

SEATTLE

Seattle is located between Elliott Bay (in Puget Sound) and Lake Washington. It's on the same 47° N. latitude as New Foundland; therein lies the explanation for early afternoon darkness in the winter and sunlight on late summer evenings.

Located in King County, Seattle is the largest city in the Pacific Northwest. The greater Seattle area is a leading center for advanced technology in the fields of aerospace, computer software, and biotechnology and medical technology. Seattle is also popular with tourists; during the summer season, downtown hotels can be scarce.

The major commercial/business centers in Seattle are **Downtown** and the **Eastside**.

The center of **Downtown** extends from the stadium district (SAFECO Field and Seahawk Stadium) on the south to Denny Way on the north, and from Elliott Bay on the west to I-5 on the east. Although the Seattle metro area is spread out, Downtown is a compact area. Its high-rise office buildings, luxury hotels, and the convention center are all within walking distance. The Belltown area, located between Pike Place Market and the Seattle Center (home of the Space Needle), is the city's new center for upscale restaurants. Just outside the city's center, to the east and south of the stadium district.

Seattle's **Eastside** is 10 to 15 miles east of Downtown, across Lake Washington via either the Mercer Island Bridge (Interstate 90) or Evergreen Floating Bridge (Highway 520). The Eastside is comprised of the cities Kirkland, Bellevue, Redmond, and a few other smaller communities. Microsoft's headquarters is located in Redmond. Both Redmond and Bellevue are known as centers for high-tech companies in sectors such as software development, Internet and network services, multimedia and digital media, and biotechnology. In addition, Bellevue's downtown is dotted with high-rise offices housing diversified service businesses and a number of hotels and upscale restaurants.

Fast Facts: Seattle

Time Zone: Pacific

Area Codes: 206 (Seattle), 425 (eastside, include Kirkland and Bellevue), 253 (south King County, near the airport)

Sales Tax: 8.8%

Hotel Taxes: up to 15.8%

Rush Hour: From Seattle to Bellevue (east on I-90 and highway 520) 6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.; from Bellevue to Seattle (west on I-90 and highway 520) 4 p.m.–7 p.m.; into Downtown Seattle, 6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.; out of Downtown Seattle, 4 p.m.–7 p.m. On the eastside, I-405 rush hour traffic is heavy in both directions.

INFORMATION SOURCES

Chamber of commerce: Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce
www.seattlechamber.com

Visitors bureau: The Seattle Convention and Visitors Bureau
 ☎ 206.461.5840 www.seeseattle.org (Web site has downloadable maps of downtown and Seattle neighborhoods.)

Local newspapers: *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*
www.seattlepi.com; *Seattle Times*
www.seattletimes.com

Local traffic: The Washington State Department of Transportation
www.wsdot.wa.gov/pugetsoundtraffic/traveltimes/ and
www.wsdot.wa.gov/PugetSoundTraffic/cameras/; KIRO 710 AM www.kiro710.com

Restaurant listings: www.seattletimes.com (under Entertainment)

GETTING THERE

SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Fast Facts: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

☎ 17801 Pacific Highway S., Seattle, WA 98158
www.portseattle.org/seatac/
 ☎ 206.433.5388

Ground Transportation: ☎ 206.431.5904

Valet Parking: ☎ 206.433.5308

Drive time To Downtown business district:
 20 minutes (30 minutes during rush hour)

Drive time to Redmond: 30 minutes

The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (AKA Sea-Tac) is located 14 miles south of Seattle. The Sea-Tac airport complex is comprised of a main terminal with four concourses (A–D) and two separate satellite terminals (North and South). In the main terminal, ticket counters and security checkpoints are located on the upper level. Baggage claim and the visitor information center are located on the lower level.

If you need to travel between the main terminal and the satellite terminals, subway trains run between the North Satellite and concourse C and the South Satellite and concourse B. The subway trains run every 4 minutes, and it takes about 1 minute to travel from the main terminal to each of the satellites.

