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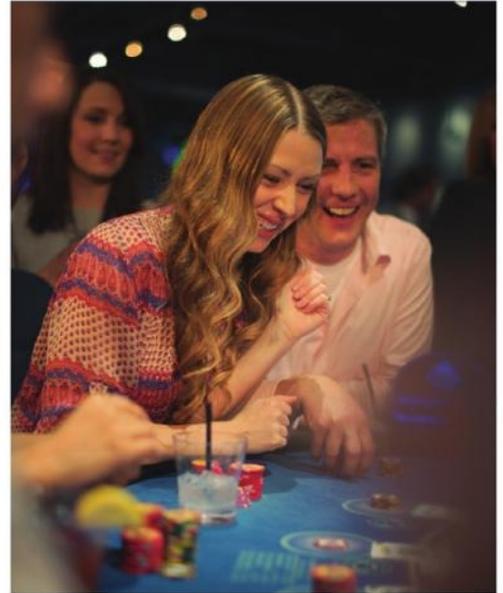
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*our customers. He shares his perspective below. —Brad Tilden*

At Alaska, we have always been focused on our customers. And we're committed to getting even better at serving you. In fact, it's imperative for us. To support this focus, we recently realigned our teams so that we have a clearer line of sight to ensure all our commercial actions are viewed through the lens of you, our customer.

For many of us, our trip begins, ends or passes through Seattle. As the Seattle region's hometown airline, we are very proud of our ties to this area. With half of our 13,000 employees calling the Puget Sound area home, as well as a majority of our customers, it makes sense that we are investing in the region. This comes through efforts to enhance the customer experience, by adding more flights to more destinations from Seattle, and by investing in efforts to improve our local community. (You'll find several features on the Emerald City following page 24.)

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PORTLAND, OR

# A Bloomin' Good Time

The Portland Rose Festival is an annual feast for the senses



The 108th-annual Portland Rose Festival, an extravaganza that includes concerts, fireworks displays, parades and a carnival, will be held May 22 to June 7, 2015. Alaska Airlines is a premier sponsor for this year's festival, which has the theme a "Bloomin' Good Time." The festivities kick off with the **Opening Night Fireworks** display at Tom McCall Waterfront Park in downtown Portland on May 22.

A series of parades also are among the event's highlights, including the Starlight Parade on the evening of May 30, in which floats and marchers are illuminated as they travel through downtown Portland. One of the signature events of the festival is the **Grand Floral Parade** on June 6, which is scheduled to include 15 flower-decorated floats, 17 marching bands, 19 equestrian units and much more. Other events include the 127th-annual



Above: the 2014 Rose Festival Court float. Left: The parrot captain from Alaska Airlines' award-winning "Connor's Quest" float in 2014.

Spring Rose Show, the Milk Carton Boat Race, and the Rose Cup Races—which is the oldest amateur road-racing event west of the Mississippi River. Portland's Tom McCall Waterfront Park will be a center of activity throughout the festival as the home of **CityFair**—an outdoor entertainment venue with various attractions, amusement rides for the whole family and an array of food stalls.

CityFair also features the RoZone concert series, boasting two stages and a lineup that includes country superstars Big & Rich, hip-hop artist Sir Mix-a-Lot and the five-member ensemble Walk off the Earth. Contact: 503-227-2681; [rosefestival.org](http://rosefestival.org). —Jeff Bond

## Additional Portland-area attractions



**The 13th-annual Filmed By Bike Festival:** Showcasing about 40 features, short films and documentaries about all aspects of cycling, May 22–24. The festival opens with the New Belgium Street Party ([filmedbybike.org](http://filmedbybike.org)).

**The PDX Beer Week:** Celebrating Portland's nearly 60 craft breweries, June 11–21 ([pdxbeerweek.com](http://pdxbeerweek.com)).



**The 31st Festival of Balloons in Tigard:** More than a dozen hot-air balloons are expected at Cook Park, June 26–28. The balloons launch in the early morning and then return for the Northwest Natural Night Glow display. Attendees can enjoy attractions, food and music ([tigardballoon.org](http://tigardballoon.org)).

**Waterfront Blues Festival:** More than 125 blues acts, including Buddy Guy and Gregg Allman, will perform at Tom McCall Waterfront Park, July 2–5 ([waterfrontbluesfest.com](http://waterfrontbluesfest.com)).





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## The World of Merlot

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“The World of Merlot” will also spotlight Walla Walla winemakers and their various wines through events such as the Vintage Pour at Dunham Cellars, the Merlot Wine Tasting & Dinner at Whitman College and the Winemaker Dinner Series.



In addition, internationally renowned wine critic Stephen Tanzer and master sommelier Fred Dame, the first American to serve as

president of the Court of Master Sommeliers Worldwide, will speak on June 19 at the Gesa Power House Theatre. Contact: 509-526-3117; celebratewallawalla.square-space.com. —Sophia Lizardi

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▲ **Get a sense of life during the Renaissance**, including observing a jousting tournament, at the **Montana Renaissance Festival**, June 6-7 at ZooMontana in Billings.

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**Savor Idaho**—a premier wine-and-food event taking place at the Idaho Botanical Garden in Boise June 14—will feature wines from nearly 30 local wineries. Attendees can also stroll the 11 different specialty gardens located

in the unique setting ([savoridaho.org](http://savoridaho.org)).

▼ Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the **Vancouver International Jazz Festival**, in British Columbia, June 18-July 1, features more than 300 jazz and blues concerts at various locations around the city ([coastaljazz.ca](http://coastaljazz.ca)).



VANCOUVER INTL. JAZZ FEST.

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HELENA, MT

## Feathered friends

Bird lovers will be flocking to Helena for Montana Audubon’s “Wings Across the Big Sky” event, June 5-7. It will include field trips such as canoe trips on the Missouri River and hikes in the Helena area, allowing attendees to search for such resident birds as the mountain



bluebird (pictured here), red-tailed hawk, woodpecker and the state bird, the western meadowlark. Participants can also tour the historic town of Helena and visit the **Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts**. Author and naturalist Scott Weidensaul is the event’s keynote speaker, talking on the migratory habits of birds and also about his research on the snowy owl and saw-whet owl. Vince Yannone, known for his educational wildlife programs in Montana, will lead discussions on birds and other native wildlife. Contact:

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SPALDING, ID

## Exploring Nez Perce Heritage

Multistate park celebrates golden anniversary

In Nez Perce country, the landscape tells stories, notes the Nez Perce National Historical Park, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. For instance, at a site east of Lewiston, Idaho, Coyote successfully battled a monster whose heart was turned into a 30-foot mound.

The **Heart of the Monster** site is one of 38 locations in four states—Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington—that compose the Nez Perce National Historical Park, which features the tribe's history and culture. Other notable sites include:

**Buffalo Eddy**, Washington, about 20 miles south of Lewiston, has Nez Perce petroglyphs that are thousands of years old. Northern Idaho's **Weippe Prairie camas meadows** is where food harvested by the tribe helped feed a starving Lewis & Clark Expedition in 1805. And the **Bear Paw Battlefield**, about 150 miles northeast of Great Falls, Montana, is the site



COURTESY: NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK (2)

Above: Weippe Prairie camas meadows.

Left: A beaded bag from the museum collection at the Nez Perce National Historical Park.



of the last battle fought between the U.S. government and the Nez Perce during the 1877 war.

A special **50th-anniversary celebration**, May 15-16, will be held at the park's main visitor center in Spalding, Idaho, east of Lewiston. The celebration will include an Appaloosa horse parade, powwow dancers and drummers, and a teepee-setup race ([nps.gov/nepe](http://nps.gov/nepe)). —Katy Wong

OREGON STATE

May is **Oregon Wine Month**, with wineries, retailers and restaurants celebrating the state's famed wines. Special events, contests and promotions will encourage people to try new vintages, visit local vineyards and explore the state's wine country ([oregonwinemonth.org](http://oregonwinemonth.org)).



SUN VALLEY, ID

**Elizabeth Gilbert**, the author of the best-selling memoir *Eat, Pray, Love*, will be the keynote speaker at the

Sun Valley Wellness Festival, May 22-25. Gilbert, whose speech is titled *Big Magic: Thoughts on Creative Living*, will be among the wellness experts giving presentations and workshops addressing aspects of body, mind and spiritual wellness ([sunvalleywellness.com](http://sunvalleywellness.com)).

SUN VALLEY WELLNESS FESTIVAL

RENO, NV

Motorcycle riders from across the country will meet in Reno for the **Street Vibrations Spring Rally**, June 5-7.

The event, which is open to the public, includes motorcycle competitions, shows, live entertainment, and plenty of amazing choppers ([roadshowsreno.com/sv\\_spring.php](http://roadshowsreno.com/sv_spring.php)).

OCEAN PARK, WA

Celebrate the power of garlic at the 34th-annual **Garlic Festival**, June 20-21, in the coastal community of Ocean Park on the Long Beach Peninsula, about 120 miles northwest of Portland. The event will include specialty food and craft vendors offering garlic-related items such as garlic soap and garlic-themed clothing and jewelry ([opwa.com/html/garlic\\_fest.html](http://opwa.com/html/garlic_fest.html)).

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EUGENE, OR

## Track-and-field elite

France's Renaud Lavillenie, a gold medalist at the London Olympics who set a new pole vault world record (6.16 meters) this year, will be among the 240 athletes from 40 countries participating in the 41st Prefontaine Classic, May 29-30.



MARY JANE SCHULTE

Other athletes competing at the meet, taking place at the University of Oregon's Hayward Field in Eugene, include U.S. long jumper Brittney Reese, a 2012 Olympic gold medalist and five-time world champion; U.S. shot-putter Reese Hoffa (pictured above), also a 2012 Olympic gold medalist; and Kenya's Jairus Birech, widely considered one of the top steeplechasers in the world.

The longest-running outdoor invitational track-and-field meet in the U.S., the Prefontaine Classic is named for legendary Oregon runner Steve Prefontaine, who, in the 1970s, held the American record in seven different track distances ([prefontaine.runnerspace.com](http://prefontaine.runnerspace.com)).

—Sophia Lizardi

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## AT AGE 61 I'M JUST BEGINNING

I had been going to a naturopath and started HRT a few years ago. It worked for me, until my naturopath informed me that I'd been on HRT too long and my health risk was increasing with use. She set me up on an unsuccessful regimen to wean me off and I finally gave up.

A year later (after suffering night sweats from fear rather than hot flashes), I was informed that the new information on the medical scene indicated bio-identical hormones (unlike bio-similar) were perfectly safe and may even have many health benefits. She suggested I do some homework and make a decision for myself.

The Anti-Aging program had recently opened at PRO Sports Club. I had already been through the 20/10 weight loss program and respected the club's professional approach to health. I took some friends and went to the Anti-Aging introductory seminar. I wondered what the program might have to offer that my naturopath wasn't already providing. After some more research, I decided to work with Anti-Aging expert Dr. Joe Upton.

I was so glad that I chose the Anti-Aging program. Using a combination of natural herbs and bio-identical hormones tailored to my needs, I was soon on a healthy path.

But it didn't stop there. The Anti-Aging program included state-of-the-art testing of my cardiovascular system, bone density, the health of my skin, and much more. The results helped me make improvements in my exercise plan, skincare regimen, and select supplements most beneficial for my health. There is a synergy of good health that explodes with an approach like this.

While some of my friends are talking about winding down their lifestyle, at age 61, I feel like I'm just beginning. With a new career as an author and speaker (Define Your Life – Design Your Home), I have the energy and stamina to keep up with my dreams.

I'm a firm believer that excellent health makes everything in life more enjoyable. The Anti-Aging program at PRO Sports Club has been an excellent partner in my pursuit of healthy living.

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SACRAMENTO, CA

## 'David Ligare: California Classicist'

Neoclassical images are reimagined with a modern twist

Classical Greek myths and themes are portrayed with modern California landscapes, particularly the Monterey County region, in paintings by California artist David Ligare, whose work has been exhibited in museums and galleries around the United States and Western Europe.

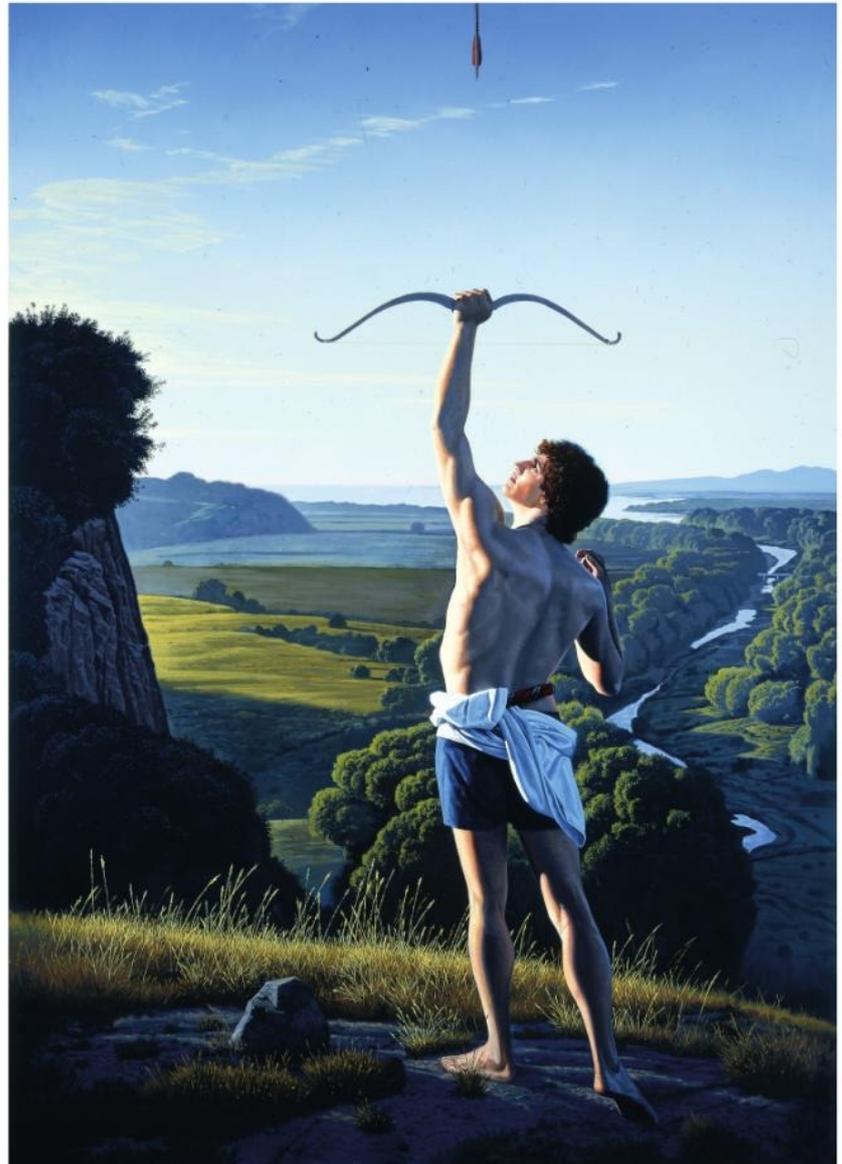
For instance, *Landscape with an Archer*, an oil on canvas, features an archer—a favorite character in Greek mythology—overlooking trees, fields and a river in Monterey County's Salinas area.

"Ligare's archer is both classical and Californian," says Scott A. Shields, associate director and chief curator of the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento, which will be exhibiting approximately 80 of Ligare's works—including still lifes, figurative and architectural paintings, and landscapes—June 7 through September 20. "Standing on the bluffs above the Salinas River, the archer wears shorts; his shirt is tied around his waist with a necktie. His arrow, aimed into the sky at an undefined target, analogizes the uncertainties of the artistic process."

Another painting, the oil-on-canvas *Penelope*, depicts the wife of Odysseus, hero of Homer's classic story *The Odyssey*, sitting pensively by a body of water that could be the Pacific Ocean or the Ionian Sea—the setting is meant to be timeless and universal—during her long and faithful wait for her husband's return.

Ligare, who was born in Oak Park, Illinois, and grew up in Manhattan Beach, California, now lives in Monterey County. He says his Neoclassical style has been inspired by reading and visiting museums around the world. He strives to connect the modern and classical world and emphasizes the enduring power of themes that transcend time, yet are often set within specific settings found in California.

Contact: 916-808-7000; crocker-artmuseum.org. —Katy Wong



David Ligare's *Landscape with an Archer* (above) and *Penelope* (left).



**2nd** Randy Harris  
Medina, Washington

A brown bear fishing for salmon spins a whorl of spray in the Brooks River, in Alaska's Katmai National Park & Preserve.

