

On the Waterfront

The AAO returns to the Pacific Northwest May 18-22 for its annual meeting in Seattle. Here is JCO's yearly preview of restaurants, events, and attractions in the convention city.

Although May is one of Seattle's driest months, rain is always a possibility. Evenings are cool and days mostly pleasant, with an average high of about 65°F.

Transportation

Taxi fare from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to downtown is about \$35-40; a shared van from Shuttle Express costs \$28 each way. Both cabs and shuttles can be found on the third floor of the airport garage. The Gray Line Airport Express bus, which departs from the baggage-claim level, is only \$8.50.

Some rental car companies pick up customers on the first floor of the garage, while others have courtesy vans; check at the appropriate counter in the baggage-claim area. Considering the availability of taxis, AAO shuttle buses, and Metro Transit buses, however, you probably won't need a rental car unless you plan to travel outside the city. Local buses are free in the downtown waterfront area. A monorail runs between the downtown Westlake Station (Fifth Avenue and Pine Street) and the Seattle Center, and a vintage trolley connects the waterfront with Pioneer Square and the Chinatown-International District. Note that the bicycle-riding police are known to issue citations for jaywalking in any area other than Pike Place Market.

Attractions

Pike Place Market, overlooking Elliott Bay just a few blocks from the Convention Center, is one of the most delightful areas of the city. One of the oldest farmer's markets in the country, and celebrating its centennial this year, it's full of fish and produce stands, craft and gift shops, and street musicians. Don't miss Pigs on Parade, a display of more than 150 life-size, decorated fiberglass replicas of the market's piggy-bank symbol, at Western Bridge. Tickets for Seattle Food Tours, sampling



Downtown Seattle and waterfront at night.
(Photo: N. Bratslavsky, Dreamstime.com.)

the wares of either Pike Place or the neighboring Belltown area, can be purchased online at www.seattlefoodtours.com or by phone at (800) 979-3370. There's a visitor information booth at First Avenue and Pike Street.

The Seattle Center is anchored by the city's most famous landmark, the **Space Needle** (observation deck open 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday). The 74-acre park, a remnant of the 1962 World's Fair, contains many other attractions, including Paul Allen's **Experience Music Project**. Designed by Frank Gehry, this quirky museum (closed Mondays) honors local native Jimi Hendrix and the history of pop music. Also in the Seattle Center are the **Children's Museum**, the **Pacific Science Center**, and the **Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame**.

Seattle commemorates its ancient connection to the sea in the annual Maritime Week, beginning May 10 in the waterfront area. If you're in town on May 12, the Tug Boat Races are the high-

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light of the festival. The excellent **Seattle Aquarium** and the **Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center** are both located on the waterfront. Ferries, catamarans, float planes, sightseeing cruises, and charter sailing and fishing boats can all be booked from here. A \$36 Seattle CityPass (\$22 for children) covers one admission each to the aquarium, Argosy Cruises Harbor Tours, the Woodland Park Zoo, the Museum of Flight, and the Pacific Science Center for a nine-day period.

The Center for Wooden Boats, on the city's Lake Union, is a paean to the art of boat building. If you need more speed, the **Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum** is south of Seattle in Kent. A good place to see real maritime traffic is the **Hiram M. Chittenden Locks**, connecting Lakes Union and Washington with Puget Sound; its visitor center, in the Ballard neighborhood, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and tours are available. Settled in the 1850s by Scandinavian fishermen, Ballard is also home to the recently restored **Golden Gardens Park** and the **Nordic Heritage Museum**.

Buildings in the Pioneer Square Historic District, a little south of downtown, date back to the Klondike Gold Rush of the 1890s. **Smith Tower**, which was the tallest building west of the Mississippi when it opened here in 1914, has a 35th-floor observation deck. At the other end of the spectrum, an **Underground Tour** is a good way to get a taste of Seattle's history by exploring its subterranean passages. If you prefer touring in World War II amphibious vehicles, you can **Ride the Ducks** around the city.

The **Seattle Art Museum** opens an expanded downtown branch for its permanent holdings on May 6. The core of its collection, however, is the **Seattle Asian Art Museum**, featuring temporary exhibitions of Chinese paintings and Buddhist art during the convention. The museum also operates a nine-acre Olympic Sculpture Park on the waterfront at Elliott Avenue and Broad Street.