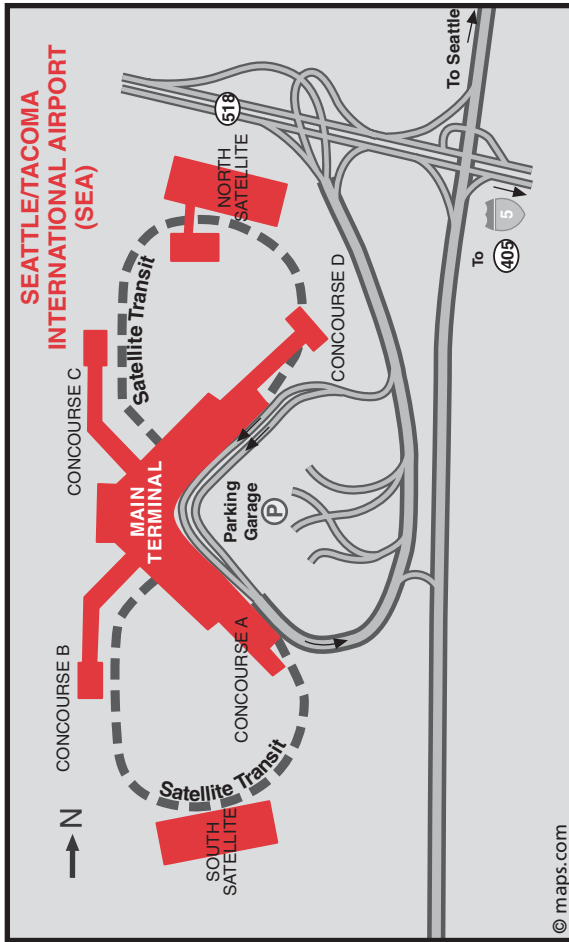
The parking garage is directly in front of the main terminal, connected by a sky bridge.

Sea-Tac is undergoing a major face-lift. In the main terminal, a new concessions area called the Pacific Marketplace will be completed by January 2005. Until then, concessions in the central main terminal area are limited. Concourse A, now closed and also under construction, has a scheduled completion date of June 2004. Construction on the south main terminal subway station and a new subway leg running between the two satellites is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2003. This will allow travel directly between the two satellite buildings instead of having to change at the main terminal.

Eateries in the main terminal, pre-security, include the Construction Zone, Fresh Express, Seattle's Best Coffee, and Starbucks. Retailers include Benjamin Books, Book Business, InMotion DVD Rental, Northwest Edition (gifts/news), Pacific Marketplace, and Puget Sound News and Gifts.

Each of the concourses and satellite terminals has a Seattle's Best Coffee or Starbucks, as well as news and gift shops. You can grab a massage at the Massage Bar in concourses C and D, and in the North Satellite. Restaurants and bar/lounges include Glacier River Café and Klawhawa Lounge in concourse B, the Emerald City Lounge and C.J. Borg's Microbrew in concourse C, Jonathon's (cocktails/food) in concourse D, the Edge Sports Bar in the North Satellite, and Udon Station in the South Satellite. A variety of fast food and snack eateries also are located throughout the airport.

AIRPORT MAP



DOMESTIC AIRLINES

Airlines	Concourse
Alaska Airlines	C, D, and South Satellite
America West Airlines	B
American Airlines	C, South Satellite
ATA	South Satellite
Big Sky	C
Continental Airlines	B
Delta Air Lines	B

Frontier Airlines	South Satellite
Hawaiian Airlines	South Satellite
Horizon Air	C, D, North, South Satellite
JetBlue Airways	B
Northwest Airlines	South Satellite
Skywest Airlines	North Satellite
Southwest Airlines	B
Sun Country Airlines	B
United Airlines	North Satellite
US Airways	South Satellite

INTERNET ACCESS

High-speed wireless Internet access is available throughout the entire airport, provided by Wayport.

BUSINESS SERVICES**Laptop Lane**

North Satellite (adjacent to gate N9)

☎206.835.4640 📠206.835.4650

Services include private workstations with computers, unlimited Internet access, unlimited phone calls (local and domestic long distance), printing, copying, and faxing. Also provides travel items, such as power adapters, cases, CD players, MP3 players, headphones, batteries, and so on. Workstation rates are \$5 for the first 5 minutes, and \$.60 per minute thereafter.

AIRLINE LOUNGES**Alaska Airlines Board Room**

Concourse D (near gate D1) ☎206.392.9490

🕒5:30 a.m.–9 p.m. Sunday–Friday; 5:30 a.m.–7 p.m.

Saturday

Services include standard amenities plus self-service fax and a conference room.

American Airlines Admirals Club

Concourse C (mezzanine level, above gate C14)

☎206.433.3984 🕒5 a.m.–12:15 a.m. Sunday–Thursday;

5 a.m.–11:30 p.m. Friday; 5 a.m.–1:45 p.m. Saturday

(Conference room reservations: ☎800.237.7971 ext. 732)

Seating for 100. Standard amenities plus 11 work carrels, laser printer, notary, message services, FedEx, shower facility with wheelchair access, and one conference room.

