reservation in advance with **Skydive Snohomish**. For your first time, you'll be jumping out of a plane with an instructor for a tandem dive. But don't worry, the thrill is not lost just because you've got an instructor with you! The adrenaline rush is unbelievable, and the price is reasonable, so if you've got the guts, you have to go for it!

Next stop, **Sykart**, for some high-octane go-kart racing. This isn't your nephew's go-kart track...In fact, you have to have a driver's license just to race (with the exception of youth track days)! Once you've raced at Sykart, no other go-kart will ever compare!

If your need for speed has been satisfied and you're feeling hungry, stop by **Mizuki Buffet** for an Asian/American smorgasbord of flavor. This isn't some lackluster run-of-the-mill buffet. Mizuki specializes in sushi, but they've got plenty of hot and fresh delicacies from the far East and closer to home. What's more, the dessert buffet is exquisite. Once you've had your fill, head to your final stop on this thrilling journey, **Virtual Sports**.

Virtual Sports has brought the experience of Call of Duty to the real world with COD game modes using training rifles instead of classic laser tag toys. Strap on your tactical vest and go team vs. team in "king of the hill" and "team deathmatch" games. Or, if you crave a little more fear in your experience, try zombie mode where you battle the undead horde (actors) in an effort to make it out alive.

# 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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**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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