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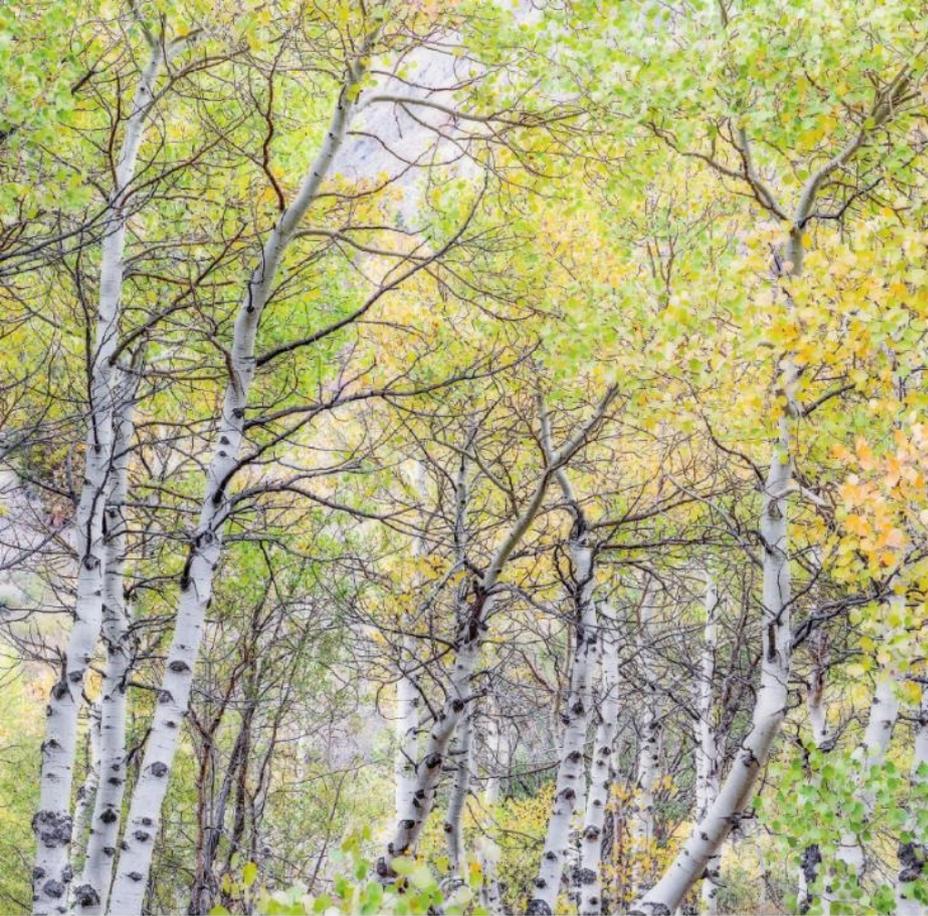
# SHOWCASE 2015

**Congratulations** to the prizewinners and finalists in our 23rd-annual *Alaska Beyond* and *Horizon Edition Magazines* Photo Contest. Our art directors, editors and staff reviewed more than 2,500 entries to reach our selection of 10 finalists, which range from the remote rivers and bays of Alaska to the shores of Hawai'i and our national parks. This year's entrants explore the Alaska Airlines route system in ways that inspire travel and celebrate the joys of discovery.

**1<sup>st</sup>** Carey Case  
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A young girl puddle jumps between icebergs at LeConte Bay, near Petersburg.

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**Jeffrey Conley**  
Corvallis, Oregon

Aspen trees glow in the soft light of autumn near Mammoth Lakes, California.

**Khanh Tran**  
Portland, Oregon

A Bohemian waxwing blends in with the lichen growing on a branch in Chesaw, Washington.



**Mark Warner**  
Roseville, California

A humpback whale breaches off the coast of Lahaina, Maui.



**Leon Werdinger**  
Joseph, Oregon

A pair of sea lions share a dock for a nap in Newport, Oregon.

# SHOWCASE

## 2015

FINALISTS



**Sheryl Loesch**  
Winter Garden, Florida  
Driftwood shines under twilight skies on Maui.



**Jim Peña**  
Rathdrum, Idaho

A mountain bluebird sings a summer song in Yellowstone National Park.



**Garrett Crispell**  
Anchorage, Alaska

A totem in Ketchikan, Alaska, shows the effects of time and weather.

# Sonoma County Variety

## Wildlife watching to wine-tasting

By Matt Villano

**The natives are getting restless.** From my perch on a picnic table along the Bodega Head peninsula's bluff trail, as I pop open Tupperware to access my sandwich, I can see them to the south—rotund shapes flapping around on a surf-splashed rock, jawing like a bunch of kids at recess. Loud, guttural barks echo from the Pacific Ocean.

Maybe I'm eavesdropping on a territorial dispute. Perhaps it is a heads-up about a great white shark. Whatever the group of California sea lions is discussing, a few of them are not pleased, and I can hear the disgruntlement a half-mile away. Not that I mind the cacophony; on the contrary, this sort of experience is exactly why I am hiking here in the first place. Of all the spots in Northern California to watch wildlife, this 3-mile trail is my favorite. On any given day from "The Head," as we locals call it, I might see whales, dolphins, sea birds and pinnipeds in the Pacific panorama.

The view from this promontory, located about 25 miles southwest of Santa Rosa, is one of the quintessential attractions in Sonoma County, which along with neighbors such as Napa, Lake, Mendocino and Marin counties offers a spectacular region with activities such as wine-tasting, bicycling, golfing, river run-





Left: Mauritsen Wines' vineyards blanket a hillside near Healdsburg. This page: The Bodega Head area is known for its rugged and pristine beauty.

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ning, fishing, scuba diving, horseback riding, farm touring and hot-air ballooning. The area's variety delights residents and attracts visitors from across the globe. High on my own list of leisure pursuits are exploring Bodega Head, sampling outstanding wines and hiking scenic trails, including routes from easily accessible green spaces such as Jack London State Historic Park.

## Bodega Head

Glance at any map and you'll understand what makes Bodega Head such a great place to watch wildlife: The bluff juts out from the mainland farther than just about any stretch of the Sonoma County coastline, and has two rises—both with unobstructed views of the Pacific Ocean.

I first discovered the wonders of Bodega Head by accident. It was the spring of 1998, and I was visiting the Sonoma Coast on a weekend getaway from another part of California. I've always been interested in whales, and on this particular trip, I was carrying a marine radio to listen to chatter for news of sightings. Just north of the town of Bodega Bay, I heard a skipper blurt the magic words: "WHALE SPOUT, STARBOARD BOW."

I turned west—toward the ocean—at the first intersection I saw. Less than 4 miles later, I was on Bodega Head. I didn't even have to get out of my rental car to see the blows. They rose like tiny geysers from the surface of the water, no more than a half-mile out to sea. Every now and again, I spotted a big blow a few feet behind more frequent little ones. That sort of pattern in springtime in this part of the world meant only one thing: a mother-and-calf pair of gray whales.

Since that first experience, I've visited Bodega Head more than a dozen times, and I've spotted wildlife on



every occasion. Some trips, I've seen pelagic birds: petrels, pelicans and the occasional double-crested cormorants on a rock, their wings unfurled to air-dry. Other trips, I've spotted gray whales, pods of bottlenose dolphins and noisy pinnipeds. Farther inland on The Head, I've come across egrets and black-tailed deer.

Optimal sighting seasons vary by species, but the best time to see gray whales is in the spring—approximately March through June—when moms migrate close to shore, with babies in tow, from the lagoons of Baja California to the Gulf of Alaska, notes the Bodega Bay Area Chamber of Commerce ([visitbodegabayca.com](http://visitbodegabayca.com)). The whales typically migrate farther offshore on their way back to Baja in November and December, but still can frequently be seen. Dolphins, sea lions, seals and deer are around all the time; you just have to get lucky.

There are two options for wildlife watching on The Head. The first, the North Trail, is an easy 1.1-mile out-and-back that leads from a parking lot-accessible trailhead to a perch overlooking Horseshoe Cove. The second, the South Trail, is a moderately difficult 1.8-mile loop around

Clockwise from upper left: Some of the wildlife that can be seen in Sonoma County includes gray whales, brown pelicans and snowy egrets.

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## More Sonoma Recreation

■ Many of the county's best hiking trails can be found in **Armstrong Redwoods**



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**State Natural Reserve** ([parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=450](http://parks.ca.gov/?page_id=450)), outside of Guerneville.

■ The 8-mile stretch of the **Russian River** between Healdsburg and Forestville offers some of the best paddling in the county. Rent an inflatable canoe from Russian River Adventures ([russianriveradventures.com](http://russianriveradventures.com)).

■ Use the **Sonoma County Farm Trails** database ([farmtrails.org](http://farmtrails.org)) to plan agri-



The Russian River.

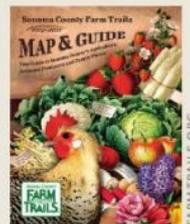
■ Rent a motorboat, canoe or kayak from the marina at **Lake Sonoma** ([lake-sonoma.com](http://lake-sonoma.com)), outside of Cloverdale. Also stop by the visitor center and fish hatchery ([parks.sonoma.net/laktrls.html](http://parks.sonoma.net/laktrls.html)) to see the fish ladder and learn about local trout.

tourism tailored to your interests. The Sonoma Marin Cheese Trail ([cheesetrail.org](http://cheesetrail.org)) is also popular.

■ **The Charles M. Schulz Museum**

([schulzmuseum.org](http://schulzmuseum.org)) in Santa Rosa features the life and work of the famous *Peanuts* cartoonist.

■ **Benziger Family Winery**, established in the 1980s on Sonoma Mountain in Glen Ellen, offers several highly rated visitor experiences, including tram tours of its biodynamic vineyard ([benziger.com](http://benziger.com)). —M.V.



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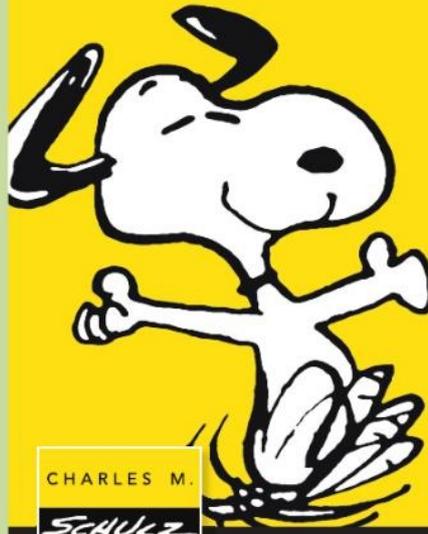
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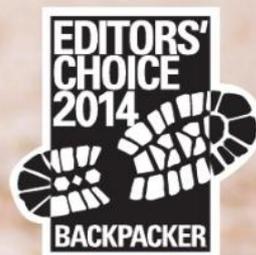
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# Uniquely Seattle

**EXCEPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND  
ATTRACTIONS** BY JEFF LAYTON



The aroma of briny seafood mixed with thousands of fresh-cut flowers is the first thing I notice when I enter Pike Place Market's Main Arcade. I heft a 2-pound vermilion Dungeness crab, considering my options for dinner, and scoop a few tender, sweet, Pacific Northwest Penn Cove mussels from their bed of ice. A few feet away, fellow visitors cheer and applaud as a huge wild salmon sails through the air, tossed between Pike Place Fish's famous fishmongers.

The 9-acre market has five fish purveyors, ranging from City Fish, established in 1917 and the longest-running fish vendor, to Totem Smokehouse, which uses a secret recipe to smoke its fish.

Founded in 1907 to connect Washington state farmers directly with consumers, Pike Place Market

(pikeplacemarket.org) is now one of the state's most popular attractions. It boasts more than 80 farm stalls and more than 400 other businesses, from artisan jewelry makers to Beecher's Handmade Cheese, to the original Starbucks that opened in 1971. **Spirited buskers**—including a musician who simultaneously works a hula hoop, plays a harmonica and strums a guitar—add to the vibrant vibe. The market is easy to visit on your own, and guided explorations are available from numerous tour companies.

As my wife and I stroll past rows of permanent "highstalls"—named for rainbows of produce sometimes stacked taller than a person—we're invited to try fresh plums from a local farm. The stone fruit's smooth, tart, ruby exterior complements its sweet golden interior.

Pike Place Market is also where visitors and locals



Pike Place Market is known for items such as fresh fish and produce.

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TIM THOMPSON

*Stay & Eat*

*Below are a few of the Seattle area's many outstanding options.*

*Lodging*

**Cedarbrook Lodge** (cedarbrooklodge.com): A significant expansion at this peaceful Coastal Hotels property near Seattle-Tacoma International Airport added a new guestroom building and a 3,350-square-foot spa offering botanical treatments. The 18-acre property's lovely grounds include restored wetlands.

**Inn at the Market** (innatthemarket.com): An extensive remodel, including all of the guestrooms, has further enhanced this modern, gracious boutique hotel, which is known for its roof-

find the unusual. When my wife needed a dragon egg for a *Game of Thrones* party, she knew Pike Place Creamery would have a huge green emu eggshell.

The market extends several floors, each beautiful and eclectic, filled with dappled light, creaky hardwood ramps and a maze of stairs, where you'll discover everything from light-saber replicas and Pillsbury Doughboy cookie jars to magic kits and sleight-of-hand demonstrations. And an **expansion project**, scheduled for construction from May 2015 to late 2016, will include more artisan-food companies, farm tables and craft

tables, along with added parking, open space and improved pedestrian access to the waterfront.

The fun, bustling market is one of the Puget Sound area's many unique and exceptional attractions. Here are a few more of my favorites.

## Seattle Great Wheel

In just three years, this revolving wheel of light has become a beloved icon, adding a permanent festive flavor to the Seattle Waterfront and the downtown area. On weekends and special occa-

### ATTRACTIONS

**Alki Beach Park** (seattle.gov/parks) is a 2.5-mile stretch of sandy beach in West Seattle, and the landing site of the first white settlers in what came to be called Seattle. Seattle Parks and Recreation also oversees parks such as **Jimi Hendrix Park**

near the **Northwest African American Museum** in the Central District and **Hing Hay Park** in the Chinatown-International District, and co-maintains **The Burke-Gilman Trail** walking and cycling route.

**Brewery Tours** (seattlebrewerytour.com) showcase three Seattle breweries in three

hours, led by Road Dog Tours, which also offers a **Seattle Distillery Tour** and a **Seattle Coffee Tour**.

**The Children's Museum of Tacoma** (playtacoma.org), celebrating its 30th anniversary, has **five playscapes**—Woods, Water, Voyager, Invention and Becka's Studio—all ▶▶



top deck, spectacular views of Elliott Bay and serenity in the heart of bustling Pike Place Market. ▶

Stay & Eat

► **The Maxwell Hotel** (themaxwellhotel.com): A fabulous lobby mural evoking Seattle Center reflects the desirable location and colorful, inviting ambiance of this Pineapple Hospitality property, which is near some of the city's top attractions and performing-arts venues. A family-



friendly indoor pool is decorated with art tiles based on children's drawings.

**Motif Seattle, A Destination Hotel** (motifseattle.com): Located in downtown Seattle and inspired by the region's fashion, music and arts scenes, this new cosmopolitan hotel has a vast upstairs deck adjoining a spacious lounge with Xbox games. The hotel's welcoming street-level patio will showcase a Seattle Busker program this summer. ►



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**THE GREAT GALLERY**

at The Museum of Flight showcases many vintage aircraft. The exhibit "How Birds Fly," developed by The Museum of Flight in partnership with the Burke Museum, is on view in the Great Gallery through early September.

sions, LED light shows range from colorful spinning footballs to candy canes to other flowing designs that never seem to repeat.

Step into one of the 175-foot-tall Great Wheel's 42 **climate-controlled gondolas** and you're gently lifted skyward—on the West Coast's tallest observation wheel—to enjoy a vista that includes the waterfront, Elliott Bay, barges, tugboats, ferryboats, the Olympic Mountains and the Space Needle. It's a unique, tranquil way to experience the Emerald City.

The Great Wheel (seattlegreatwheel.com) and

the nearby carousel, shops and restaurants of historic **Pier 57/Miners Landing**—next to the site where the steamship *Portland* arrived in 1897 bearing "a ton of gold" that launched the Klondike Gold Rush—remain open during construction of a new fish-friendly seawall.

Just to the north of Miners Landing, the **Seattle Aquarium** (seattleaquarium.org) also is still open. The aquarium harbors about 350 total species, ranging from sea otter to giant Pacific octopus, with touch tanks hosting creatures such as sea stars, and the Underwater Dome providing

**ATTRACTIONS**

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**The 1917 Hiram M. Chittenden Locks** (seattle.gov/tour/locks.htm) allow boat passage between freshwater and saltwater. Watch boats year-round, and July to September, see salmon swim up the fish ladder.

**The 7.5-acre Dunn Gardens** (dunngardens.org), in northwest Seattle's Broadview

neighborhood, was designed by the Olmsted Brothers and is celebrating its centennial. The shade-dappled woodland gardens are open for guided tours, by reservation, select days and times, April–July and September–October.

**Foss Waterway Seaport** museum (fosswaterwayseaport. ►►

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## Stay & Eat

### ► Palladian (palladianhotel.com):

The new, hip yet warm Kimpton hotel—in a fully renovated 1910 Italian Renaissance Revival–style building in the dynamic Belltown neighborhood—pairs Old World charm with a luxe but playful design, including decorative “sleep with a celebrity” pillows that feature images of luminaries such as David Bowie. Also check out the fun famous-Seattleites lobby art.

**Pan Pacific Seattle Hotel** (panpacific.com/seattle): This stylish hotel, with an on-site Vida Spa, in the heart of the South Lake Union neighborhood recently completed a \$1.7 million renovation of guestrooms, meeting space and public areas.

### Dining

#### Cantina Leña (cantinalena.com):

The latest in the numerous establishments owned by famed local chef



Tom Douglas (who also has created dishes for Alaska Airlines flights), Cantina Leña in downtown Seattle offers a lively menu inspired by Yucatán cuisine and featuring Northwest ingredients from Douglas’ Prosser, Washington, farm and other regional suppliers. ►

## Seattle • Tacoma

a close-up look at salmon, skates and sturgeon.