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"Hammering Man" greets visitors to downtown Seattle Art Museum (remaining photos courtesy Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau).

Other significant area museums include the **Bellevue Arts Museum**, the **Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture**, the **Frye Art Museum**, the **Henry Art Gallery** at the University of Washington, the **Klondike Goldrush National Historic Park**, the **Museum of History & Industry**, and the **Rosalie Whyel Museum of Doll Art**.

The **Woodland Park Zoo** celebrates International Migratory Bird Day with a Festival for the Birds from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 19. Or you can watch the artificial variety from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the annual Cascade Warbirds Fly-In at the **Museum of Flight**. Aviation aficionados will also want to take the **Future of Flight & Boeing Tour** at the mammoth Boeing assembly plant, 30 miles north of Seattle.

Other out-of-town highlights are the **Rhododendron Species Foundation Gardens** in Federal Way, south of Seattle, and the **Bloedel Reserve** wildlife sanctuary on Bainbridge Island (advance reservations required), accessed by ferry from the waterfront.

In less than a quarter-century, Washington has become the second most important wine-producing state in the country, next to California. Most of the grapes are grown in the east, near Walla Walla, but there are a few wineries in the local Puget Sound appellation. For information on tours and tastings, check www.winesnw.com.



Produce stalls at Pike Place Market.

Restaurants

Top restaurants in Pike Place Market include the elegant **Campagne** and its bistro offshoot, **Café Campagne**; the hot new **Steelhead Diner**; the wine-friendly **94 Stewart**; and seafood specialists such as **Cutters Bayhouse**, **Etta's Seafood**, and **Matt's in the Market**.

Belltown also abounds in notable establishments, including **Brasa** (Mediterranean), **Cascadia** (Pacific Northwest), **El Gaucho** (steakhouse), **Flying Fish** (seafood), **Lampreia** (international), **Marjorie** (romantic), **Mistral** (French-American), **Palace Kitchen** (Pacific Northwest), **Restaurant Zoë** (American), **Saito's Japanese Café & Bar**, and **Shiro's Sushi**.

Downtown is not lacking in fine cuisine, with restaurants such as **Andaluca** (Mediterranean, in the Mayflower Hotel), **Dahlia Lounge** (Pacific Northwest), **The Georgian** (elegant French-American), **Lola** (Greek), **Metropolitan Grill** (steakhouse), **Oceanaire Seafood Room**, **Union** (eclectic American), and the ever-popular **Wild Ginger** (Pacific Rim).

The fare is mostly Italian in Pioneer Square nowadays, with **Al Boccacino** and **Il Terrazzo Carmine** heading the list. The adjacent Chinatown-International District, as its name would indicate, specializes in Asian restaurants, including **China Gate** and **Malay Satay**.

Ranging a mile or two northeast of downtown



Space Needle and Experience Music Project on Seattle Center grounds.

are several favorites: Capitol Hill's **Crush** (American), **Geneva** (international), **Lark** (small plates), and **Monsoon** (Vietnamese); and Madison Valley's **Harvest Vine** (tapas), **Nishino** (Japanese), and **Rover's** (French). Even farther north, in Green Lake, you'll find two acclaimed Pacific Northwest eateries: **Eva Restaurant & Wine Bar** and **Nell's**.

Outstanding restaurants northwest of the Seattle Center, near Lake Union, include **Boat Street Café** (bistro) in Queen Anne; **Canlis** (Pacific Northwest) and **Daniel's Broiler** (steakhouse) in Lake Union; **La Carta de Oaxaca** (Mexican), **Le Gourmand** (French), **Ray's Boathouse** (Pacific Northwest), and **Volterra** (Tuscan) in Ballard; and **Chiso** (Japanese), **Ponti Seafood Grill**, and **35th Street Bistro** in Fremont.

Performing Arts

The 33rd annual **Seattle International Film Festival**, one of the world's largest, runs May 24-June 17 at the Seattle Center. Also at the Center are the **Seattle Opera**, presenting Giacomo Puccini's *La Bohème*, May 16 and 19; the **Intiman Theatre**, performing Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth*, through June 2; the **Seattle Children's Theatre**, featuring Cheryl L. West's *Addy: An American Girl Story*, through June 10; and the **Seattle International Children's Festival**, with performances by companies from around the world, May 14-19.