Continental Airlines President Club

Concourse B (next to gate B9) ☎206.901.5646

🕒5:15 a.m.–12:15 a.m. daily

Standard amenities plus workstations with dial-up Internet access and one conference room (seats 6).

Delta Air Lines Crown Room Club

Concourse B (across from gate B3)

🕒5:30 a.m.–10 p.m. daily

Medium-sized facility with standard amenities plus computer, printers, phones with data ports, business center, quiet zone, and one conference room.

Northwest Airlines WorldClub Lounge

South Satellite (between gates S8 and S9)

☎206.433.3614 🕒5 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday–Friday;

5 a.m.–3 p.m. Saturday

Standard amenities plus data ports with dial-up Internet access, computers, printers, and one conference room (seats 8).

United Airlines Red Carpet Club

North Satellite (transit level) ☎206.433.4347

🕒5:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. daily

Standard amenities plus workstations with dial-up Internet access and two conference rooms (both seat 8).

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

All ground transportation, with the exception of buses, departs from the Ground Transportation Plaza located on the third floor of the parking garage. From baggage claim, follow the signs up one floor, across a sky bridge, and down one floor to the Transportation Plaza.

If you're headed to downtown Seattle, your best bet is either limo/car service or cab; the fares are similar. If you opt for the limo/car service, be forewarned that of the 24 available vehicles, only two are sedans. The rest are stretch limousines.

Rental Cars

Nine rental car companies have information counters in the baggage claim area. Onsite companies have car pick-up and drop-off centers on the first floor of the garage across from the main terminal. Offsite companies run courtesy vans on demand from the Ground Transportation Plaza; their facilities are 5 to 10 minutes away from the airport.

Located at the airport: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Hertz, and National

Located offsite: Advantage, Dollar, Enterprise, and Thrifty

Taxis

STITA, the Sea-Tac International Taxi Association (☎206.246.9999), provides cabs at the Ground Transportation Plaza. The meter rate is \$1.80 flag-drop and \$1.80 per mile. Approximate fare to Downtown Seattle is \$30; to Bellevue, \$35; to Tacoma, \$42; and to Redmond, \$45–\$60.

Limousines

The airport is serviced by STILA, the Sea-Tac International Limo Association (☎ 206.431.5904). Reservations are not required. When you arrive at the airport, dial 55 from any courtesy phone and let them know you're ready to be picked up. Drivers are stationed at the airport and will pick you up at your baggage claim location or at the Ground Transportation Plaza.

STILA has town cars and Limousines (same prices). Rates (for up to four people) are \$30 to Downtown Seattle, \$40 to \$50 to Bellevue, \$45 to \$50 to Tacoma, and \$45 to \$65 to Redmond.

Share-Ride Shuttles

Shuttle Express (☎ 425.981.7000) provides door-to-door share-ride shuttle service to Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, and other Seattle suburbs. (The airport Web site lists additional providers that also serve other locations in the greater Puget Sound area.) Vans pick up at the Ground Transportation Plaza 24/7 on demand. Rates run \$25 to Downtown Seattle, \$16 to \$26 to Bellevue, \$21 to \$28 to Tacoma, and \$42 to Redmond.

Airport Express by Gray Line

(☎ 206.626.6088/800.426.7532) runs to and from major downtown Seattle hotels. Buses pick up at baggage claim of the main terminal, departing twice an hour. Travel time to Downtown is about 20 minutes. The fare is \$8.50.

Public Transportation

Not recommended for most business travelers.