The overall plan for the waterfront includes adding new attractions, such as parks, paths and works of art. Already commissioned, for instance, is a **large-scale piece for Piers 62/63 by internationally recognized artist Ann Hamilton** (waterfrontseattle.org).

## The Museum of Flight

Commercial aircraft have been built in the Puget Sound region since the early 1900s, and the city has one of the nation’s finest air-and-space museums.

The Museum of Flight (museumofflight.org), **celebrating its 50th anniversary** this year, is located between downtown Seattle and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, and exhibits 160-plus historic planes and space vehicles. Dozens of aircraft seem to soar inside the museum’s massive glass-enclosed **Great Gallery**, while at the adjacent **Airpark**, visitors can view—and sometimes climb inside—vintage aircraft.

Some of the biggest attractions: The **first Air Force One** jet, which carried Eisenhower, Kennedy, John-

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son and Nixon. • A supersonic **Concorde**—only 20 total were manufactured. • An **M-21 Blackbird**—at Mach 3-plus, Blackbirds are the fastest piloted jets ever built. • The **Space Shuttle Full Fuselage Trainer**—this life-size replica was used to train all of the shuttle astronauts; you can climb aboard to get a sense of the cargo space and living quarters. • The **Air Traffic Control Tower** exhibit—which overlooks Boeing Field and lets you see and hear a real working runway.

Equally delightful are smaller attractions such as



A 1926 Oldsmobile Holden 30D is among the vehicles at LeMay—America's Car Museum.

JEFF LAYTON

## ATTRACTIONS

►► [org](#)) and **Thea's Park** ([metroparkstacoma.org](#)) showcase the history of the Tacoma waterfront and pioneer Thea Foss. The **Tacoma Maritime Fest** ([maritimefest.org](#)) at the seaport will be July 18–19.

**The Frye Art Museum** ([fryemuseum.org](#)) has an impressive collection of 19th and 20th century American, German and French paintings. “**Frye Salon**,” a restaging of the Founding Collection as it was installed in the home gallery of Charles and Emma Frye, will be on view May 21–Sept. 6.

**The Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour** ([futureofflight.org](#)) provides tours of the jet-assembly plant, plus interactive activities.

**The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center** ([gatesvc.org](#)), by Seattle Center, features exhibits that

tell the stories of work being done to improve people's lives. The visitor center's interactive activities show how each person can make a difference. Special events take place throughout the year.

**Harbor WildWatch** ([harbor-wildwatch.org](#)), in Gig Har- ►►



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the Aerocar (a car with foldable wings), the human-powered *Gossamer Albatross II*, a collection of WWI and WWII fighter aircraft, and the “Bush Pilots of Alaska” exhibit.

In March, the **Alaska Airlines Aerospace Education Center** opened at the museum, providing state-of-the-art technology resources to help students create pathways to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers.

### FLINTMOBILE

**Engine cylinders:** *Yabba.*

**Engine size:** *Dabba.*

**Engine hp:** *Do.*

**Transmission:**

*Rock and Roll.*



LEMAY—AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM

## LeMay— America's Car Museum

Located in Tacoma, about 30 miles south of downtown Seattle, this 165,000-square-foot museum is all about America's love affair with the automobile. Under curved wood beams, in an airy space with a wall of windows, rotating displays with themes such as “**Alternative Propulsion**” and “**Route 66**” showcase restored beauties.

ACM ([americascarmuseum.org](http://americascarmuseum.org)) draws significantly from the collection of Harold LeMay (1919–2000), a Tacoma resident who was once a Guinness World Record holder for the largest private collection of vehicles and related memorabilia.

The museum is both a Galleria of expensive high-end collectibles (ranging from an **1899 Baldwin Steamer** to a **1986 Owosso Pulse**) and a cross-sample of more-common vehicles (such as the **1931 Plymouth PA Business Roadster**, introduced for \$595; the **1950 Oldsmobile Futuramic 88 station wagon**; and the **1969 “Hugger Orange” Chevrolet Camaro SS**).

Visitors who enter the lower “garage levels” embark on a trip down memory lane. They amble along the sweeping ramps, recalling cars they fixed as teenagers, their first kiss, changing the oil with Grandpa and family road trips. Also fun is the 1994 Flintmobile George Barris Kus-



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## Stay & Eat

tom, built for *The Flintstones* movie.

The museum displays around 300 cars, trucks and motorcycles at any given time, with special events such as car shows and drive-in movies each summer in the adjacent 3.5-acre **Haub Family Field**.

On July 9, ACM will open a new display on **American muscle cars**. The **Vintage Motorcycle Festival** will be August 22. And in mid-September, the museum will host the annual **Pacific Northwest Concours d'Elegance**. **S**

*Jeff Layton is a Seattle-based writer and photographer who also writes a Married to Adventure blog.*

*Alaska Airlines (800-ALASKAAIR; alaskaair.com) offers the most flights from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Earn Double Miles between Seattle and many other cities when you travel by May 15; please go to the website for details. For more information on visiting the Seattle-Tacoma corridor, see websites such as visitseattle.org and traveltacoma.com.*

### ► Daniel's Broiler—Leschi

(schwartzbros.com/daniels-broiler/daniels-leschi): Celebrating its 35th anniversary, the romantic steakhouse in a converted 1919 boathouse is on the shore of Lake Washington, with breathtaking views of Mount Rainier and the Cascade Range.

### La Rustica (larusticarestaurant.com):

Located about a mile south of Alki Point in West Seattle, La Rustica serves authentic, from-scratch Southern Italian food in a cozy yet elegant trattoria.

### Marrow (marrowtacoma.com):

This trendy Tacoma restaurant emphasizes seasonal Northwest food and drink, including a "Vegetables & Grains" menu as well as meat and seafood.

### Tray Kitchen (traykitchen.com):

At this new dining spot in Seattle's Fremont neighborhood, chef/owner Heong soon Park pairs dishes from

his Korean heritage with fresh Northwest ingredients, including produce from his Woodinville farm.

### Vespolina (vespolinaseattle.com):

At this new downtown Seattle restaurant, talented chef Katie Gallego



provides refined Northern Italian cuisine, including handcrafted pasta.

### The Walrus and the Carpenter

(thewalrusbar.com): Celebrating its fifth anniversary, this Ballard-neighborhood oyster-lovers' haven is overseen by award-winning chef/co-owner Renee Erickson. —M.D.

## ATTRACTIONS

►► bor, southwest of Seattle, provides environmental education and seeks to inspire stewardship of Puget Sound via interpretive programs such as **Beach Walks, Get Your Feet Wet and Pier Into the Night**.

### The Museum of History & Industry (mohai.org),

located at Lake Union Park, highlights the history of the Northwest, with more than 4 million intriguing objects in its permanent collection. The traveling show "**American**

**Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition**" is on view through Aug. 23.

### Point Defiance Park

(metroparkstacoma.org/point-defiance-park): The 760-acre Tacoma park boasts sweeping water and mountain views, and popular **Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium**.

### The Seattle Art Museum

(seattleartmuseum.org) includes the main downtown Seattle location and the **Asian Art Museum** in Volunteer Park, east of downtown, in addition to the outdoor waterfront



### Olympic Sculpture Park.

"Disguise: Masks and Global African Art" will be on display at the downtown location June 18–Sept. 7, with "Samuel F.B. Morse's Gallery of the Louvre" and "Intimate Impressionism from the National Gallery of Art" scheduled to open this fall. At the Asian Art Museum, "Chiho Aoshima: Rebirth of the World" will be on display May

2–Oct. 4. At the Olympic Sculpture Park, a new sculpture, *Sam Vernon: How Ghosts Sleep (Seattle)*, will be on view through March 6, 2016.

### Smith Tower (smithtower.com),

completed in 1914, is one of Seattle's most famous buildings. The Observation Deck (expected to reopen to the public this fall) on the 35th floor of the structure provides a view of many landmarks.

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ton (washington.edu/discover/visit), north of downtown, has performing- ►►

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## ATTRACTIONS

▶▶ arts events and attractions such as the **Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture** ([burkemuseum.org](http://burkemuseum.org)), whose collection includes more than 16 million specimens and artifacts. "Here & Now: Native Artists Inspired" is on view through July 27. "Titanoboa: Monster Snake" opens Aug. 22.

**The Washington State History Museum** ([washingtonhistory.org](http://washingtonhistory.org)) in Tacoma, with roots going back to 1891, has excellent living-history exhibits that bring the past to life. The permanent "Great Hall of Washington History" features many interactive displays, such as a video journey down the Columbia River and a computer station where you can learn Native words.

**The Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience** ([wingluke.org](http://wingluke.org)), a Smithsonian affiliate, gives visitors the opportunity to view spaces such as the kitchen and Mahjong room in the historic 1910 hotel where many immigrants first found shelter in America. The museum, in the Chinatown-International District, also offers guided walking tours, such as the **Touch of Chinatown Tour** and **Bruce Lee's Chinatown Tour**.

**Woodland Park Zoo** ([zoo.org](http://zoo.org)), in Seattle's Green Lake neighborhood, presents about 1,000 individual animals representing more than 300 species from around the world. Two South American maned wolves joined the zoo this spring, and a new **Banyan Wilds** exhibit, with three Malayan tiger brothers and a trio of sloth bears, is opening May 2. **ZooTunes** concerts take place June through August each year.

—M.D.



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## Area VIPs share their Seattle favorites

Seattle Storm guard Sue Bird is a two-time WNBA champion, eight-time WNBA All-Star and three-time Olympic gold medalist.

**What are your three favorite things to do in the Puget Sound area?** 1. The Nightlife: Seattle has some of the best bars and nightclubs around. 2. The Nature: Seattle has thousands of hiking trails and parks. 3. The Sports: Not only is everyone buzzing about the Seahawks ... but sports like roller derby, paddleboarding, bike polo and collegiate athletics are really popular.

**What's a great little-known or off-the-beaten-path Puget Sound-area activity you like?** Taking the ferry to Friday Harbor on San Juan Island: amazing scenery and views.

**How would you describe Seattle in three words?** Picturesque. Foodie-friendly. Easygoing but eclectic.



Singer and multi-instrumentalist Chris Ballew is part of the group The Presidents of the United States of America, and is also Caspar Babypants, writing and performing songs to delight kids and parents.

**What makes Seattle unique?** Seattle ... promotes do-it-yourself ingenuity that produces daring personal art and music that can also swim in the mainstream.

**What's your idea of a perfect day and night of recreation in the Puget Sound area?** Start out with breakfast at Easy Street Records in West Seattle. Get the James Browns with tofu and corn tortillas. Then go to Pacific Galleries Antique Mall and spend hours poking around looking at bits of history. Then Pike Place Market for fresh shrimp with cocktail sauce. Then head to the beach for a layout in the sand with a book. Next, Sun Liquor Distillery on Capitol Hill for an icy perfect martini. End with dinner at a Pike Place Market restaurant.

**How would you describe Seattle in three words?** Logs. Mud. Fire. WAIT! That was 1889. :) Water. Trees. Mountains. What else is there?



Best-selling author J.A. Jance writes mysteries and thrillers (and also poetry). Her latest hardback book, *Cold Betrayal*, was published in March.

**What makes Seattle unique?** Seattle is green. And the weather is just right—mostly not too cold and not too hot, and it seldom rains hard enough to get wet.

**What are your three favorite things to do in the Puget Sound area?** Attend live theater performances. Explore local restaurants. Watch the water—any water! For a perfect day and a night of recreation, I would visit Pike Place Market, walk along the waterfront, ride the Great Wheel, enjoy a gourmet dinner and watch a play.

**How would you describe Seattle in three words?** Green. Vibrant. Alive.

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray is in his second year of leading the city.



**What makes Seattle unique?** Seattle is a vibrant multicultural community with great flavors from around the world and a cultural fabric that celebrates incredible diversity. There is an adventure around every corner.

**What's a great little-known or off-the-beaten-path Puget Sound-area attraction or activity you like?** I grew up in West Seattle. While the locals know it well, visitors to Seattle don't often visit Alki Beach. It's worth the trip on the water taxi.

**How would you describe Seattle in three words?** Diverse, progressive and exciting.



# Local Treasure

It's an exacting art, glass-blowing: With a large glob of 1,800-degree molten glass at the end of his pipe, the artist blows in careful puffs

BY ERIC LUCAS

of air to inflate the glass, adding material and shaping it as he goes. The laws of physics constrain the bubble's ultimate size to a few feet, after which it will burst.

But metaphorically, one such blown-glass bubble has grown to encompass the art world. From his birthplace in Tacoma, to the fine-art glass studios of Europe, and back to the Northwest, over the past half-century Dale Chihuly has led both studio glass and Northwest art to a global prominence that is often taken for granted by West Coast residents. We are so accustomed to the omnipresence of his work that a Chihuly bowl here, a chandelier there, a glass sculpture in a garden—they are all as intrinsic to the local landscape as sparkling water and shining peaks.

"He sometimes seems so much a part of the backdrop that it can be hard to remember he's a major international figure," observes Seattle Art Museum Curatorial Assistant Carrie Dedon, who helps oversee the museum's current ongoing exhibit devoted to Northwest glass art. "But when he founded the Pilchuck School in 1971, that was a watershed moment in our cultural history. We're very lucky he did."

Now the world's largest glass art-education facility, the Pilchuck Glass School in the Skagit Valley, 45 miles north of Seattle, was the culmination of a journey that led Chihuly from Tacoma to the University of Washington; then east to the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and Rhode Island School of Design; on to Europe to learn glass-blowing from the masters, chiefly in Italy; then back to RISD; and ultimately home to the Pilchuck school and a studio on Lake Union. Today, his works are in the collections of hundreds of museums and thousands of fine art aficionados. His installations have ranged from Jerusalem to Venice to Phoenix to, of course, Seattle. He is one of the most famous living American artists—he's been designated a National Living Treasure—and his work is clearly among the most popular cultural elements that Seattle visitors seek out. The local institutions that focus on glass art—Tacoma's Museum of Glass and Chihuly Garden and Glass at Seattle Center—draw hundreds of thousands of visitors a year, and local museums feature his work prominently (see page S21).

And it is often reckoned there are more glass-blowers in the Seattle area today than there are in Venice, the erstwhile centuries-

Glass artists James Mongrain, Dale Chihuly, Andrea Strong and Jason Christian (opposite) work an elaborate creation at Chihuly's Boathouse studio in Seattle. Chihuly stands (left) before the *Monarch Window* he created for Tacoma's Union Station Federal Courthouse. Chihuly's *Silvered Clear Soft Cylinder with Rubiate Lip Wrap*, 2012 (top).



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## Chihuly

long world capital of art glass.

"It's wonderful and gratifying—something I never could have imagined," says Chihuly. "I followed my dream of being an artist and I am fortunate people enjoy my artwork."

Born into a Tacoma meat packer's family in 1941, Chihuly dates his fascination with the beauties of nature to his mother's garden. Glass caught his attention as an interior design and architecture student, and in 1965 he blew his first glass bubble in his basement using melted stained glass and a simple metal pipe.

Likening glass to water in its ability to capture, transmit and reflect light, he studied in Rhode Island and Wisconsin before receiving a Fulbright scholarship to study glass-blowing in Europe, which led him first to Venice, then to Germany and Czechoslovakia in succeeding years. A car accident in England cost him sight in one eye—thus the famous patch—and in 1979 he dislocated his shoulder, which was the end of his career as the gaffer (pipeholder). Ironically, the shoulder injury took place while bodysurfing, in an element he loves.

"Glass itself is so much like water. If you let it go on its own, it ends up looking like something that came from the sea," he explains. That free-form serendipity has long been one of the Chihuly hallmarks, in bowls that seem to lean toward the light, sculpture shapes twining upward, chandeliers that look like water-drop explosions.

Chihuly often expressly sets out to mimic nature.

"I love to juxtapose the man-made and the natural to make people wonder, are they man-made or did they come from nature?"

It may seem unlikely anyone would confuse glass art with a flower—until you've seen one of Chihuly's famous garden installations, in which it can indeed be very difficult to be sure if you are looking at glasswork or botanical work. While his garden installa-

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## Chihuly

tions have ranged from London's Kew Gardens to Denver, St. Louis, Miami and beyond, one of the most popular took place at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix two years ago.

"We had more visitors during the 2014 installation's six months—580,000—than we usually have in a whole year," says DBG Director of Marketing John Sallot. "It was a blockbuster for us. Chihuly installations have truly changed things financially for the garden world."