Other dramatic productions during the AAO

meeting include Stephen Temperley's *Souvenir*, at **ACT Theatre** (next door to the Convention Center), and *The Who's Tommy*, at the **Village Theatre** in Issaquah. **Teatro ZinZanni** is a three-hour aerial spectacular, like Cirque du Soleil with dinner. For a more conventional dinner-show, try the long-established **Jazz Alley**.

The **Seattle Symphony** features one of America's most stunning sopranos, Renée Fleming, in a special, one-time performance on May 17. In the reverberant **St. James Cathedral**, which celebrates its centennial this year, the Medieval Women's Choir presents *River of Red*, with music by Hildegard of Bingen, on May 19.

Galleries and Shopping

Seattle is the most important center for glass art in the United States, thanks to the work of Dale Chihuly and his disciples. The focus of activity is the **Pilchuck Glass School** in Stanwood, an hour's drive north of the city; tours are available May 15-22 for groups of at least 10 people. Prominent glassblowing studios in the city include **Art by Fire**, **Glasshouse Studio**, and the **Seattle Glassblowing Studio** (with an attached restaurant and espresso bar).

Seattle is also noted for its gallery scene, centered around Pike Place Market and Pioneer Square. The more interesting locations include **Carolyn Staley Fine Japanese Prints**, **Flury and Company** (Edward S. Curtis photographs of Native Americans), **Kobo** (Japanese and Northwest art), **The Legacy Ltd.** (Northwest Native art), **Northwest Fine Woodworking**, and a number of outlets for regional contemporary artists: **Gallery IMA**, **Gallery Mack**, **Lisa Harris Gallery**, **Patricia Rovzar Gallery**, **Stonington Gallery**, and **Woodside/Braseth Gallery**.

The major high-end shopping malls in the downtown area are **Pacific Place**, **Rainier Square**, and **Westlake Center**.

Sports and Recreation

Safeco Field, on the waterfront south of downtown, opened in 1999 as the home of the



City, lake, and mountain views enhance two 18-hole courses at Newcastle.

Seattle Mariners. The Los Angeles Angels visit May 16-18, followed by the San Diego Padres May 19-21. The WNBA's **Seattle Storm** play host to Houston on May 19 and Phoenix on May 23. Soccer fans can watch the **Seattle Sounders** take on the Rochester Raging Rhinos on May 18.

The top public golf club in Washington is **Gold Mountain**, with its spectacular Olympic Course and complementary Cascade Course. Take the Bremerton Ferry across Puget Sound to reach Gold Mountain or another highly rated layout, **McCormick Woods**. On the Seattle side of the water, the most acclaimed courses are **Avalon** in Burlington, **Classic Country Club** in Spanaway, the **Golf Club at Newcastle**, **Harbour Pointe** in Mukilteo, **Kayak Point** in Stanwood, **Lake Spanaway** in Tacoma, **Snohomish Golf Course**, **Trilogy at Redmond Ridge**, and **Washington National** at the University of Washington.

Outdoor enthusiasts can rent kayaks or canoes only minutes from downtown at the **Northwest Outdoor Center** on Lake Union. To reach kayaker's heaven, however, you should drive 80 miles north of Seattle to the San Juan Islands, where you can also arrange nature tours and whale watching through **San Juan Safaris**. Northwest of Seattle, opposite Vancouver, B.C., is the rugged Olympic Peninsula, renowned for its hiking, cycling, fishing, and boating. May is the peak season for fly fishing, and the best in the state can be found along the Yakima River, about a two-hour drive southeast of Seattle; for fishing packages with expert guides, contact **Red's Fly Shop**.