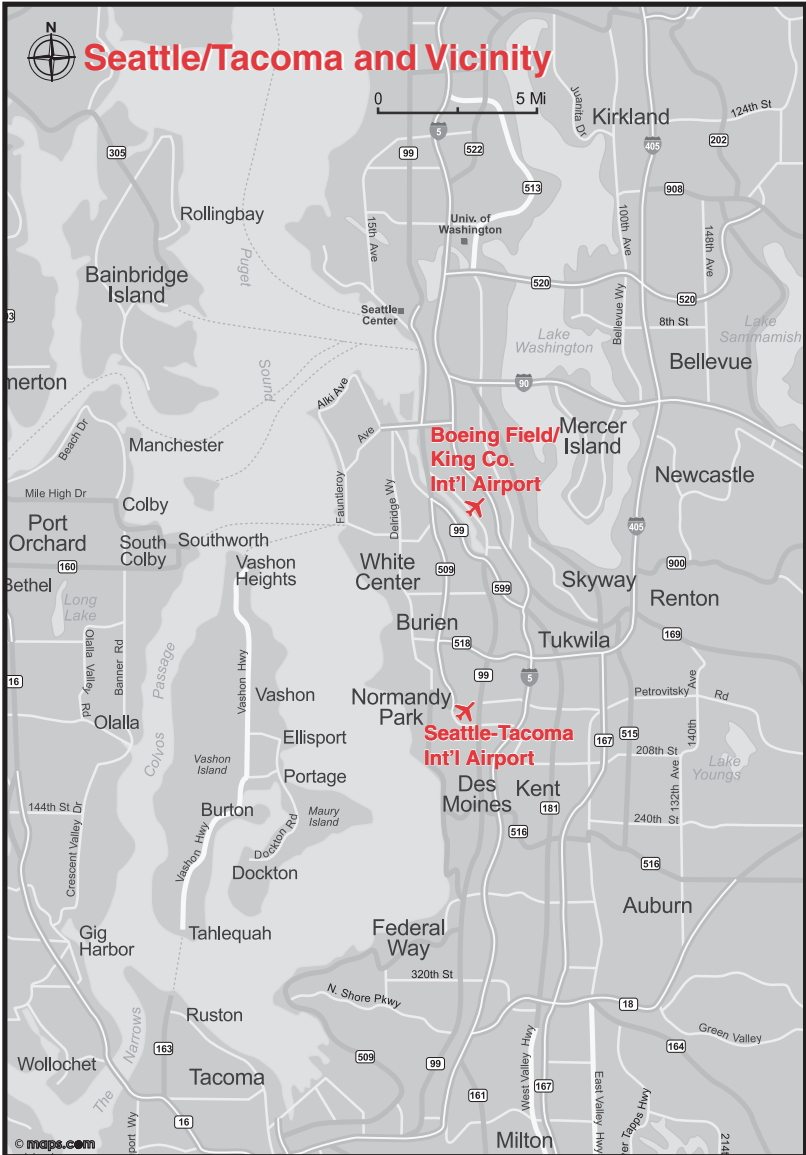
AMTRAK

If you intend to travel between Portland, Oregon; Seattle; or Vancouver, Amtrak is a great option. Trains run 4 to 5 times a day. The trip between Seattle and Portland is about 3 1/2 hours. Round-trip fares are generally about \$75 for coach and \$90 for business class. If you are heading to Vancouver, Amtrak requires all passengers to supply their date of birth and citizenship information to receive a ticket.

Use King Street Station SEA (☎ 303 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104), located in the Pioneer Historic district one block north of Seahawk Stadium. Budget, Hertz, and National have rental car locations near the Station.

GETTING AROUND

METRO SEATTLE





DRIVING, PARKING, AND WALKING

If you are sticking to the Downtown area, you won't need a car. So long as you are not troubled by hills and drizzle, Downtown Seattle is a great place to walk in. Also, Downtown is serviced by free public buses and the monorail, which runs to Seattle Center. Note that police ticket jaywalkers in Seattle.

Within Seattle's Downtown area, most avenues (north/south) are numbered, whereas streets (east/west) have names. Exceptions to this rule are the avenues that run along the bay (Alaskan Way and Western Avenue) and avenues east of Ninth Avenue. Seattle locals use a mnemonic device for navigating the named avenues. Heading north from Jefferson Street, there are two streets for the first letter of each of the following words: "Jesus Christ Made Seattle Under Protest" (that is, Jefferson and James, Columbia and Cherry, and so on).

Navigating Seattle's highways is straightforward. Seattle has four major highways—Interstate 5 (runs north/south past the airport and through downtown), Interstate 405 (runs north/south on the eastside, through Bellevue and Kirkland), Interstate 90 (runs east/west from Downtown, over Lake Washington and into Bellevue), and Highway 520 (runs east/west into Bellevue, about 5 miles north of downtown).

Seattle traffic, although better than in the late 1990s, is still very heavy, both during rush hours and throughout the day. Also, keep in mind that early darkness and rain in the winter can cause afternoon rush hours to extend.

If you are heading over either of the Lake Washington bridges to or from the eastside, listening to local radio stations may help you choose the least crowded bridge. The trip to downtown Bellevue from downtown Seattle takes about 15 minutes (up to 30 minutes during rush hour).