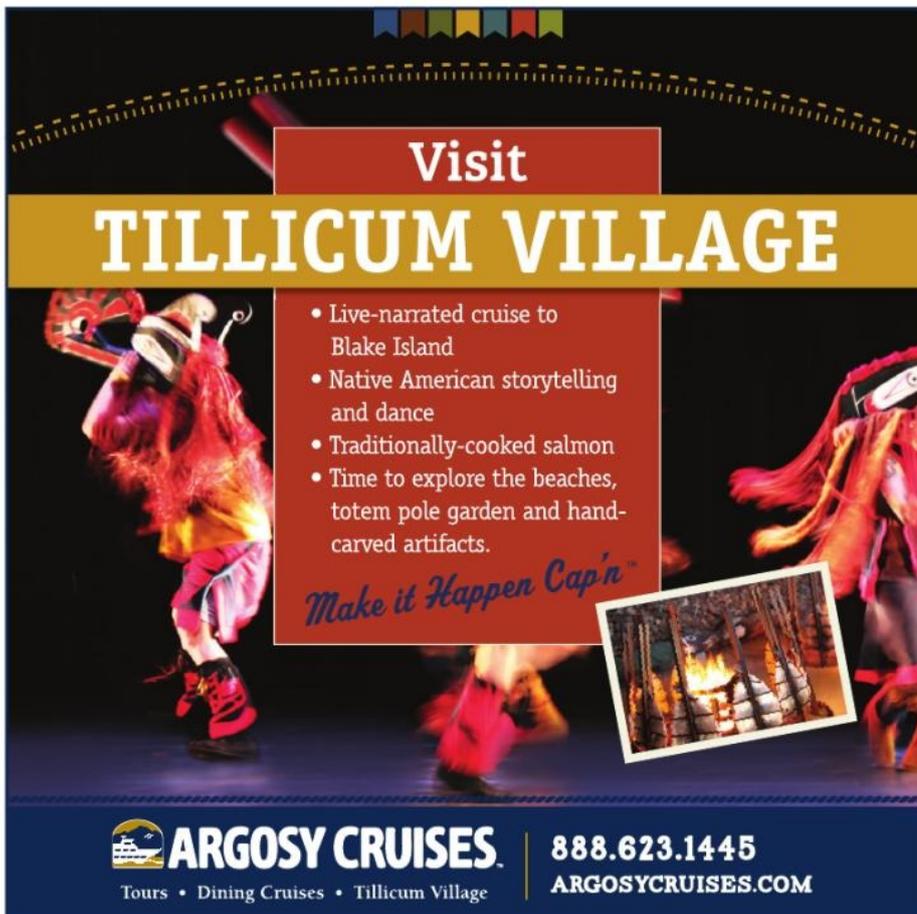
Although Chihuly's work spans the globe, its foundation is clearly here in Puget Sound. Tacoma features Chihuly glass prominently in three locations: the restored Union Station courthouse; the Museum of Glass nearby (and the Bridge of Glass that connects the two); and the Tacoma Art Museum.

"Chihuly may work and be known around the world, but we're his testing ground," says Tacoma Art Museum Chief Curator Rock Hushka. "His impact on art in the Northwest is almost incalculable, and all the better for it."

Chihuly is also known for his vast collection of Native American art and artifacts, including huge numbers of Pendleton and Navajo blankets, which he often lends for exhibits. His many philanthropic endeavors are embellished by those of his wife, Leslie Jackson Chihuly: Chairwoman of the Seattle Symphony board, she recently donated \$2.5 million to the symphony.

For all his fame, and for all the attention his work receives, Chihuly continues to savor the scene outside his Lake Union studio: boats cantering past on the lake, weather sweeping in. "It's inspiring to look out the window at the rain and fog and wind blowing across the water," he reflects.

"I'm happy to be recognized, but I didn't become an artist to be famous. I became an artist because it is what I love to do." **S**—Eric Lucas



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"I want people to be overwhelmed with light and color in a way they have never experienced," Dale Chihuly once said. Mission accomplished. The Puget Sound-area artist's sensational glass pieces have captivated and inspired people around the globe, and as Visit Seattle notes: "Thanks in part to [Chihuly's] presence here, many other amazing glass artists are drawn to the region, filling its galleries, museums and public spaces with their innovative creations."

Here are some ideas for your own glass-art experiences in the Puget Sound area.



Glass artist Benjamin Cobb at the Museum of Glass Hot Shop.

### MUSEUM OF GLASS

Glass art from Northwest, national and international masters is exhibited at this museum located in Chihuly's hometown of Tacoma. The museum has more than 650 objects in its collection and also presents exhibits such as "**Chihuly's Venetians: The George R. Stroemple Collection**," opening July 19. In the museum's **Hot Shop**, watch top and emerging artists create masterpieces ([museumofglass.org](http://museumofglass.org)). A 500-foot-long pedestrian overpass—the **Chihuly Bridge of Glass**—showcases an incredible variety of Chihuly pieces while linking the museum to other downtown attractions.

### TACOMA ART MUSEUM

The museum is home to an extensive permanent collection of 85 Chihuly works, from his earliest days of creating glass art to the present, including pieces from series such as "**Baskets**," "**Cylinders**" and "**Persians**." In addition, TAM displays gems from Pilchuck Glass School talents and other Northwest artists. The museum is also the only West Coast museum to host

the touring exhibition "**Eloquent Objects: Georgia O'Keeffe and Still-Life Art in New Mexico**," featuring 22 O'Keeffe paintings and 42 works by her contemporaries, through June 7 ([tacoma-artmuseum.org](http://tacoma-artmuseum.org)).

### ART ABOUNDS

Art is also often found in unexpected places. Just a few examples: A **Chihuly Seaform** installation adorns the Seattle Aquarium. Chihuly's regal **Gold Crystal Cascade Chandelier** hangs in Benaroya Hall, home to the Seattle Symphony. And his **Monarch Window** graces the historic Beaux Arts-style Union Station in Tacoma.

### DIY MASTERPIECES

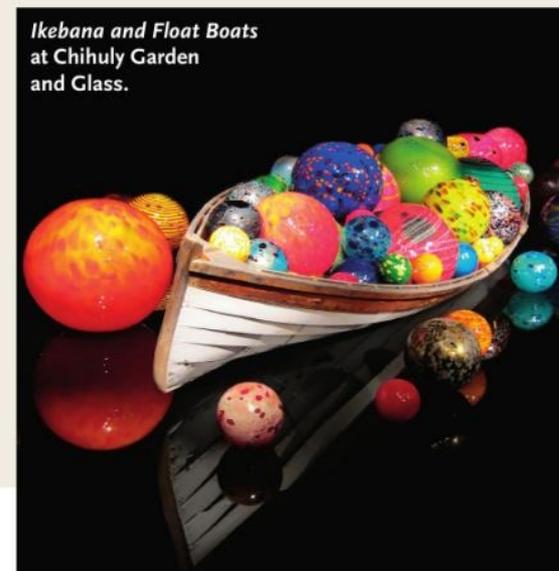
At the **Seattle Glassblowing Studio** ([seattleglassblowing.com](http://seattleglassblowing.com)) and the **Tacoma Glassblowing Studio** ([tacomaglassblowing.com](http://tacomaglassblowing.com)), learn from pros as you craft your own beautiful piece of glass art to take home. The Tacoma Glassblowing Studio also organizes a traveling **Northwest Glass Pumpkin Patch** exhibit, Aug. 29–Oct. 24 this year, with a festive display of up to 2,000 hand-blown glass pumpkins visiting a different Puget Sound-area location each Saturday.

### CHIHULY GARDEN AND GLASS

This premier attraction at Seattle Center spans 1.5 acres, with eight stunning galleries showcasing breathtaking Chihuly works; a lush garden with colorful glass forms amid seasonally changing foliage; and a 40-foot-tall **Glasshouse atrium**, its 100-foot-long suspended sculpture consisting of 1,340 individual yellow, orange and red pieces ([chihulygardenandglass.com](http://chihulygardenandglass.com)). —Corinne Whiting



Chihuly *Seaform* installation at the Seattle Aquarium.



*Ikebana and Float Boats* at Chihuly Garden and Glass.

# Seattle Day Trips



## A few ideas for great excursions from Seattle:

**Flying Heritage Collection** ([flyingheritage.com](http://flyingheritage.com)): More than 20 vintage military aircraft, four tanks and other rare artifacts are on display in two large hangars at Everett's Paine Field. The collection is owned and displayed by Seattle Seahawks owner/Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen.

**Skagit Tours** ([skagittours.com](http://skagittours.com)): Seattle City Light offers three fascinating tours, including a scenic boat excursion on spectacular **Diablo Lake in North Cascades National Park**; Thursdays–Mondays, July 2–Sept. 14.

**Clipper Vacations** ([clippervacations.com](http://clippervacations.com)): Whale-watching and sea-life-viewing day trips leave from Seattle and visit the waters around the San Juan Islands, with a stop at Friday Harbor. Seattle-to-Victoria day trips and

various overnight packages are also available.

**Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge** ([fws.gov/refuge/nisqually](http://fws.gov/refuge/nisqually)): The Nisqually River meets Puget Sound saltwater in an estuary that supports more than 200 species of migratory birds, ranging from sandpipers to Caspian terns, along with mammals such as deer and otters. Trails provide good viewing access.

**Mount Rainier National Park** ([nps.gov/mora](http://nps.gov/mora)), **Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument** ([fs.usda.gov/mountsthelens](http://fs.usda.gov/mountsthelens)) and **Olympic National Park** ([nps.gov/olym](http://nps.gov/olym)): Explore these breathtaking protected lands via a self-drive trip, or book an excursion that leaves from Seattle.

Tour companies include **EverGreen Escapes** (all three protected sites; [evergreennescapes.com](http://evergreennescapes.com)) and **Tours Northwest** (Mount Rainier National Park; [toursnorthwest.com](http://toursnorthwest.com)). **S**



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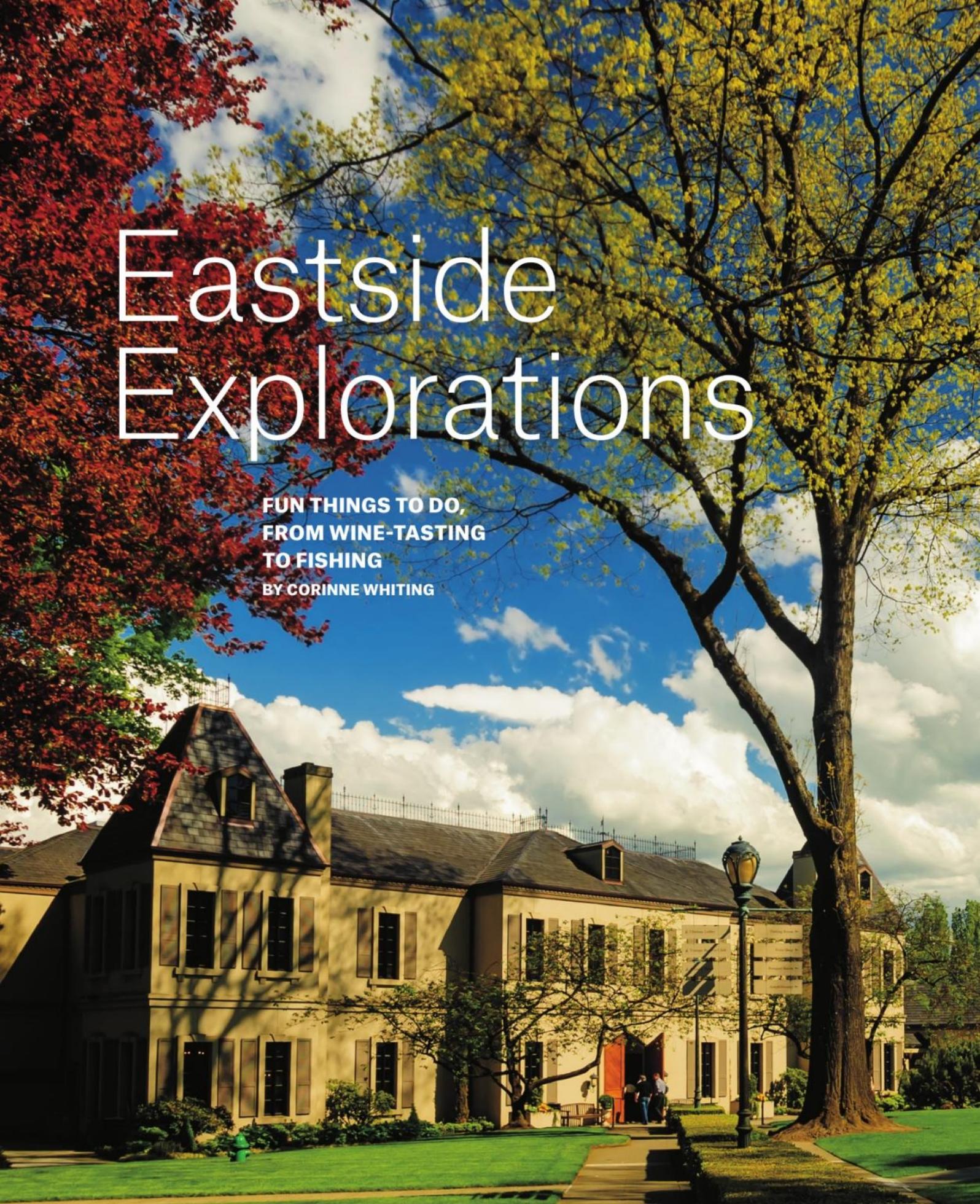
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# Eastside Explorations

**FUN THINGS TO DO,  
FROM WINE-TASTING  
TO FISHING  
BY CORINNE WHITING**



RICHARD DUVAL IMAGES (3)

Old World winemaking virtuosity was paired with New World ingenuity and grapes to create the flavorful 2013 Eroica Riesling I'm tasting, its gold-green color evoking sunshine and grapevines.

A friend and I are experiencing the Ultimate Tour and Tasting at **Chateau Ste. Michelle** ([ste-michelle.com](http://ste-michelle.com)) in **Woodinville wine country**, part of a region known as the Eastside because it's east of Lake Washington. The winery, just 20 miles northeast of Seattle, is one of the 100-plus wineries and tasting rooms in Woodinville wine country ([woodinvillewinecountry.com](http://woodinvillewinecountry.com)).

We were intrigued by the Eroica's lime and tangerine bouquet, and now we savor the wine's bright fruit flavors and balanced acidity. We learn that the creative blending of grapes from several vineyards in Eastern Washington American Viticultural Areas led to this bold, complex Riesling, while time-honored European techniques helped to protect fruit purity, and added refinement and elegance.

Our 90-minute Ultimate Tour features tastings of five premier wines, paired with artisan cheeses, specialty meats, fresh fruit and sweets, and served in Chateau Ste. Michelle's charming library. (In addition to paid tours such as the one we're doing, the winery offers a **free 30-minute tour with three tastings.**)

Our tour also visits the production room and barrel room at what is the state's oldest operating winery—founded in 1967—and afterward, we stroll some of the winery's 105 wooded and grass-lawn acres, which are anchored by the namesake French-style chateau. The beautiful grounds host a popular annual **Summer Concert Series**, with performers this year such as Garrison Keillor, Chicago, Smash Mouth and Chris Isaak.



Clockwise from far left: Wineries open to visitors in Woodinville wine country include **Chateau Ste. Michelle**, with its lovely grounds; **Patterson Cellars**, where owner/winemaker John Patterson gives visitors an up-close look at the production process; and **JM Cellars**, whose owner/winemaker, John Bigelow, is happy to explain his craft.

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An **Emerald Water Anglers** fishing excursion is an enjoyable way to experience the Snoqualmie River system.



ALEX COLLIER

Most Washington state wine grapes are grown east of the Cascade Range, but many of the state's best winemakers create and/or pour their creations in Woodinville. Check individual winery websites for tasting/touring opportunities.

Our next stop is **Patterson Cellars**, where proprietor/winemaker John Patterson—admired for sharing equipment with new winemakers and producing approachable New World wines—shows off his 4,000-square-foot production area.

Tasting highlights include the 2014 Rosé—bright and clean with a soft, creamy texture, and displaying interesting flavors such as papaya and watermelon Jolly Rancher (pattersoncellars.com).

At John and Peggy Bigelow's **JM Cellars**, John guides us along winding trails amid 7 acres that are home to gorgeous foliage such as 120 Japanese maples. Then we take seats indoors at a tasting bar to sample the 2013 Chardonnay, a refreshing, smooth white wine with surprising depth and complexity, featuring citrus, apple, vanilla and butter flavors (jmc cellars.com).

Wine-tasting is just the beginning of the Eastside's numerous remarkable experiences, which range from shopping at The Bellevue Collection to pondering exhibits at the Bellevue Arts Museum, to viewing Snoqualmie Falls and fishing the Snoqualmie River.

## Stay & Eat

Below are a few of the Eastside area's many outstanding options.

### Lodging

**The Heathman Hotel Kirkland** (heathman-kirkland.com): An upscale boutique hotel, The Heathman combines classic elegance and modern luxuries in vibrant downtown Kirkland.

**Hotel Bellevue** (thehotelbellevue.com): Guests not only enjoy the ambiance at this warm, richly furnished luxury urban retreat, but also the spa, fitness classes, three swimming pools and other facilities at the connected Bellevue Club.



**Hyatt Regency Bellevue** (bellevue.hyatt.com): Located at Bellevue Place—which is part of The Bellevue Collection of excellent shopping, dining and entertainment options—the contemporary ▶

(FLOWER) REBECCA RANDALL

## ATTRACTIONS

### Bellevue Botanical Garden

(bellevuebotanical.org) is a 53-acre jewel with plants ranging from fuchsias to ferns, and specialty gardens such as an award-winning waterwise garden.



### Cougar Mountain Zoo

(cougarmountainzoo.org) in Issaquah has animals such as macaws, tigers, cougars and reindeer, plus a wildlife museum.

**KidsQuest Children's Museum** (kidsquestmuseum.org) in Bellevue offers seven exploration

areas encouraging learning through play, with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM).

