In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighborhoods What's where

Explore Seattle

The best things to see and do, neighborhood by neighborhood



Top Sights

Make the most of your visit



Local Life

The insider's city

The Best of Seattle

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks

See the city on foot



Seattle's Best...

The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around

Travel like a local



Essential Information

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:



Eating

Orinking

Entertainment

Shopping

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- Parking
- Nonsmoking
- ✓ Vegetarian Selection
- English-Language Menu

- ₱ Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
- Ferry
- M Metro
- MonorailS Subway
- Subwa Tram
- ☐ Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:



Lonely Planet's Seattle

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides

are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city. Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighborhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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Welcome to Seattle

Blink and it's changed: Seattle can be that ephemeral. Welcome to a city that pushes the envelope, embraces new trends and plots a path toward the future. But it's not all technological wizardry. Set on a jagged coastline amid emerald islands and snow-capped volcanoes, Seattle is handsome as well as precocious; a cultured slice of Pacific Northwestern splendor.

Seattle waterfront



Pike Place Market (p26)

Way more than just a market, 110-year-old Pike Place is a living community, a cabaret show, a way of life and an intrinsic piece of Seattle's soul.





Chihuly Garden & Glass (p58)

The US' capital of glass art offers up this imaginatively laid out set of galleries and gardens displaying the whimsical creations of local glass sculptor Dale Chihulv.



Seattle Art Museum (p24)

Seattle's art credentials are growing ever stronger thanks, in part, to this envelope-pushing downtown museum with dual specialties in modern and Native American art.



Pioneer Square Architecture

(p42)

The homogeneous redbricked neighborhood that served as Seattle's original downtown still reeks of history, intrigue and stories from the city's pioneering days.