RULES OF THE ROAD

Unless otherwise posted, the speed limits in Washington state are 60 m.p.h. on urban state highways, 50 m.p.h. on county roads, and 25 m.p.h. on city and town streets. However, the speed limit on parts of rural interstate highways may be posted as high as 70 m.p.h.

Headlights must be turned on from a half hour after sunset until a half hour before sunrise. In Washington state, it is illegal to drive or to be a passenger without wearing safety belts. Violations of seat belts laws are a primary offense. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Washington state offers incentives to police agencies for enforcing its seat belts laws, so remember to buckle up.

Also remember to curb your wheels if you park your car on one of Seattle's steep streets.

PARKING

Metered street parking in Downtown Seattle can be challenging to find during the day. Remember to read signs carefully; time limits vary, and there are rush hour restrictions.

Seattle has ample parking lots and garages. Most of the Downtown high-rises have garages. Less-expensive lots are more common to the north and south of the downtown core. Average daily rates run around \$18.

TAXIS

Taxis can be difficult to hail on the street in Seattle, so it's best to call or wait at the taxi stands at major hotels. The flag-drop charge is \$1.80, plus \$1.80 per mile. The fare from downtown Seattle to downtown Bellevue runs about \$30. Call Graytop Cab (☎206.282.8222) or Orange (☎206.522.8800).

RENTAL CARS

State and local taxes on rental cars in Seattle are 18.5%. (This includes sales tax.) The airport concession tax is 11.1%, and the hotel concession tax is 8%.

Most major rental companies have locations in Downtown Seattle. If you are renting Downtown to avoid the 11.1% airport concession tax, remember to find a location that is not at a hotel, or you will pay the 8% hotel concession tax.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Seattle's Metro bus system

(☎800.542.7876/206.553.3000

transit.metrokc.gov) provides free bus service between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Ride Free Area, from the north at Battery Street to S. Jackson Street on the

south, and east at 6th Avenue to the waterfront on the west. The Ride Free Area also includes the Metro Tunnel, which allows buses to drive underneath Downtown Seattle. The tunnel extends from the International District in the south to the Convention Center in the north, with three stops in between.

IN TOWN

WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER

📍 800 Convention Place, Seattle, WA 98101
 ☎ 206.694.5000 🌐 www.wsctc.com

The Washington State Convention and Trade Center is located in the heart of Downtown Seattle, between 7th and 9th Avenues and Pike and Union streets. The Convention Center's unique design takes advantage of unused airspace over the Interstate 5 freeway.

The main entrance of the six-level building opens onto the corner of 7th and Pike. Exhibition halls 4A through F and two registration lobbies are located on level 4, as is the glass and steel arch that connects the original facility (halls 4ABC) to the newly completed expansion to the north (halls 4DEF). The primary meeting rooms and ballrooms are located on level 6, with additional meeting rooms on levels 2, 3, and 4.

The Convention Center operates two public parking facilities. The main garage is located inside the Center, with the entrance on 8th Avenue between Seneca and Pike streets. The Freeway Park Garage is adjacent to the Center at 1300 Hubbell Place (also between Seneca and Pike). A pedestrian concourse connects this garage directly with the Convention Center. Parking rates are incremental, up to \$16 for 24 hours.

The Grand Hyatt Seattle and the Seattle Sheraton Hotel are located next to the Center. Numerous other hotels, including the Westin Seattle, Four Seasons Olympic, Paramount, and W, are all within a few blocks. In all, more than 6,500 first-class hotel rooms are within a five-block walking distance. Taxis can be found at the main entrance or at the Sheraton across the street.

An atrium Galleria, which features retail services and restaurants, is located within the center. Galleria eateries

include Cyber Dogs (a cyber cafe serving vegetarian hot dogs), Johnny's Grill and Ale House, Starbucks, and Taco del Mar (a local favorite). Other dining options within the exhibition halls vary by convention. The Galleria also houses Gold's Gym Health Club (day passes are available), The Massage Bar, and Lotte Beauty Salon, as well as a 24-hour Kinko's (☎ 206.467.1767) and Fastsigns printing and sign making. Concierge service is on level 1.