### The Kirkland Performance Center

(kpcenter.org) in downtown Kirkland hosts performing arts such as Scottish fiddler Alasdair ▶▶

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► hotel provides "elegant tranquility."

The property offers access to an indoor lap pool, while the Yuan Spa is across the street from the hotel.

**The Westin Bellevue** ([westinbellevue-hotel.com](http://westinbellevue-hotel.com)): Located at Lincoln Square in The Bellevue Collection, the sophisticated and appealing property boasts amenities such as an indoor lap pool and the on-site Truce Spa.

**Willows Lodge** ([willowslodge.com](http://willowslodge.com)): Calm and comfort are hallmarks of this grand wood-beamed lodge in Woodinville wine country. The property, on 5 acres along the Sammamish River, has a spa, gardens, water features and sculptures.

### Dining

**El Gaucho Bellevue** ([elgaucho.com/el-gaucho-bellevue.html](http://elgaucho.com/el-gaucho-bellevue.html)): El Gaucho Bellevue, a premier steakhouse, is part of multi-restaurant El Gaucho Hospitality, led by experienced restaurateur Chad Mackay. It prides itself on providing the ultimate, impeccable dining experience.

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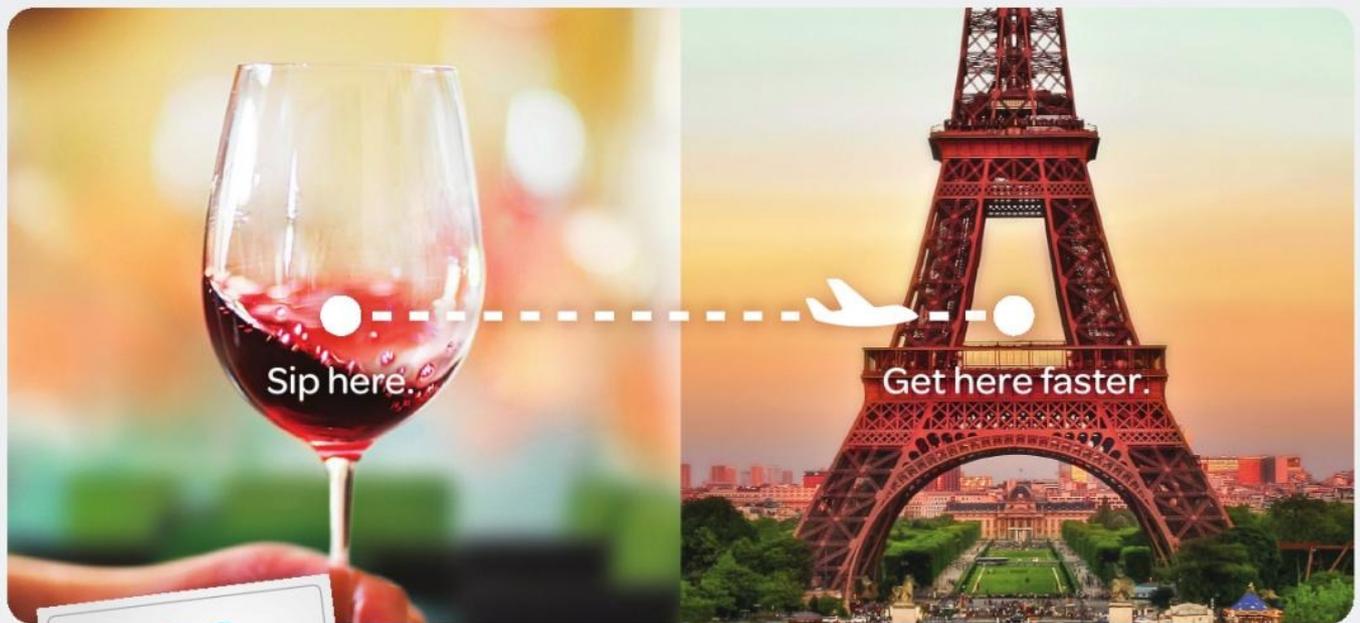
### The Bellevue Collection

This upscale shopping-dining-entertainment-night-life complex comprises **Bellevue Square**, **Bellevue Place** and **Lincoln Square**. Choose from 250 shops, 30 sit-down restaurants, a 16-screen cinema, Lucky Strike Lanes bowling, and Parlor Billiards & Ultralounge/Parlor Live Comedy Club. Many visitors plan an entire vacation around exploring this mega-attraction ([bellevuecollection.com](http://bellevuecollection.com)).

Recent store openings include **DVF** by noted designer Diane von Furstenberg (of wrap-dress fame), along with **Zovo Lingerie** and **Leica Store Bellevue**. Japanese apparel giant **Uniqlo** will be arriving this fall.

### Bellevue Arts Museum

The Bellevue Arts Museum ([bellevuearts.org](http://bellevuearts.org)) displays objects designed for everyday use, along with examples of cutting-edge art, furniture and jewelry



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from local and international sources. The exhibit “Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection”—organized by the Museum of Arts and Design in New York, and on view in Bellevue through June 7—displays 200-plus pins the former U.S. secretary of state wore to make diplomatic statements or just for fun. Other current exhibitions include “The New Frontier: Young Designer-Makers in the Pacific Northwest” and “Jana Brevick: This Infinity Fits in My Hand,” both on view through August 16. The **BAM**



Bellevue Square in The Bellevue Collection.

## ATTRACTIONS

►► Fraser and Juilliard-trained cellist Natalie Haas, who will be on stage May 16.

**Marina Park** (kirklandwa.gov), on the shore of Lake Washington in Kirkland, has

amenities such as a beach, a fishing area and a pavilion where live music is performed.

**Marymoor Park** (kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks), near the Sammamish River, in Redmond, offers attractions such as birding trails, a velodrome and the early-1900s

Clise Mansion. A **summer concert series** begins June 14.

**Mercer Slough Nature Park** (ci.bellevue.wa.us/parks\_intro.htm), along Lake Washington in Bellevue, has land trails and a water trail, an environmental-education center, a blueberry farm and canoe tours.

**Redhook Brewery Tours** are offered most days at the Woodinville location (redhook.com/breweries/woodinville-brewery; fee applies). **Adventura Aerial Adventure Park at Redhook** is open April 1–Oct. 31 (adventuraplay.com).

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**ARTSfair**, marking its 69th year, will take place at the museum and at Bellevue Square, July 24–26. Also occurring that weekend are the **6th Street Fair** ([bellevuedowntown.com](http://bellevuedowntown.com)) and **Bellevue Festival of the Arts** ([bellevuefest.org](http://bellevuefest.org)).



JOHN BIGELOW TAYLOR

Madeleine Albright's Foxy Lady pin, designed by Lea Stein, is on display in "Read My Pins."

## Snoqualmie Falls

Fans of the early-1990s TV show *Twin Peaks* (which may make a comeback next year) will no doubt recognize **Snoqualmie Falls'** powerful cascades from the series' opening credits. Thanks to the falls' wow factor and accessibility—about 30 miles from Seattle—more than 1.5 million visitors arrive annually to see the 270-foot wonder, which is about 100 feet taller than Niagara Falls. Viewing decks at

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## Stay & Eat

► chef/owner John Howie serves fresh seafood and raw-bar items in a handsome, bright and airy space in Bellevue. Howie also co-owns **Beardslee Public House**, scheduled to open this summer in The Village at Beardslee Crossing in Bothell. All five of Howie's restaurants will serve spirits crafted at Howie's new **Wildwood Spirits Co.** ([wildwoodspiritsco.com](http://wildwoodspiritsco.com), adjacent to Beardslee Public House in The Village), which has a "farm-to-distillery" emphasis and will primarily use Washington state produce for distilling spirits.

**Snoqualmie Falls Park** ([pse.com/aboutpse/toursandrecreation/pages/snoqualmie-tours.aspx](http://pse.com/aboutpse/toursandrecreation/pages/snoqualmie-tours.aspx)) offer a dazzling perspective, while a 0.6-mile descending trail provides access to a new boardwalk and viewing area along the bank of the Snoqualmie River.

Guided fishing adventures are another great way to experience the river and its several forks. **Emerald Water Anglers** ([emeraldwateranglers.com](http://emeraldwateranglers.com)) leads float or walk-and-wade trips, with peak season mid- to late June into October. Anglers appreciate the river's abundant wild and native trout, with the average catch measuring 9 inches. The river is also known for its summer into early-winter steelhead runs. Most fishing is catch-and-release. **S**

*Writer Corinne Whiting lives in the Puget Sound area.*

*For more information on visiting the Eastside, go to websites such as [visitbellevuewashington.com](http://visitbellevuewashington.com) and [explorekirkland.com](http://explorekirkland.com), and to [experiencewa.com](http://experiencewa.com), which also lists other Eastside visitor bureaus.*

**Volterra** ([volterrarestaurant.com](http://volterrarestaurant.com)): Acclaimed Volterra provides contemporary dining and drinks at its downtown Kirkland (and Ballard)



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## Seattle Quirky

The Seattle area has a penchant for the quirky and imaginative; here are some out-of-the-ordinary attractions.

### FREMONT TROLL

It's true—trolls really do live under bridges. Seattle has proof. A gargantuan one-eyed troll lurks under the Aurora Avenue Bridge (below) in the funky Fremont neighborhood ([fremont.com/troll](http://fremont.com/troll)), and to prove his menace, he's crushing an actual VW Beetle. The 18-foot-tall troll, which local artists crafted with concrete, wire and steel in 1990, can be seen on your own, or as part of tours such as the **Snoqualmie Falls and City Tour** ([shuttertours.com](http://shuttertours.com)) or the **Fremont Tour**, a combination of quirky public art and improvisational street theater (starts in late June; [thefremonttour.com](http://thefremonttour.com)).



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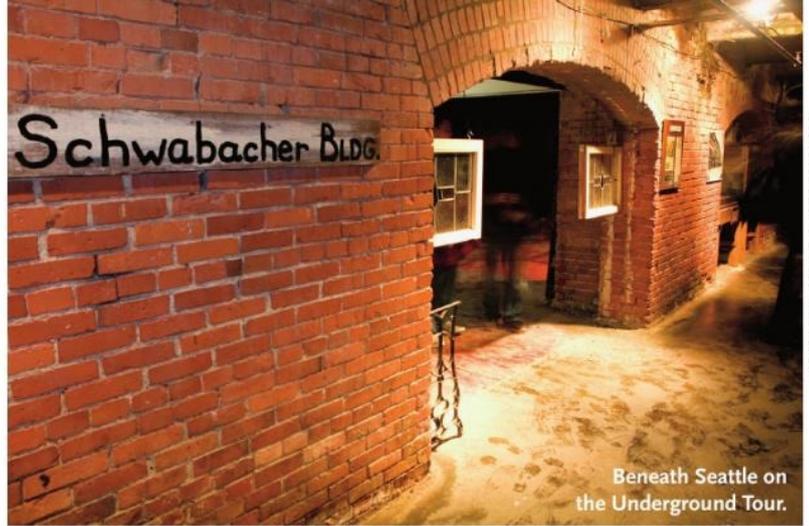
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### UNDERGROUND/SUBSEATTLE/ PARANORMAL TOURS

The Great Fire of 1889 and chronic plumbing problems forced city leaders to consider drastic changes to Pioneer Square. So they built a new street level about a story higher than the existing streets, leaving behind a subterranean ghost city. Over time, gambling halls, flophouses and speakeasies made their way into these abandoned dens. Today, you can navigate these storied passageways on **Bill Speidel's Underground Tour** (undergroundtour.com). After dark, search for ghosts on the **Underground Paranormal Experience** tour. And the **SubSeattle Tour**



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### GUM WALL

Pike Place Market's Post Alley holds a sight sure to both horrify and fascinate. In the early 1990s, patrons of the improv-comedy show Theatresports began placing coins on the brick wall via chewing gum while waiting in line. And what can I say? The idea stuck. Today, gum contributed by visitors plasters many yards of wall in a colorful, ever-morphing mosaic (right) of public art.



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**Hat 'n' Boots:** Built in 1954 as a cowboy-themed gas station, the gigantic hat-and-boots sculpture is now at Oxbow Park in Georgetown.

**Giant Coffeepot:** In case you need more evidence of the Northwest's love affair with coffee, customers at Bob's Java Jive in Tacoma listen to live music within a 25-foot-tall coffeepot.

## DUCK DODGE

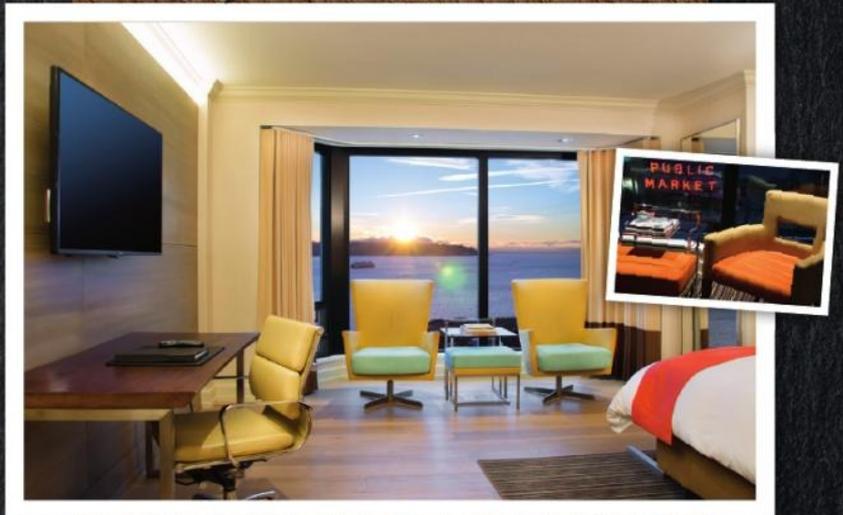
It looks like chaos: dozens of boats racing around buoys on Lake Union, sailed by crews wearing togas, hula skirts or other costumes. A tradition for 41 years, these goofy, volunteer-organized Duck Dodge Sailboat Races ([duckdodge.org](http://duckdodge.org)) are followed by mid-lake socializing as participants raft their boats together. Rules include: Never make a duck change its course. Races are held most Tuesdays in summer, at 7 P.M.

## YE OLDE CURIOSITY SHOP

Real mummies in a gift store? Yes: Sylvester, possibly an 1800s cowpoke, and Sylvia, from 19th century Central America, are celebrities at this Seattle Waterfront house of curios, which has been embracing the unusual since 1899. Products range from a Doctor Who watch to a recycled-metal *Alien* figure. The shop expects to reopen this July as soon as seawall construction allows ([yeoldecuriosityshop.com](http://yeoldecuriosityshop.com)). **S**

—Jeff Layton

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Rent a canoe or a rowboat at the **UW Waterfront Activities Center** ([washington.edu/ima/wac](http://washington.edu/ima/wac)) to paddle the Montlake Cut and Lake Union, or explore Lake Washington waters around the 200-acre **Wash-**

**ington Park Arboretum**. Kayak rentals and tours can be arranged through [Agua Verde \(aguaverde.com\)](http://aguaverde.com) and the [Northwest Outdoor Center \(nwoc.com\)](http://northwestoutdoorcenter.com).

### THE CENTER FOR WOODEN BOATS

At this working museum ([cwb.org](http://cwb.org)), craftspeople keep alive the tradition of hand-built watercraft (as shown at right). For many visitors, it's enough to run your hands over the gunnels of these marine works of art, but you can also rent a rowboat, a canoe or (for those with experience) a sailboat. On Sundays, volunteers offer free sailing trips around Lake Union.

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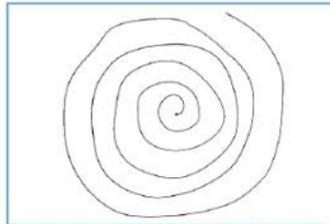
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([greenlakeboatrentals.net](http://greenlakeboatrentals.net)) and Olympic Outdoor Center on the Kitsap Peninsula ([olympicoutdoorcenter.com](http://olympicoutdoorcenter.com)).

For a unique experience, try **paddleboard yoga with WASUP Yoga** (shown above), located at Surf Ballard ([surfballard.com](http://surfballard.com)).

## ARGOSY CRUISES

Argosy's highly regarded sight-seeing tours include a leisurely cruise on inland waters to **Tillicum Village on Blake Island**, where you can enjoy a Coast Salish story-telling-and-dancing show, and a meal featuring items such as steamed clams, and Northwest salmon that has been slowly roasted over an open alderwood fire ([argosycruises.com](http://argosycruises.com)).

## FISHING PUGET SOUND

Fish such as salmon and lingcod feed in Puget Sound waters, and during the applicable fishing seasons, you can arrange guided trips. The setting is fantastic—you'll see islands and mountains, and might spot sea lions, harbor seals, eagles and even the occasional whale or submarine ([allstarfishing.com](http://allstarfishing.com), [emeraldwateranglers.com](http://emeraldwateranglers.com), [fishingseattle.com](http://fishingseattle.com), [pugetsoundsportfishing.com](http://pugetsoundsportfishing.com), [seattlesalmoncharters.com](http://seattlesalmoncharters.com)).

