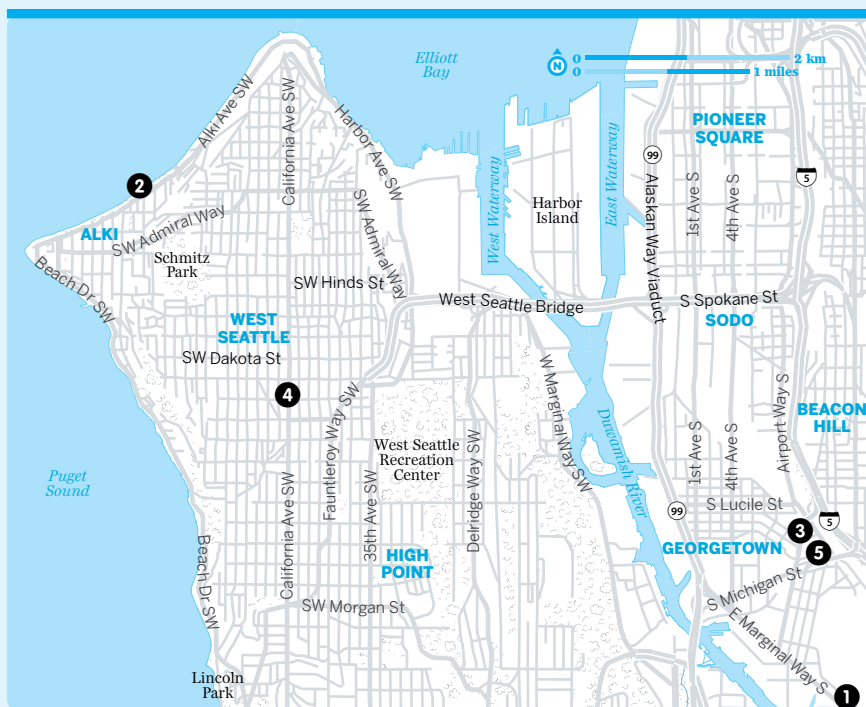


Georgetown & West Seattle

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Neighborhood Top Five

- 1 Seeing how *Homo sapiens* got from the Wright Brothers to the Concorde in the space of just 66 years at the illustrious, entertaining and subtly educational **Museum of Flight** (p161).
- 2 Slowing down the rhythm a notch on a weekend summer's afternoon on **Alki Beach** (p163).
- 3 Settling down for an afternoon of serious drinking in a redbricked **Georgetown bar** (p165).
- 4 Hanging out in the bakeries and record shops of **the Junction**, West Seattle's diminutive downtown.
- 5 Investigating Georgetown's bohemian inclinations in its monthly **Art Attack** (p164).



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Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Even Seattle's most rain-hardened brethren would admit that West Seattle is best saved for a sunny day. Visit this hilly, beach-embellished neighborhood in spring or summer and join in the high jinks on ebullient Alki Beach.

Best Places to Eat

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- Square Knot Diner (p164)
- American Pie (p163)
- Spud Fish & Chips (p165)

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Best Places to Drink

- Jules Maes Saloon (p165)
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- All City Coffee (p165)
- Elliott Bay Brewery & Pub (p165)

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Best Independent Shops

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Explore: Georgetown & West Seattle

Located south of downtown and Pioneer Square, the neighborhoods of Georgetown and West Seattle feel more detached, cut off from the city center by the glassy expanse of Elliott Bay and the boxy warehouse district of SoDo. Since transport connections to and from downtown are better than those between the neighborhoods themselves, they're often visited separately. Georgetown can be incorporated with a visit to the Museum of Flight, while West Seattle works as a pleasant summer weekend beach sortie.

Located 3 miles south of Seattle proper, Georgetown is an old neighborhood with a scrappy yet independent artistic sensibility that's recently been deemed cool. Once you get here (regular buses from downtown take 25 minutes), navigation is easy. Most of Georgetown's pubs, hip bars, funky shops and restaurants are clustered on Airport Way S.

There are plenty of Seattleites who would more likely visit Hawaii than spend a day catching rays in West Seattle. But, although this island-like enclave might feel as if it's halfway to Honolulu in the minds of many, it's actually only – ahem – 15 minutes from downtown by water taxi. Not that everyone dismisses it. Indeed, among a certain type of Seattleite, West Seattle beckons like a proverbial Coney Island, courtesy of sandy Alki Beach, the city's best excuse to get undressed in public and pretend you're in California.

Spread over a hilly peninsula, the neighborhood spins on two hubs: the de facto downtown called 'the Junction' at the intersection of California Ave and SW Alaska St, whose indie record store and bakery alone are worth the visit, and the famous beach and its promenade. Free shuttles from the water-taxi dock connect with both.

Local Life

- **Alki Beach** When the sun's out, the beach and its adjacent promenade become Seattle's communal backyard and a good place to play 'guess which neighborhood they're from' with the passing faces.
- **Jules Maes Saloon** Crusty pub that's been a collector and spreader of Georgetown gossip for – oh – 126 years.

Getting There & Away

- **Bus** Metro buses 106 and 124 run frequently from downtown to Georgetown. The 124 carries on to the Museum of Flight. RapidRide C-Line runs from downtown to West Seattle.
- **Water Taxi** Hourly water taxis leave Pier 50 from the downtown waterfront to Seacrest Park in West Seattle. There's no weekend service in the winter.