HOTELS

AIRPORT

Doubletree Guest Suites

Whereas many of the area's executive-friendly hotels reside in the middle of business parks on the edge of civilization, this small, generic property is within walking distance of a major mall and restaurants. It's a popular stop for corporate types, flight crews, and leisure travelers visiting Seattle's outskirts. Accommodations consist of two-room suites featuring sitting areas and work desks, although the microwave perched on the latter doesn't leave much room to work. The real bonuses are the large workout room and the two indoor racquetball courts.

📍 16500 Southcenter Pkwy., Tukwila, WA 98188
 ☎ 206.575.8220

Suites, \$99-\$149 

Hilton Seattle Airport and Conference Center

This property may have started its life as an unassuming airport hotel, but it has since evolved into lodgings that actually border on stylish. The open lobby is large and bright, and a conference center is located in a separate building out back. The 2001 remodel also added 250 new rooms, a steakhouse, and an espresso stand. Standard accommodations have a king or two double beds, a sitting area near the bed, and a desk. High-speed Internet access is available for an additional fee. There is a take-away counter for guests who have early morning flights and want to grab something to eat for the plane ride.

📍 17620 Pacific Hwy. S., Seatac, WA 98188
 ☎ 206.244.4800
 🌐 www.seattleairport.hilton.com

Rooms, \$89-\$169 


Radisson Hotel Seattle Airport

It would be hard to stay any closer to the airport without sleeping at the gate; this hotel is just a quarter-mile from the runways. Although it may not have a lot of ambiance or atmosphere, its location makes it popular with corporate and government travelers, as well as en route globetrotters waiting to catch a flight. The rooms are bright and have two double or queen beds and free high-speed Internet access. Although the property has a business center, the computers are coin-operated.

📍 17001 Pacific Hwy. S., Seatac, WA 98188

☎ 206.244.6000

🌐 www.radisson.com/seattlewa/

Singles and doubles, \$99-\$199 

DOWNTOWN

Camlin Hotel

For a change of pace, try this small, 135-room inn. The lobby's polished floors, high ceiling, and grand piano bespeak a bygone era when the most important "e" word at a hotel was "European," not "email access." Modern it's not. The elevators are creaky, the rugs are worn, and some of the bathroom tiles are cracked, but the rooms are large and less expensive than other hotels in the neighborhood, making it a great value for people who don't need high-speed Internet access and the latest in amenities.

📍 1619 Ninth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101 ☎ 206.682.0100

🌐 www.camlinhotel.com

Singles and doubles, \$90-\$158; suites, \$170-\$310



The Claremont Hotel

Even Seattleites who pass by here every day may not know that this converted 1920s apartment building is in fact a hotel. It's a great alternative to the area's mega-convention center hotels and is popular with Europeans and other travelers who like to be close to the action without being right in the middle of it. The emphasis here is on personal service. The 117 rooms are located on 10 floors, and the spacious rooms feel a bit like home. Standard rooms are bright and have sitting areas, whereas the slightly more expensive junior suites have wet bars and lounge areas.

📍 2000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA 98121 ☎ 206.448.8600

🌐 www.claremonthotel.com

Singles and doubles, \$129; suites, \$149-\$169



Crowne Plaza

This Crowne built its local kingly reputation on its high level of service and a great location. It is rated among the top 10 Crowne Plazas for its responsiveness to guests' needs and is just a four-block walk to the Convention Center. With 415 rooms and more than 30 floors, it's too big to be called a boutique hotel; at the same time, it's not big enough to join the ranks of the hyper-hotels that cater exclusively to the convention crowd. Visiting business folk seem to love it for just these qualities.

📍 1113 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101 ☎ 206.464.1980

🌐 www.crowneplazaseattle.com

Singles and doubles, \$280; suites, \$500 

Four Seasons Hotel Seattle

This Italian Renaissance building was constructed in the 1920s on the site of what had been the University of Washington's first building. Its ornate lobby features 30-foot-tall ceilings, plenty of seating for socializing, and two large curving staircases that open onto elegant meeting rooms. The list of amenities and services is so extensive that it's impossible to do them justice. The 450 bright, elegant, and spacious rooms feature antique furniture, original art, large closets, three phones, and free high-speed Internet access.

📍 411 University St., Seattle, WA 98101

☎ 206.621.1700

🌐 www.fourseasons.com/seattle/

Singles and doubles, \$285-\$395; suites, \$375-\$3,365



Grand Hyatt Seattle

This luxury hotel was designed especially for corporate business travelers and is located right next to the convention center. The guest rooms are bright and spacious, and have lots of great gimmicks including doorbells and "Do Not Disturb" lights that you can turn on before turning in. Feeling lazy in the morning? You can raise the blinds by using a switch near the bed. The bathrooms have a shower and separate bath with an angled spigot that produces a waterfall effect. There is also free high-speed Internet access. Every machine in the workout room has its own flat-screen TV.