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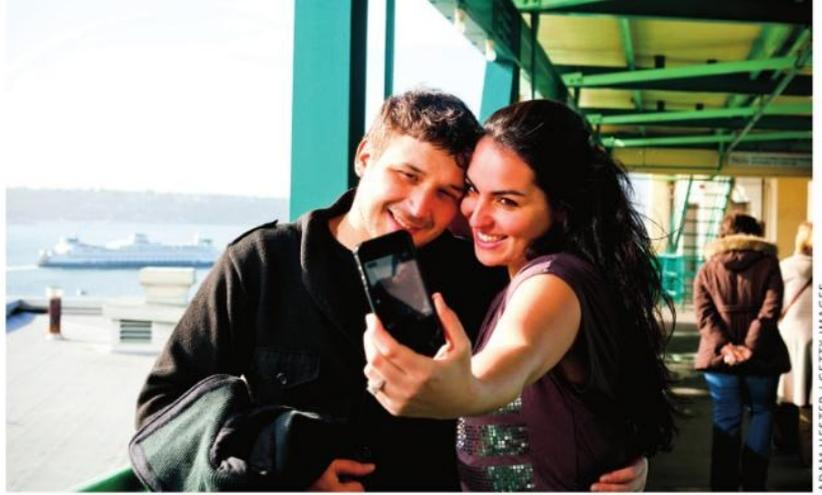
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## BLUE ANGELS SHOW OVER THE WATER

A summer tradition, Seattle's Seafair festival features the Blue Angels U.S. Navy jet team as it performs aerial stunts over Lake Washington, July 31–Aug. 2 this year. For an unforgettable vantage point, take a cruise to see the sky show. Good options include **Waterways Cruises**, known for its prime viewing position, with a barbecue buffet included ([waterwayscruises.com](http://waterwayscruises.com)).

## PUGET SOUND FERRIES

One of the most convenient and inexpensive ways to experience Puget Sound waters is to be a walk-on passenger aboard a **Washington State Ferry** boat (shown above) departing from Colman Dock on the Seattle Waterfront. These vessels make multiple roundtrips a day between Seattle and the **Kitsap Peninsula/Kitsap County** region ([visitkitsap.com](http://visitkitsap.com)), with marvelous views of Elliott Bay, wooded shorelines, upscale waterfront homes and, when the sun is shining, Mount Rainier and the Olympic Mountains ([wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://wsdot.wa.gov/ferries)).



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The **Bainbridge Island** ferry ride is only 35 minutes each way and will convey you to a charming area with museums, shops, restaurants, wine-tasting rooms, bakeries and the **Mora Iced Creamery** artisan ice cream shop ([bainbridgedowntown.org](http://bainbridgedowntown.org)).

The **Bremerton ferry**, an hour each way, disembarks near a park with spouting fountains and wading pools; the water-view **Anthony's at Sinclair Inlet restaurant**; a waterfront boardwalk; a naval-history museum; and the **USS Turner Joy**, a Vietnam War-era destroyer maintained as a museum—visitors can explore almost the entire ship ([ci.bremerton.wa.us](http://ci.bremerton.wa.us)). **S**

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All-Star second baseman Robinson Canó.

## Enthusiastic residents and visitors cheer local pro teams.

One of Seattle's hottest summer attractions will be the **Seattle Mariners** at Safeco Field. After acquiring All-Star **Nelson Cruz** in the off-season to add more power to a lineup that boasts fellow All-Stars second baseman **Robinson Canó** and third baseman **Kyle Seager**, the Mariners are expected to field a more potent offense this season to go along with one of the best pitching staffs in baseball.

Cy Young Award-winning ace **Felix Hernandez**,

All-Star **Hisashi Iwakuma** and bullpen All-Star **Fernando Rodney** lead a pitching roster expected to also include some of baseball's best young arms.

Another reason to attend a Mariners game is to enjoy **Safeco Field**, often ranked among the best baseball venues in the country. It offers excellent seating; a retractable roof; great food, with new items such as a Dungeness crab sandwich at the Way Back Crab Shack and an expanded selection of healthful vegetarian and gluten-free products at The Natural.

## Sports

Visitors enjoy expansive views of downtown Seattle, Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains ([mariners.com](http://mariners.com)). Alaska Airlines is the exclusive domestic airline of the Seattle Mariners. Every time a Seattle Mariners player hits a home run at Safeco Field during the 2015 season, Alaska Airlines will donate 10,000 air miles to Make-A-Wish of Alaska and Washington to help make "Wishes" come true for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

### SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC

Dynamic forwards **Clint Dempsey** and **Obafemi Martins**—two of Major League Soccer's best scorers—are back to help Seattle Sounders FC repeat as a top team in the Western Conference and reach the MLS playoffs for the seventh consecutive year in 2015 ([soundersfc.com](http://soundersfc.com)).

### SEATTLE REIGN FC

The Seattle Reign FC had a phenomenal 2014 season, including leading the league in points and having attacking midfielder **Kim Little** named the NWSL Most Valuable Player. The Reign hopes to return to this year's NWSL Championship Final and bring home the league trophy ([reignfc.com](http://reignfc.com)).



Kim Little, Seattle Reign FC

### SEATTLE STORM

This is a rebuilding year for the Seattle Storm, as the two-time WNBA champions used the first and third overall picks in the draft—and multiple roster moves—to retool for the future. Eight-time All-Star **Sue Bird** returns for her 13th season, and All-Star forward Crystal Langhorne, who led the team with an average of 12.9 points per game last season, will also be returning. The team is also hoping that three-time WNBA MVP Lauren Jackson will be back following recent knee surgery ([stormbasketball.com](http://stormbasketball.com)).

### SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

The Seahawks hope to become only the third team in NFL history to appear in three consecutive Super Bowls. Along with



Russell Wilson, Seattle Seahawks.

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one of the league's best defensive squads, the Hawks bolstered their offense during the off-season by trading for star tight end **Jimmy Graham** and re-signing running back **Marshawn Lynch**. Quarterback **Russell Wilson** (Alaska Airlines' Chief Football Officer) continues to provide strong leadership ([seahawks.com](http://seahawks.com)).

### IN THE STADIUM AREA

**Tours of Safeco Field**, home of the Seattle Mariners, include the field, press box, dugouts and visiting team's clubhouse ([seattle.mariners.mlb.com](http://seattle.mariners.mlb.com)). **Tours of CenturyLink Field**, home to the Seahawks and Sounders FC, include the field, the Suite and Club levels, the press box and various other behind-the-scenes locations, such as the locker rooms ([centurylinkfield.com](http://centurylinkfield.com)). Nearby

**Pioneer Square** is Seattle's original 1850s downtown. A National Historic District, the neighborhood ([pioneersquare.org](http://pioneersquare.org)) is becoming one of the hippest parts of the city. It's known for shops, galleries, restaurants and a lively nightlife scene, with more than a dozen sports bars. Restaurants include **Jimmy's on First** ([jimmisonfirst.com](http://jimmisonfirst.com)), serving fresh Northwest cuisine and premium artisan beers at the Silver Cloud Hotel Seattle—Stadium; **The London Plane**, with themed dinners ([thelondonplanesattle.com](http://thelondonplanesattle.com)); and **Pizzeria Gabbiano** ([pizzeriagabbiano.com](http://pizzeriagabbiano.com)), a gourmet standout. **S**—*Jeff Bond*

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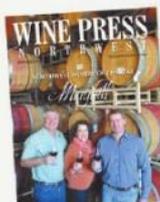
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Hole 18 at Chambers Bay.

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## Chambers Bay

Top PGA Tour players such as Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth will be competing in the **2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay Golf Course**, June 18–21. The links-style course, in the Tacoma-area community of University Place, is expected to play tough and long, at about 7,800 yards, for the event. For more information about the U.S. Open—and about playing the course yourself (closures will occur both before and after the tournament)—visit [chambersbaygolf.com](http://chambersbaygolf.com).

## Seattle Center

The gathering place created for the 1962 World's Fair continues to be one of the Puget Sound area's top recreation sites, with attractions ranging from **Chihuly Garden and Glass** to the **Seattle Children's Museum** to the **International Fountain**. Here are some of the excellent options:

► Take the glass-walled elevator to the **Space Needle Observation Deck** at 520 feet for an amazing view of the Seattle area and a meal in the revolving restaurant ([spaceneedle.com](http://spaceneedle.com)).

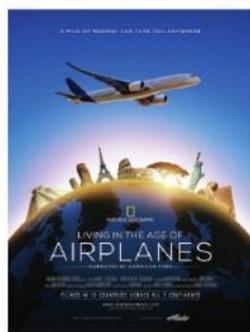
► Explore "**Infinite Worlds of Science Fiction**," a new exhibit at the **EMP Museum** that features more than 150 artifacts from iconic sci-fi films and

TV shows. In addition, "**Rebel, Jedi, Princess, Queen: Star Wars and the Power of Costume**" is on view until Oct. 4, while permanent interactive installations provide opportunities to make your own music ([empmuseum.org](http://empmuseum.org)).

► Have fun learning about science and history at **Pacific Science Center** ([pacificsciencecenter.org](http://pacificsciencecenter.org)), whose permanent exhibits feature everything from robotic dinosaurs to live butterflies. IMAX movies include **Living in the Age of Airplanes**, opening May 29. *Living in the Age of Airplanes*, filmed on all seven continents, tells the story of how aviation has transformed our lives. On May 4, Pacific Science Center will

begin showing **Humpback Whales 3D** on a new state-of-the-art IMAX screen.

► Cultural opportunities: Enjoy the **Festál** cultural-festivals series. Attend a concert (**Shania Twain** is performing June 5). Experience superlative productions by the **numerous performing-arts compa-**



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The Alaska Airlines Seafair Torchlight Parade.

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## Reasons to Celebrate

Pirates will land at Alki Beach. Watercraft made with milk cartons will race on Green Lake. Drill teams will march amid floats and balloons in the Seafair Torchlight Parade through downtown Seattle.

Those are just a few of the dozens of fun events taking place during **Seattle's multiweek summer Seafair celebration**. The festival will culminate with Seafair Weekend, July 31–Aug. 2, when the U.S. Navy Blue Angels roar over Lake Washington in an air show and hydroplanes zoom around the lake to vie for the Seafair Cup. And new this year: Standup paddleboarders will compete Aug. 1 on the hydroplane course (after hydroplane racing has ended for the day) in the 4-mile championship of the inaugural Northwest Paddling Series. Alaska Airlines is the official airline of Seafair. For a complete schedule of events, visit [seafair.com](http://seafair.com).



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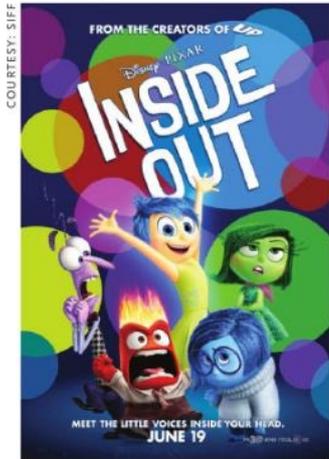
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Inside Out will be part of the Films4Families series.

## Show Time

Many of the world's most extraordinary films, from more than 80 countries, will be screened at the **Seattle International Film Festival**, taking place May 14–June 7 this year. Approximately 400 films—features and shorts, from varying genres—will be shown, with special series such as African Pictures, Asian Crossroads and Films4Families.

Alaska Airlines is the official airline of SIFF, which also shows films and organizes special events throughout the year at various Seattle venues (siff.net).



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A Seattle panorama from the Sky View Observatory.

## Bird's-Eye View

Enjoy a panoramic vista—including city, sea and mountains—from the **Sky View Observatory** on the 73rd floor of the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle. The observatory is one of the tallest public viewing areas west of the Mississippi River.

Lunch or dinner at the new Sky View Cafe—which serves gourmet salads, sandwiches, bites and desserts, plus select Washington beers and wines—enhances the viewing experience (skyviewobservatory.com).



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## Seattle on Two Wheels

Seattle is ranked among the most bicycle-friendly cities in the nation, and since last year's launch of **Pronto Cycle Share, presented by Alaska Airlines**, residents and visitors age 16 and up have another easy and affordable option for exploring on two wheels (parent/guardian consent required for riders under 18).

**Pronto boasts a fleet of 500 bikes in 50 locations**, making it easy to find a station near you. Simply rent by credit card or debit card at any Pronto station; check out a helmet; and get pedaling.

Passes provide rental for 24 hours (\$8) or three days (\$16); full-year memberships are also available. When finished, return your bike and helmet to any open station.

You can use a bike

for 30 minutes before you need to either dock it at a station or pay an additional fee, but for the original cost of your pass, you can enjoy as many 30-minute segments as you want within the duration of your pass.

It is easy to go from station to station to see various city sites, and



SEAN CONROE

by docking between the sites you don't have to worry about what to do with a bike as you explore each place.

For instance:

► **For a ride along the water**, begin at the Pronto station across the street from the **Seattle Aquarium** near Pier 59, and pedal north along the Elliott Bay Trail through **Myrtle**

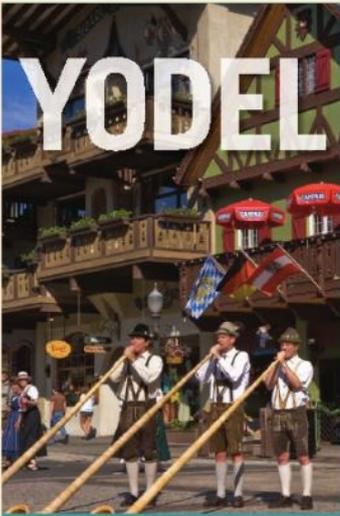
**Edwards Park** before turning back at the **Centennial Park** viewpoint near the landmark grain elevators. On clear days, Puget Sound, the city skyline and Mount Rainier are visible along the route. On the return ride, dock your bike at the Pier 69 station and stroll the nearby **Olympic Sculpture Park** to enjoy its public art. Re-rent a bike at the Pier 69 station to return downtown.

► From a downtown station, find the protected lane on Second Avenue, and follow this south to the historic **Pioneer Square** neighborhood. Dock at the Occidental Park station to enjoy neighborhood restaurants and attractions.

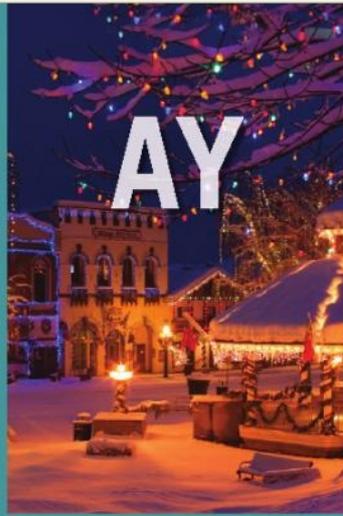
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—Hannah Tyne

# Around the Sound...



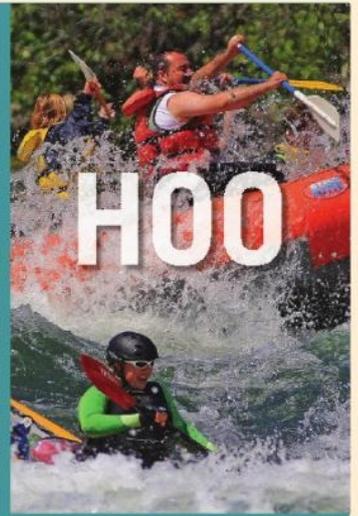
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**Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, Eatonville:** This 725-acre, 200-plus-animal park, home to species ranging from bison to elk, is open year-round and offers popular tram tours. 360-832-6117; nwtrek.org.

**Nordic Heritage Museum, Ballard neighborhood:** The exhibit “Finland: Designed Environments” features Finnish design over the last 15 years, including furnishings, fashions and crafts, through July 26. 206-789-5707; nordicmuseum.org.

**Town Hall Seattle:** Upcoming events include **Golden Dragon Water Puppet Theatre** from Vietnam, May 15–17; and **John Adams’ Shaker Loops**, being performed by alumni and members of the **Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestras**, June 27. The concert also features an original work that Town Hall commissioned from composer Timo Andres. 206-652-4255; townhallseattle.org.



CHRISTOPHER NELSON

Northwest Folklife Festival.

**Northwest Folklife Festival, Seattle Center, May 22–25:** Enjoy cultural events, music, dance, film and lectures. This year’s cultural focus is Beats, Rhymes and Rhythms: Traditional Roots of Today’s

Branches. 206-684-7300; nwfolklife.org/festival.

**Bite of Seattle, Seattle Center, July 17–19:** The event, whose sponsors include Alaska Airlines, offers gourmet delights from Puget Sound—area restaurants, accompanied by live entertainment. 425-295-3262; biteofseattle.com.

**Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering, Enumclaw, July 25–26.** This event features Celtic arts, athletic competitions, combat exhibitions and traditional music. 206-522-2541; sshga.org.

**Bumbershoot: Arts in the Great Northwest, Seattle Center, Sept. 5–7.** Billed as North America’s largest urban cultural-arts festival, with music, theater, visual arts, film and comedy; 206-673-5060; bumbershoot.com.

**Washington State Fair, Puyallup, Sept. 11–27:** The fair features rides, food, livestock exhibits, concerts and a professional rodeo. 253-845-1771; thefair.com.

**Seattle Children’s Theatre, Seattle Center:**



Wicked will be at The Paramount Theatre this summer.