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Attractions

Attractions	Address*	Phone**
Bellevue Arts Museum	510 Bellevue Way N.E., Bellevue	(425) 519-0770
Bloedel Reserve	7571 N.E. Dolphin Drive, Bainbridge Island	842-7631
Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture	44th St. N.E. & 17th Ave. N.E.	543-5590
Center for Wooden Boats	1010 Valley St.	382-2628
Children's Museum	305 Harrison St.	441-1768
Experience Music Project	325 Fifth Ave. N.	EMP-LIVE
Frye Art Museum	704 Terry Ave.	622-9250
Future of Flight & Boeing Tour	8415 Paine Field Blvd., Mukilteo	(425) 438-8100
Golden Gardens Park	8498 Seaview Place N.W.	684-4075
Henry Art Gallery	15th Ave. N.E. & N.E. 41st St.	543-2280
Hiram M. Chittenden Locks	3015 N.W. 54th St.	783-7059
Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum	5917 S. 196th St., Kent	764-9453
Klondike Goldrush National Historic Park	117 S. Main St.	553-7220
Museum of Flight	9404 E. Marginal Way S.	764-5720
Museum of History & Industry	2700 24th Ave. E.	324-1126
Nordic Heritage Museum	3014 N.W. 67th St.	789-5707
Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center	Pier 66	374-4000
Pacific Science Center	200 Second Ave. N.	443-2001
Pike Place Market	First Ave. & Pike St.	682-7453
Rhododendron Species Foundation Gardens	2525 S. 336th St., Federal Way	(253) 838-4646
Ride the Ducks	516 Broad St.	441-DUCK
Rosalie Whyel Museum of Doll Art	1116 108th Ave. N.E., Bellevue	(425) 455-1116
Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame	325 Fifth Ave. N.	724-3428
Seattle Aquarium	Pier 59	386-4320
Seattle Art Museum	100 University St.	654-3100
Seattle Asian Art Museum	1400 E. Prospect St.	654-3100
Smith Tower	506 Second Ave.	622-4004
Space Needle	219 Fourth Ave. N.	905-2100
Underground Tour	608 First Ave.	682-4646
Woodland Park Zoo	5500 Phinney Ave. N.	684-4800

Restaurants

Al Boccalino	1 Yesler Way	622-7688
Andaluca	407 Olive Way	382-6999
Boat Street Café	3131 Western Ave.	632-4602
Brasa	2107 Third Ave.	728-4220
Café Campagne	1600 Post Alley	728-2233

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Restaurants	Address	Phone
Campagne	86 Pine St.	728-2800
Canlis	2576 Aurora Ave. N.	283-3313
Cascadia	2328 First Ave.	448-8884
China Gate	516 Seventh Ave. S.	624-1730
Chiso	3520 Fremont Ave. N.	632-3430
Crush	2319 E. Madison St.	302-7874
Cutters Bayhouse	2001 Western Ave.	448-4884
Dahlia Lounge	2001 Fourth Ave.	682-4142
Daniel's Broiler	901 Fairview Ave. N.	621-8262
El Gaucho	2505 First Ave.	728-1337
Etta's Seafood	2020 Western Ave.	443-6000
Eva Restaurant & Wine Bar	2227 N. 56th St.	633-3538
Flying Fish	2234 First Ave.	728-8595
Geneva	1106 Eighth Ave.	624-2222
The Georgian	411 University St.	621-7889
Harvest Vine	2701 E. Madison St.	320-9771
Il Terrazzo Carmine	411 First Ave.	467-7797
La Carta de Oaxaca	5431 Ballard Ave. N.W.	782-8722
Lampreia	2400 First Ave.	443-3301
Lark	926 12th Ave.	323-5275
Le Gourmand	425 N.W. Market St.	784-3463
Lola	2000 Fourth Ave.	441-1430
Malay Satay	212 12th Ave. S.	324-4091
Marjorie	2331 Second Ave.	441-9842
Matt's in the Market	94 Pike St.	467-7909
Metropolitan Grill	820 Second Ave.	624-3287
Mistral	113 Blanchard St.	770-7799
Monsoon	615 19th Ave. E.	325-2111
Nell's	6804 E. Green Lake Way N.	524-4044
94 Stewart	94 Stewart St.	441-5505
Nishino	3130 E. Madison St.	322-5800
Oceanaire Seafood Room	1700 Seventh Ave.	267-2277
Palace Kitchen	2030 Fifth Ave.	448-2001
Ponti Seafood Grill	3014 Third Ave. N.	284-3000
Ray's Boathouse	6049 Seaview Ave. N.W.	789-3770
Restaurant Zoë	2137 Second Ave.	256-2060
Rover's	2808 E. Madison St.	325-7442
Saito's Japanese Café & Bar	2122 Second Ave.	728-1333
Shiro's Sushi	2401 Second Ave.	443-9844
Steelhead Diner	94 Pine St.	625-0129
35th Street Bistro	709 N. 35th St.	547-9850
Union	1400 First Ave.	838-8000
Volterra	5411 Ballard Ave. N.W.	789-5100
Wild Ginger	1401 Third Ave.	623-4450