📍 721 Pine St., Seattle, WA 98101 📞 206.774.1234

🌐 www.grandseattle.hyatt.com

Singles and doubles, \$179-\$340; suites, \$204-\$590



Hotel Monaco

This hotel is anything but drab. Bright yellows, reds, and blues dominate in the guest rooms, meeting rooms, and lobby, the latter of which has dolphins painted on its ceiling. It caters to a trendy corporate crowd. All of the 189 rooms have standard amenities such as private voice mail, two-line telephones, and high-speed Internet access, as well as not-so-standard perks such as leopard-print bathrobes. The fitness center is open 24 hours daily and shoeshine is complimentary.

📍 1101 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101 📞 206.621.1770

🌐 www.monaco-seattle.com

Singles and doubles, \$242-\$315



Inn at the Market

This boutique hotel is hidden among the beloved shops and restaurants that make up the Pike Place Market. It features good-sized guest rooms, many with views of the market below. There may be only 70 rooms at this intimate inn, but they come in 10 different types. All of the standard rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows and extra-large bathrooms. Water view rooms are larger than those on the city side. Amenities include two-line telephones with data ports and personal voice mail.

📍 86 Pine St., Pike Place Market, Seattle, WA 98101

📞 206.443.3600 🌐 www.innathomarket.com

Singles and doubles, \$185-\$330

Renaissance Madison Hotel

Because this full-service hotel sits on the southernmost edge of downtown, it is often overlooked—but its reliable service and array of standard amenities make it a solid choice for conventioners and business travelers. Not much is distinctive about the exterior of this big gray building, and all of the 553 guest rooms are essentially the same. The notable fitness room has a Brazilian cherry wood floor made of wood leftover from the construction of the deck at the mega-mansion of Microsoft bigwig Bill Gates.

📍 515 Madison St., Seattle, WA 98104 📞 206.583.0300

Singles and doubles, \$240-\$260



Summerfield Suites by Wyndham

This comfortable hotel may be right next to the convention center, but it is often overlooked because it doesn't belong to the larger, better-known chains and isn't quite in downtown proper. Traveling execs don't know what they're missing, beginning with the extra-spacious accommodations. The in-the-know clientele that stays here includes conventioners, business travelers, groups, and occasional tourists. Only 26 of the 193 rooms in this hotel are not two-room suites, and most of the guests prefer the larger accommodations. Each suite has a kitchen and living room-sized sitting area with a fireplace and a desk; the large bedrooms have king or queen beds.

📍 1011 Pike St., Seattle, WA 98101 📞 206.682.8282

Rooms, \$130-\$170



The Warwick Hotel

This full-service Belltown hotel may not have much curb appeal, but the inside is a different story. The establishment is popular with Europeans, who are more familiar with the French-owned hotel chain than Americans are. Most of the 229 rooms have either a king bed with a seating area or two double beds. All have armoires with TVs and floor-to-ceiling windows with small balconies. High-speed Internet access is available for a fee.

📍 401 Lenora St., Seattle, WA 98121 📞 206.443.4300

🌐 www.warwickhotel.com

Singles and doubles, \$109-\$240



The Westin Seattle

This is one of the most popular downtown venues for galas, fundraisers, weddings, and any other kind of upscale event you can imagine. Its expansive meeting/reception spaces and 891 rooms and suites mean there is no occasion too large for this place to cater. A prime location on the edge of Downtown and hip Belltown puts the hotel close to the convention center. After guests make their way past the bustle and find their tower (there is one on each end of the rectangular lobby), they will be pleased by the spacious rooms with city views. The hotel's shape means that no two guest rooms are the same, but all are consistently furnished with the Westin's signature Heavenly Bed and Heavenly Shower.

📍 1900 Fifth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101 📞 206.728.1000

🌐 www.westin.com/seattle/

Singles and doubles, \$149-\$240; suites, \$395-\$2,500



EASTSIDE

Bellevue Club Hotel

This high-end hotel resides in an exclusive club in one of Seattle's tony suburbs. There are only 67 rooms, but the overall property is so large it's easy to get lost on the way to your workout. With the 3 pools, 11 tennis courts, and workout studios it feels more like a big-city athletic club than a glorified gym. It attracts both corporate visitors and high-end leisure travelers. Not only do you have full access to the spa, gymnasium, fitness classes, trainers, and four restaurants, you also get a spacious, elegant room in which to retreat.