JOAN MARCUS

The theater presents **Robin Hood** through May 17. The six plays in the upcoming season include **Elephant & Piggie’s “We Are in a Play!”**, Oct. 8–Nov. 29; **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**, Nov. 5–Dec. 27; and



**Where the Wild Things Are**, Jan. 7–Feb. 21. 206-441-3322; sct.org.

General Theater: **ACT, Jacques Brel Is Alive and**

**Well & Living in Paris**, a co-production with The 5th Avenue Theatre, through May 17 (acttheatre.org). **Book-It Repertory Theatre**, silver jubilee season, **Slaughterhouse-Five**, June 9–July 3 (book-it.org). **The 5th Avenue Theatre, The Illusionists**, June 16–21 (5thavenue.org). **Theatre at Meydenbauer Center, Coppélia**, May 15–17 (meydenbauer.com/theatre-meydenbauer). **The Paramount Theatre, Wicked**, July 8–Aug. 2 (Alaska Airlines is the official airline sponsor of the Broadway at The Paramount series; stgpresents.org). **Seattle Gilbert & Sullivan Society, The Pirates of**

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Golden Dragon Water Puppet Theatre will perform at Town Hall in May.



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*Penzance*, July 10–25 (patterson.org). **Seattle Repertory Theatre**, *Outside Mullingar*, through May 17 (seattlerep.org). **Seattle Shakespeare Company**, *Othello*, through May 17 (seattleshakespeare.org). **Taproot Theatre Company**, *Jeeves Intervenes*, May 13–June 20 (taproottheatre.org). **Village Theatre**, Issaquah, *Cabaret*, May 14–July 3 (villagetheatre.org).

Additional Performing Arts: **Pacific Northwest Ballet**, *Carmina Burana*, May 29–June 7 (pnb.org). **Seattle Opera**, *Ariadne auf Naxos*, May 2–16

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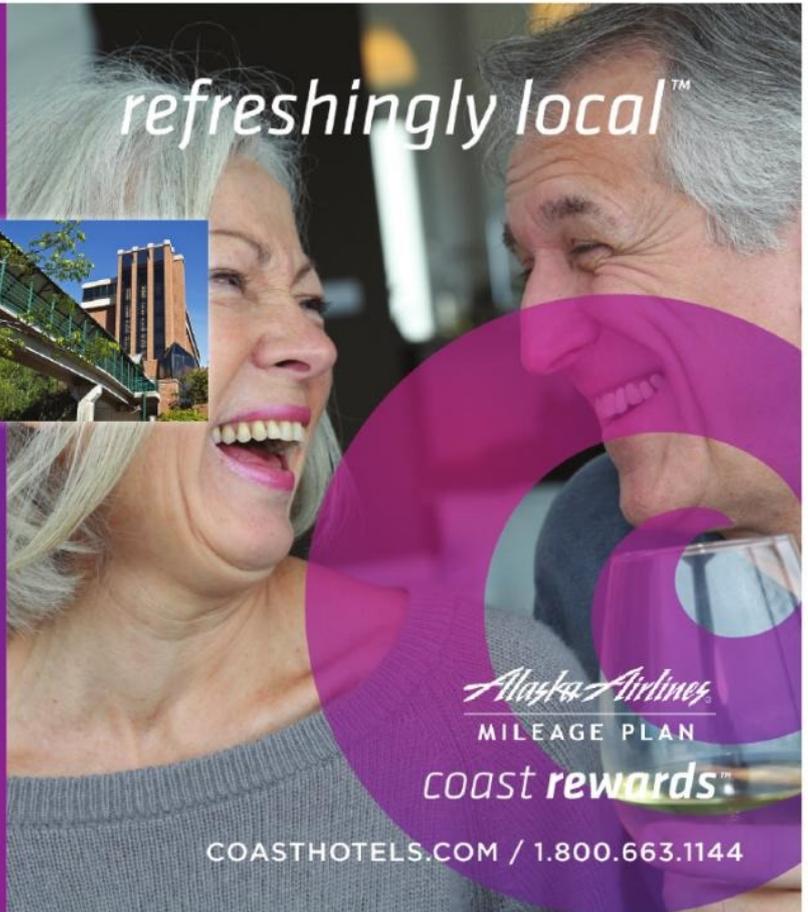


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the southern portion of the bluffs, a trek that goes up and over a rise, dips down to a lone picnic table, then swings back around.

Both routes are doable for hikers of average fitness. I've even hiked the South Trail with my 5-year-old daughter. Of course, make sure kids stay far from the edge; the trail is not suitable for young children who have a tendency to pull away and run off on their own.

Along both routes, interpretive signs enhance the visitor experience. One sign explains that Bodega Head is part of Sonoma Coast State Park ([www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=451](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=451)), which protects 17 miles of coastal bluffs and beaches, and that The Head looks out on two separate Marine Protected Areas.

You can bring binoculars for a close-up look at the wildlife, but for me, the best part about this site is that I rarely need vision enhancement. I like to think of the Sonoma County coastline as an amphitheater for watching the mighty Pacific—and Bodega Head is one of nature's greatest skyboxes.

### Savoring Dry Creek History

A few minutes into wine-tasting at Mauritsen Wines near my home in Healdsburg, I realize I'm enjoying one of the most unique wine tours in the Dry Creek Valley American Viticultural Area (AVA), which boasts 70 wineries and a climate similar to that of Bordeaux.

Over the next three hours, the Rockpile Adventure tour will stretch from Mauritsen Wines' homey tasting room to the steep hillsides of a 2,500-acre section of land located on a ridge between two arms of Lake Sonoma that is part of both the Dry Creek AVA and the adjacent Rockpile AVA. Mauritsen Wines ([mauritsenwines.com](http://mauritsenwines.com)), a member of the Wine Road, North Sonoma County association ([wineroad.com](http://wineroad.com)), is one of the few wineries leading tours in the Rockpile grape-growing region, which is one of the smallest AVAs in the country.

Clay Mauritsen—co-owner/winemaker and sixth-generation member of the family that started growing grapes in the Dry

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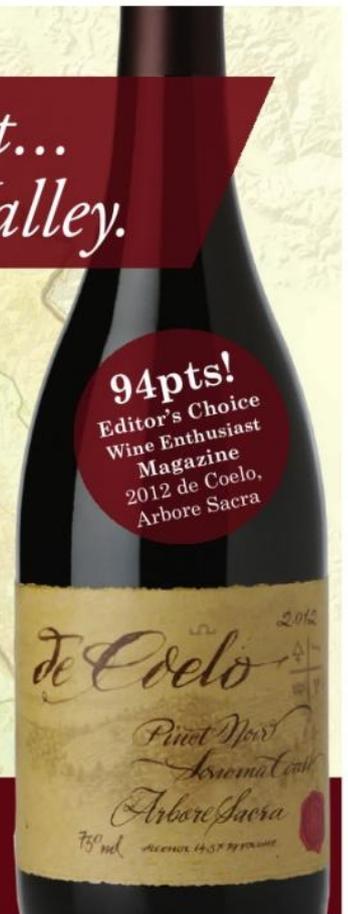


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Creek Valley in 1868—starts the tour by explaining that Mauritson Wines owns vineyards in Sonoma County's Rockpile, Dry Creek Valley and Alexander Valley AVAs, as well as purchasing grapes from other respected wine growers. His wife, Carrie, pours me a bright, crisp Sauvignon Blanc from the family's 65-acre Hardie Ranch Vineyard, which borders Dry Creek for about 300 yards. Hand-harvested grapes were whole-cluster pressed and fermented for greatest concentration and depth, Clay says, and the wine expresses the citrus flavor expected from a great Sauvignon Blanc.

The enthusiastic winemaker—a former University of Oregon linebacker who



Clay Mauritson, co-owner/winemaker for Mauritson Wines, and associate winemaker Emma Kudritzki.

played on the PAC-10 Championship team of 1994 and the Rose Bowl team of 1995—tells me how his great-great-great-grandfather, S.P. Hallengren, a grape-growing pioneer in the region, primarily raised sheep on the family land for a few decades, with viticulture as a side hobby, before converting a small portion of the land to vines, likely Zinfandel, in 1884.

Next, Clay walks me around the tasting room to show me sepia-toned photos of his ancestors working some of the family's 4,000 acres—all but 700 of which were acquired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-



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neers in order to develop Lake Sonoma at the western end of the valley in 1983. He leads me to a Suburban in the parking lot to whisk us off to our next stop: the vineyards in the hills above the lake in the Rockpile AVA.

As we drive past Warm Springs Dam and above the fog blanketing the lake, Clay enumerates a few of the things that make this AVA unique: It sits at least 800 feet above sea level and boasts shallow topsoil with a clay subsoil and little silt or sand. The land receives the full force of coastal winds, which blow through almost every afternoon. Temperatures stay relatively consistent year-round.

"We're above the fog; our soil drains well; and the wind keeps the fruit dry, virtually eliminating rot," Clay says. "Together, along with temperatures that generally avoid extreme hot and cold, these conditions create low yields and intense fruit—exactly the kinds of grapes we want to work with."

We stroll through a few vineyard blocks—a quad-straining exercise on these steep slopes—then stop at a picnic table made from old redwood wine tanks, to set out local cheeses and charcuterie, paired with Rockpile Rosé, Zinfandel, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and more. The wines are bold and fruit-forward, but not overwhelmingly so. I find the well-balanced 2012 Cabernet particularly flavorful. For me, it evokes dark-fruit and cigar-box aromas, and tastes like black currant and ripe olive.

As we savor the food and the moment, I peer down toward the calm water of the lake and try to imagine what this part of the valley looked like in the late 1800s. Nearly 150 years after Clay's ancestors settled this area, the innovative family is still crafting wine—a testament to their pioneering spirit and passion for viticulture.

## Fun by Foot

From the top of Sonoma Mountain's East Slope, the entire Bay Area spreads out before me. In the distance, I can see the Golden Gate Bridge and skyscrapers in San Francisco. In the foreground, I can

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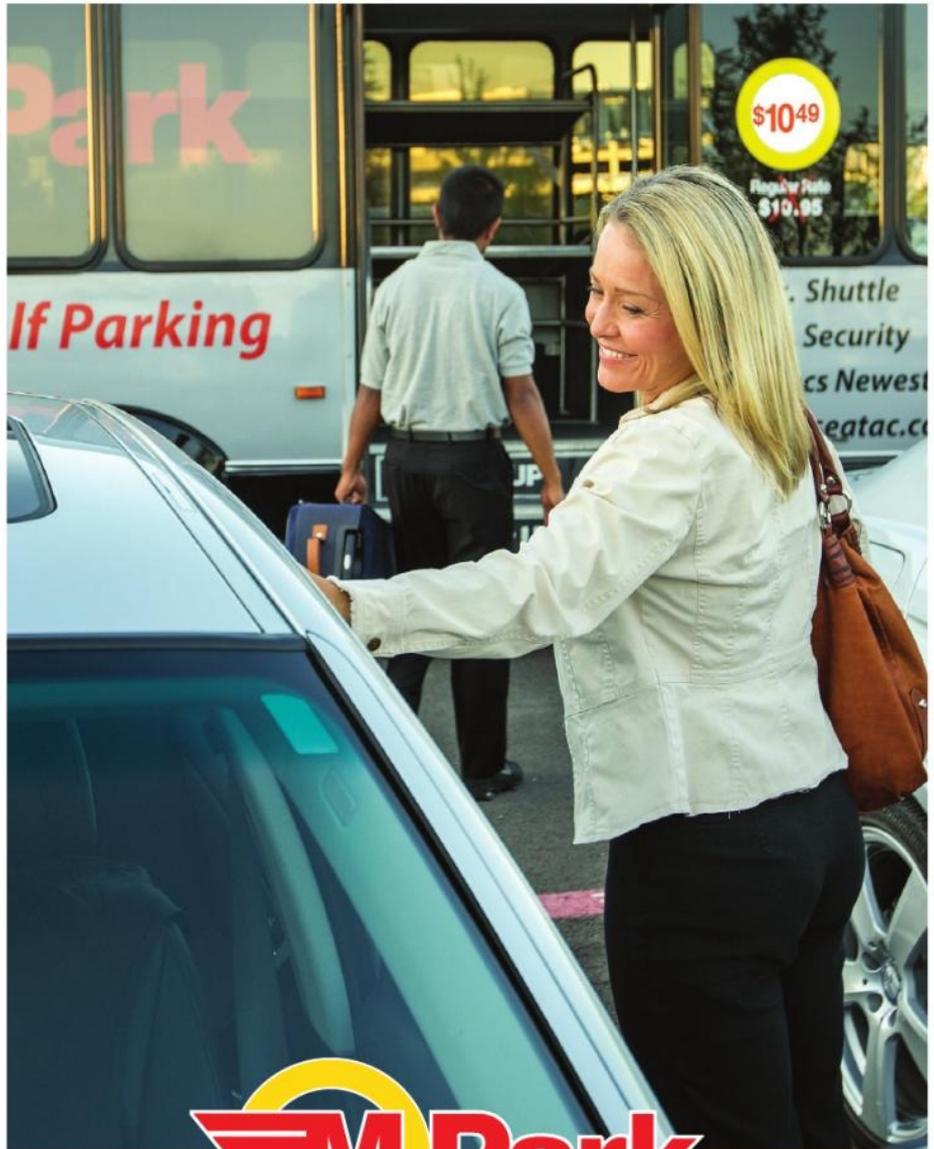
For years, the view from this spot, in the heart of Sonoma County, about 25 miles southeast of Santa Rosa, was off-limits to the general public, since the site was privately owned. Now, thanks to the purchase of 283-acre Sonoma Mountain Ranch by the Sonoma Land Trust and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, anybody can hike up on a public trail to enjoy the vista.

The East Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail opened in March, as did the new North Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail on the North Slope, giving visitors access to routes up two sides of the mountain. The new trails also extend the Bay Area Ridge Trail, a growing series of about 350 miles of trails for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians along the ridgelines overlooking San Pablo and San Francisco bays.

The new Sonoma Mountain trails also connect with existing trails found in the 1,400-acre Jack London State Historic Park ([jacklondonpark.com](http://jacklondonpark.com)), established in Glen Ellen, about 20 miles north of Sonoma, on Jack London's Beauty Ranch, where he wrote a number of his books. London hiked from his ranch over to Sonoma Mountain Ranch to find inspiration for some of his writings at Graham Creek, then known as Wild Water Creek, according to the Sonoma Land Trust. Now his fans can follow in his footsteps.

The 1.2-mile East Slope trail is particularly breathtaking; on a recent afternoon, I joined a tour led by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District ([sonomaopenspace.org/cal.php?view=outings](http://sonomaopenspace.org/cal.php?view=outings)) to spotlight the new

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**I still remember** how pine-scented breezes, tinged with a hint of wildflowers, danced around our family as we enjoyed our first trek along the Grinnell Glacier Trail in Montana's Glacier National Park about 15 years ago.

To the southeast, about 100 feet below the trail, aqua Lake Josephine rippled to the rhythm of those same breezes. A boat had paused not far from the shore, and we could hear cameras and tongues clicking: "A grizzly!"

The members of our eight-person group—which included two couples we'd met near the trailhead—quickly looked around, and sure enough, some 300 feet above the trail section we had just hiked (while talking and singing loudly to alert any animals to our presence), a silver-tipped bear grazed on huckleberries. It was a sight visitors from faraway lands come to the park to see, and we were dazzled, too, although my husband, Lynn, hurried our children, Gretchen and Bridger, then ages 5 and 8, along the trail while the bear placidly continued eating.

Today we treasure the memory of the numerous family hikes we took while the kids were growing up. We marveled at wildlife ranging from elk to eagles. We stopped to listen for yellow warblers and red crossbills. We ate trailside treats: huckleberries, strawberries, raspberries, thimbleberries—all native to the Northern Rockies. Even though the kids are now in their 20s, we still get together to trek the stunning terrain of Glacier

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**Last July**, we again hiked to Grinnell Glacier, one of the approximately two dozen shimmering slanted ice fields in the 1 million-plus-acre park. In 1850, an estimated 150 glaciers graced the region that became a national park in 1910.

Today, the U.S. Geological Survey reports just 25 glaciers larger than 25 acres (at less than 25 acres, the ice patch is no longer considered a glacier). We want to view the park's crystal wonders as much as we can.

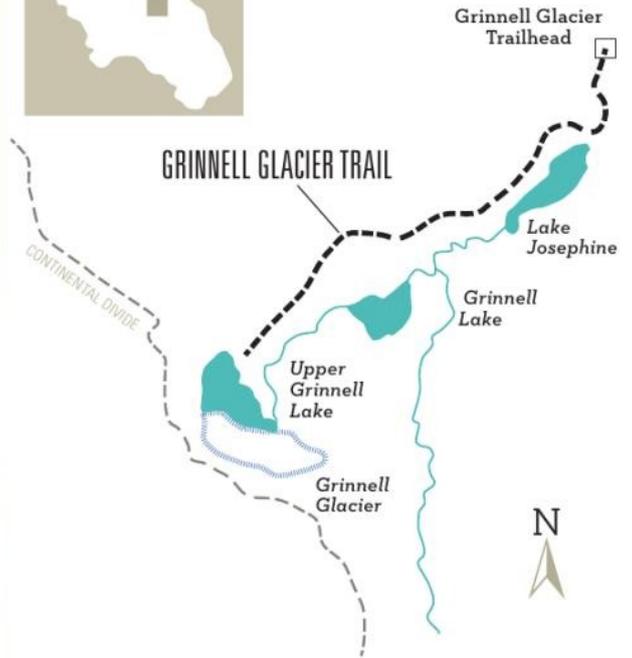
As we drove into the Many Glacier Valley on the park's east side and arrived at the park's entrance sign, we could see the terminus of today's hike: prominent Grinnell Glacier, along with Salamander and Gem

**Above:** The Grinnell Glacier Trail leads to Upper Grinnell Lake, which is fed by the runoff from the nearby glacier. **Right:** The *Morning Eagle* offers tours of Lake Josephine and transports hikers to an access point on the glacier trail.

glaciers—the glitterati of the park on the slopes of the Garden Wall Ridge.