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Performing Arts

	Address	Phone
ACT Theatre	Kreielsheimer Place, 700 Union St.	292-7676
Intiman Theatre	201 Mercer St.	269-1900
Jazz Alley	2033 Sixth Ave.	441-9729
St. James Cathedral	804 Ninth Ave.	264-4822
Seattle Children's Theatre	Charlotte Martin Theatre, 201 Thomas St.	441-3322
Seattle International Children's Festival	305 Harrison St.	684-7338
Seattle International Film Festival	McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer St.	324-9996
Seattle Opera	McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer St.	389-7676
Seattle Symphony	Benaroya Hall, 200 University St.	215-4747
Teatro ZinZanni	2301 Sixth Ave.	802-0015
Village Theatre	303 Front St. N., Issaquah	(425) 392-2202

Galleries and Shopping

Art by Fire	5465 Leary Ave. N.W.	789-1490
Carolyn Staley Fine Japanese Prints	2001 Western Ave.	621-1888
Flury and Company	322 First Ave. S.	587-0260
Gallery IMA	123 S. Jackson St.	625-0055
Gallery Mack	2003 Western Ave.	448-1616
Glasshouse Studio	311 Occidental Ave. S.	682-9939
Kobo	814 E. Roy St.	726-0704
The Legacy Ltd.	1003 First Ave.	624-6350
Lisa Harris Gallery	1922 Pike Place	443-3315
Northwest Fine Woodworking	101 S. Jackson St.	625-0542
Pacific Place	Sixth Ave. & Pine St.	405-2655
Patricia Rovzar Gallery	1225 Second Ave.	223-0273
Pilchuck Glass School	1201 316th St. N.W., Stanwood	(360) 445-3111
Rainier Square	Fifth Ave. between Union & University	628-5050
Seattle Glassblowing Studio	2227 Fifth Ave.	448-2181
Stonington Gallery	119 S. Jackson St.	405-4040
Westlake Center	400 Pine St.	467-1600
Woodside/Braseth Gallery	2101 Ninth Ave.	622-7243

Sports and Recreation

Avalon Golf Club	1717 Kelleher Road, Burlington	(800) 624-0202
Classic Country Club	4908 208th St. E., Spanaway	(800) 924-9557
Gold Mountain	7263 W. Belfair Valley Road, Bremerton	(360) 415-5432
Golf Club at Newcastle	15500 Six Penny Lane, Newcastle	(425) 793-5566
Harbour Pointe Golf Club	11817 Harbour Pointe Blvd., Mukilteo	(800) 233-3128
Kayak Point Golf Course	15711 Marine Drive, Stanwood	(800) 562-3094
Lake Spanaway Golf Course	15602 Pacific Ave., Tacoma	531-3660
McCormick Woods	5155 McCormick Woods Drive S.W., Port Orchard	(800) 373-0130
Northwest Outdoor Center	2100 Westlake Ave. N.	281-9694
Red's Fly Shop	Yakima River, Ellensburg	(509) 929-1802
San Juan Safaris	San Juan Island	(800) 450-6858
Seattle Mariners (Safeco Field)	First Ave. S. & Edgar Martinez Drive S.	346-4001
Seattle Sounders (Qwest Field)	800 Occidental Ave. S.	628-0888
Seattle Storm (Key Arena)	100 Harrison St.	217-WNBA
Snohomish Golf Course	7806 147th Ave. S.E., Snohomish Drive	568-2676
Trilogy at Redmond Ridge	11825 Trilogy Parkway N.E., Redmond	(425) 836-1510
Washington National Golf Club	14330 S.E. Husky Way, Auburn	(253) 333-5000