📍 11200 SE Sixth St., Bellevue, WA 98004

☎ 425.454.4420 🌐 www.bellevueclub.com

Singles and doubles, \$130-\$295; suites, \$350-\$575



Residence Inn Seattle East/Redmond

There aren't many surprises at this inn—just comfortable studios and suites with everything visitors need to settle in for a long stay. It is located in Redmond Town Center, a complex of buildings that are part outdoor mall, part gathering place. It's not far from Microsoft's world headquarters. The hotel has 180 two-bedroom, two-bathroom suites and 159 studios. The suites have living rooms with sofas that double as pull-out beds, full kitchens, and spacious bedrooms. High-speed Internet access is available for an additional fee. Studios have essentially the same standard amenities, although all in one room. They include a smaller table, smaller sitting area, and a full kitchen without an oven.

📍 7575 164th Ave. NE, Redmond Town Center, Redmond, WA 98052 ☎ 425.497.9226 🌐 www.marriott.com

Studios, \$109-\$189; suites, \$159-\$229

OTHER

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

Sorrento Hotel

This is Seattle's oldest, continuously operating luxury hotel. This intimate 76-room property is popular with high-end execs and celebrities. Standard rooms feature

beds with 400-thread-count linens and seven down pillows whose firmness is dictated by your preferences. Your desk comes equipped with office supplies and a fax/printer/scanner/copier. The Fireside Room features daily high tea and live jazz on the weekends.

📍 900 Madison St., Seattle, WA 98104 ☎ 206.622.6400

Rooms, \$270; suites, \$330-\$608

University Plaza Hotel

This conveniently located, 135-room hotel started its life as the Sherwood Hotel. Were it not for the shades of Sherwood Forest, the hotel would be fairly nondescript. The hotel is located across the street from Interstate 5, and the rooms on that side tend to be noisy, although after a while the sound begins to resemble nothing much more than a continuous hum. A short walk delivers you to the shops of Wallingford in one direction and the University District in the other.

📍 400 NE 45th St., Seattle, WA 98105 ☎ 206.634.0100

🌐 www.universityplazahotel.com

Singles and doubles, \$99-\$139; suites, \$170-\$190



RESTAURANTS

TOP FIVE BUSINESS RESTAURANTS

Although Seattle's frontier past is more recent than distant, the Emerald City has become a real foodie's town. In a region known for superb seafood, local chefs embrace globe-trotting influences, from the Pacific Rim to Continental Europe. The heart of the city, from Pioneer Square to Belltown, is home to the greatest concentration of fine and innovative restaurants, but eclectic neighborhoods and far-reaching suburbs alike lay claim to destination dining to fit any budget.

Canlis (North of Belltown)

Cuisine: Northwest, steakhouse. **Features:** Great wine list, heart-healthy dishes, full bar, private rooms, reservations suggested. **Attire:** Casual. **Open:** Dinner Monday-Saturday.

📍 2576 Aurora Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109

☎ 206.283.3313

El Gaucho (Belltown)

Cuisine: Steakhouse. **Features:** Great wine list, full bar, private rooms, open late, reservations suggested. **Attire:** Dressy. **Open:** Dinner nightly.

📍 2502 First Ave., Seattle, WA 98121 📞 206.728.1337

The Georgian (Downtown)

Cuisine: Northwest. **Features:** Great wine list, heart-healthy dishes, full bar, private rooms, reservations suggested. **Attire:** Ties suggested. **Open:** Breakfast and lunch daily; dinner Monday-Saturday.

📍 Four Seasons Hotel Seattle, 411 University St., Seattle, WA 98101 📞 206.621.7889

Metropolitan Grill (Downtown)

Cuisine: Steakhouse. **Features:** Full bar, private rooms, reservations suggested. **Open:** Lunch Monday-Friday; dinner nightly.

📍 820 Second Ave., Seattle, WA 98104 📞 206.624.3287

The Oceanaire Seafood Room (Downtown)

Cuisine: Seafood. **Features:** Heart-healthy dishes, full bar, reservations suggested. **Attire:** Dressy. **Open:** Lunch Monday-Friday; dinner nightly.

📍 1700 7th Ave., Seattle, WA 98101 📞 206.267.2277

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