From the Grinnell Glacier Trailhead, near the Many Glacier Picnic Area, a 5.5-mile trail climbs 1,600 feet in elevation, reaching the high-country home of bighorn sheep, mountain goats and pikas on its way to the glaciers. But like many visitors, we shortened our hike to about 3.8 miles each way via the Glacier Park Boat Company's scenic tours. Our adventure started as we boarded the 1960 wooden boat *Chief Two Guns* at the dock by Many Glacier Hotel for a leisurely interpretive tour of Swift-current Lake.

Along the way, the captain tells us more about park geology, and the boat company's interpretive guide interjects with a wildlife spotting:



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"That moose probably stood more than 6 feet at his shoulders," noted my college-student son, Bridger, a 6-footer himself. "What's the name of the dangly thing under the moose's chin?" asked Gretchen. "A dewlap!" Lynn noted.

At the southwestern end of Swift-current Lake, we disembarked and walked two-tenths of a mile on a trail

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to board a second wooden boat, the 1945 carvel-planked *Morning Eagle*, which plies the waters of Lake Josephine.

After a blissful boat ride to the head of Lake Josephine at its southwestern end, we disembarked and began following a national park ranger who led the 3.8-mile hike from the boat dock to the glacier-overlook site.



**Indian paintbrush** tinted the hillside carmine red. Purple silky lupine stood 3 feet tall. And where snow patches had recently melted, yellow glacier lilies nodded in the breeze. We knew that by late July, trailside bushes would hang heavy with ripening huckleberries, the pur-

ple delicacy of the high country. Five mule deer banqueted on shrubs off-trail on the slope above us, flicking their tails. We hiked

### Yellowstone National Park Hike

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The route, on a former wagon trail, parallels the Firehole River for the first mile and then continues through open meadow toward a view of the Midway Geyser Basin, home to the stunning Grand Prismatic Spring with its indigo-blue, lime-green, sulfur-yellow and crimson-orange colors—the result of microorganisms that thrive in the ultrahot water. Hikers along the Fairy Falls Trail might also see bison and bears, so be sure to hike in groups, make noise, stay alert and carry bear spray. At the falls, Fairy Creek flows from the Madison Plateau, tumbling and frothing to a knee-deep pool of 40 F water. —J.A.



southwest above the lake toward the glacial arête of the Continental Divide, which was catching a few wisps of clouds in the pickets of peaks. We passed Grinnell Lake, where a few icebergs bobbed in turquoise-green water, and soon we could see 960-foot Grinnell Falls skipping over rocks and ledges. As we climbed toward the glacial cirque, we watched two bighorn rams charge each other about 150 yards off the trail. The sound of clashing horns echoed from Mount Grinnell's slopes.

The most awe-inspiring part of the hike was the Grinnell Glacier Overlook. Salamander Glacier sparkled in the sun just below us, and several hundred feet below Salamander lay Grinnell Glacier. To the south, below the summit of Mount Gould, we could see Gem Glacier, the park's smallest named glacier. On the northern side of Grinnell Glacier was ice-dotted Upper Grinnell Lake, which developed in the 1930s, fed by the glacier's retreat.

Invigorated by our hike, inspired by the view, and thrilled to be experiencing it together, we pondered the idea of wilderness and wildness, and voiced how grateful we were for the trails that lead to these breathtaking places. **(For more great Montana hikes, turn to page 91.) ■**

*Jean Arthur is the author of Top Trails: Glacier National Park: Must-Do Hikes for Everyone, published in 2014. Alaska Airlines (800-ALASKAAIR; alaskaair.com) offers flights to Kalispell, gateway to Glacier National Park, as well as flights to Bozeman, Billings, Great Falls, Helena and Missoula, also all gateways to spectacular hiking.*

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## More Great Montana Hikes

**Billings Area Four Dances Natural Area** ([blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings\\_field\\_office/four\\_dances.html](http://blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings_field_office/four_dances.html) and [visitbillings.com](http://visitbillings.com)): An open space just 2 miles east of downtown Billings offers a sense of wilderness. Named for a revered Crow Indian chief from the 1800s, the natural area has 2.3 miles of dirt trails amid rugged



Ruby-crowned kinglet.

terrain that includes native grasses, sagebrush, cottonwoods and ponderosa pines. Depending on the season, those who

enjoy bird-watching might spot peregrine falcons, pinyon jays, brown creepers and ruby-crowned kinglets. One section of trail leads to a historic cabin used by 1927 Newbery Medal-winning writer/artist Will James, who spent his later years in the Billings area. Cliffs provide views from 200 to 500 feet above the Yellowstone River on the west side of the natural area and also provide an exceptional view of Billings.

**Great Falls River's Edge Trail** ([thetrail.org](http://thetrail.org) and [genuinemontana.com](http://genuinemontana.com)): This gorgeous trail meanders in paved and gravel sections for 57 miles on both sides of the famous Missouri River. It provides views of five waterfalls, plus access to green spaces such as Giant Springs State Park, where what is perhaps the country's shortest river—the 201-foot Roe River—joins the country's longest river, the 2,540-mile Missouri. Giant Springs also hosts a summer Music in the Parks series of concerts.

After your hike, enjoy one of the newest "trails" in central Montana: the Pie a la Road route to 19 different cafes and restaurants, such as Lippi's Kitchen, known for its junberry pie



River's Edge Trail.

and located just five blocks west of the River's Edge Trail.

Other cafes on the pie trail serve specialties, ranging from huckleberry to the Black Forest-chokecherry, to whipped-pumpkin mousse ([centralmontana.com/pie\\_trail](http://centralmontana.com/pie_trail)).

**Helena Area Mount Helena Ridge Trail** ([www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/helena/recreation/recarea/?recid=63107&actid=50](http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/helena/recreation/recarea/?recid=63107&actid=50)): Accessible from Mount Helena City Park, the popular 5.9-mile trail in the Helena National Forest has some



Lupine.

steep segments but is a visual treasure, with open slopes that offer fabulous mountain and valley views, plus sections of ponderosa pine stands

and meadows full of wildflowers.

From early June into September, a free weekend Trail Rider shuttle transports hikers and bicyclists the 5.5 miles between downtown Helena and the trailhead ([downtownhelena.com/explore/new-trail-rider](http://downtownhelena.com/explore/new-trail-rider)).



Rocky spires along Blodgett Canyon Trail.

**Missoula Area Blodgett Canyon Trail** ([www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot](http://www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot) and [destinationmissoula.org](http://destinationmissoula.org)): A gentle hike to a waterfall begins at the Blodgett Canyon Trailhead, 51 miles south of Missoula in the Bitterroot Valley near Hamilton. The scenic 7-mile roundtrip Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness trail gains 600 feet in elevation as it passes granite domes and spires while traveling along Blodgett Creek—where fishermen and fisherwomen toss Royal Wulff flies, and birders look for meadowlarks, great horned owls and pileated woodpeckers. —Jean Arthur

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Continued from page 83 route. From the juncture with a trail inside the Jack London State Historic Park, we hiked southeast out of the park on a mostly flat path that would past live oaks and madrones, and over creek crossings armored with rocks. We were careful to stay in the middle of the trail, since poison oak dots both sides of the route.

As we walked, Alex Roa, a Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District employee who helped plan and build the new trails, told us more about the North Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail, a 4.25-mile out-and-back that runs between the north side of the park and the new 820-acre North Sonoma Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve ([parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov](http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov)). Roa noted that the trailhead in the preserve for the North Slope route is at an elevation of about 1,000 feet, with hikers gaining about 1,000 more feet during the course of the hike—which made me glad to be hiking the East Slope.

Finally we arrived at the top of the mountain to admire the incredible view. I marvel at how the San Francisco Bay Area spreads out before us like a poster. To the west, Mount Tamalpais; to the east, Mount Diablo. In between the peaks, we can make out the Bay Bridge connecting San Francisco to Oakland. In the foreground, the bay itself sparkles like an azure blanket adorned with diamonds.

I think, yet again, how lucky I am to live in a region with so many recreational gems. ■

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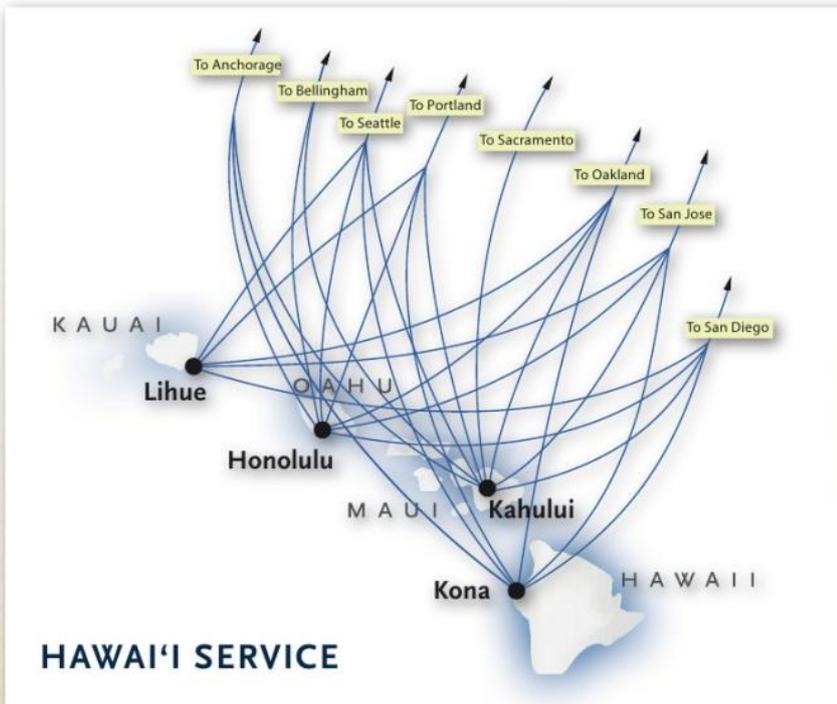
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-  DELTA

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**U.S. MILEAGE**

Between	Mileage
<b>Seattle &amp;</b>	
Boston	2496
Denver	1024
Honolulu	2677
Los Angeles (LAX)	954
Fort Lauderdale	2697
New York City/Newark	2401
Phoenix	1106
San Diego	1050
San Francisco	678
Washington, D.C.	2306
<b>Between</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Portland &amp;</b>	
Los Angeles (LAX)	834
Phoenix	1009
San Diego	933
San Francisco	550

Mileage Plan members receive mileage credit (500 miles minimum) based on the nonstop mileage between the origin and destination indicated on the ticket.

**UPCOMING NEW SERVICE**

Route	Service Begins
Portland–St. Louis	July 1, 2015
Seattle–Milwaukee	July 1, 2015
Seattle–Oklahoma City	July 1, 2015
Boise–Spokane	Aug. 24, 2015
Seattle–New York/JFK	Sept. 16, 2015

# ALASKA



## ALASKA MILEAGE

Between	Mileage
<b>Anchorage &amp;</b>	
Cordova	160
Kodiak	252
Fairbanks	261
King Salmon	289
Dillingham	329
Bethel	399
Nome	539
Kotzebue	549
Juneau	571
Prudhoe Bay	627
Ketchikan	776
Dutch Harbor	792
Seattle	1448
Portland	1542
San Francisco	2045
Los Angeles	2375
Honolulu	2776
Chicago	2847

Between	Mileage
<b>Fairbanks &amp;</b>	
Barrow	503
Seattle	1533
Chicago	2785
<b>Juneau &amp;</b>	
Sitka	95
Petersburg	123
Yakutat	199
Ketchikan	235
Seattle	909
<b>Ketchikan &amp;</b>	
Wrangell	83
Sitka	185
Juneau	235
Seattle	679

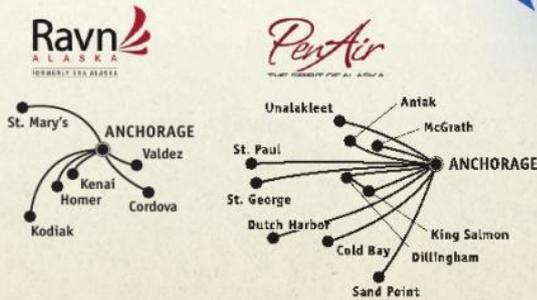
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● Alaska Airlines Cities

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## TO THE UNITED STATES

### U.S. CUSTOMS DECLARATION

Who must complete this form?

All travelers

#### Helpful tips

- One form per person or one per family (family defines those in the same household who are related by blood, marriage, domestic relationship, or adoption)
- Lines 5, 6 — If not using a passport, leave these lines blank
- Line 9 — Enter "AS" for Alaska Airlines
- Sign at the "X"



### DECLARACION DE ADUANA

¿Quién debe completar esta forma?

Todos los pasajeros

#### Datos de ayuda

- Una forma por persona o por familia con la misma dirección
- Línea 5, 6 — Si no tiene pasaporte, deje esta sección en blanco
- Línea 9 — Use "AS" para Alaska Airlines
- Firme en la "X"

### DECLARACION DE ADUANA

¿Quién debe completar esta forma?

Todos los pasajeros

#### Datos de ayuda

- Una forma por persona o por familia con la misma dirección
- Sección 6 — No es necesario declarar sus medicamentos de uso personal

### FMM

Who must complete this form?

All travelers except citizens of Mexico

¿Quién debe completar esta forma?

Todos los viajeros, excepto los ciudadanos de México



## TO MEXICO

### MEXICO CUSTOMS DECLARATION

Who must complete this form?

All travelers

#### Helpful tips

- One form per person or one per family with same address
- Section 6 — It is not necessary to declare medicine for your personal use



### FEM FOR MEXICAN NATIONALS

Who must complete this form?

Citizens of Mexico

### FEM PARA MEXICANOS

¿Quién debe completar esta forma?

Ciudadanos de México (Aun siendo residentes permanentes de EE.UU.)

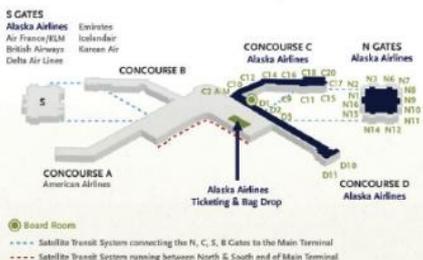
#### Datos de ayuda

- Complete una forma por persona. No olvide firmarla.
- Seleccione la opción "Entrada a México".
- En la línea 5 escriba el tipo y número del documento que usara como identificación.



# AIRPORT GATE LOCATION MAPS

## Seattle/Tacoma International Airport (SEA)



## Portland International Airport (PDX)



## Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)



## San Francisco International Airport (SFO)



# Learning from the Heart

A day of love for moms and kids | BY JILLIAN O'CONNOR

As a mother, I've learned that there is no sweeter gift than a daffodil stuffed with a rock. ■ That's my new idea of art, and that flower is a priceless masterpiece—more enduring in the ways that really count than diamonds or crystal. ■ For years I regarded Mother's Day as the ultimate "Hallmark Holiday"—a day conceived and developed to sell more greeting cards, carnations and all-you-can-eat brunches.

But that was before kids. Since my two boys entered the world, I've learned why Mother's Day can be meaningful for both moms and children.

For kids, it's a great exercise in thinking deeply about what another person might want and what another person might feel. And not just any person, but someone as deeply connected to them as a parent.

It can be transformative for a 4-year-old to labor at preschool for a week with glue, paint, boxed pasta and glitter to make the ultimate gift for his mom in a workshop with other determined tiny children—crafting heart ornaments out of cinnamon, apple-sauce and glue, or feverishly working to capture a parent's essence in a crayon drawing.

Not much can compare to the excitement of a house where a 5-year-old is hiding gifts for a parent. My boys get to conspire, but this time, it's not about how to stack up multiple small plastic stools to get to the cookies on the top shelf. It's all about making another person happy.

For busy moms caught up in the hustle and bustle of myriad demands, Mother's Day is an opportunity to take a step back and appreciate the gift, and the responsibility, of nurturing little ones whose lives will largely reflect the love we give and the example we

set. It's all too easy to feel discouraged about the ways you aren't living up to your parenting ideals, but Mother's Day can also be the New Year's Resolutions Day of motherhood: What can I do better? What am I doing well that I want to continue?

A seemingly humble gift—a crayon drawing, a clay turtle, a pasta necklace—born of a child's love for you is more treasured than a professional oil painting, gleaming glass art or a fancy dinner at a refined Italian restaurant.

When you receive a heartfelt gift from your child on Mother's Day, that's when you know that you are doing your job. You are raising someone who cares about others, who can grow up to care about family and the world. That's worth pushing through all of parenthood's struggles, tears and missteps. That's incentive to carry on despite

tantrums, years of interrupted sleep and conspiracies to procure cookies.

That's why I cherish a daffodil, festooned with a rock.

*Freelancer Jillian O'Connor parents two wonderful sons and writes the Overinvolved Mom blog in Seattle.*



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