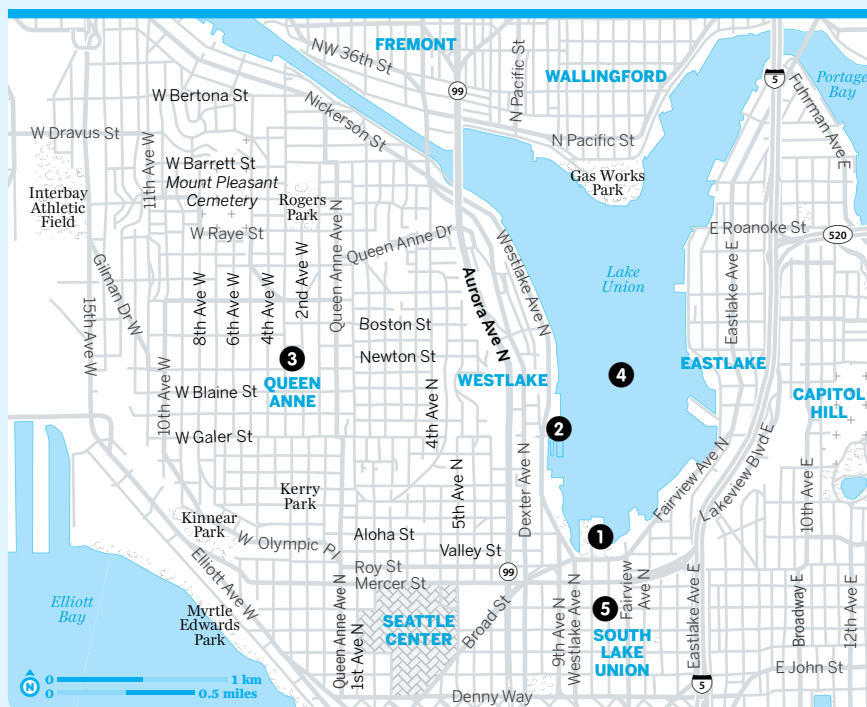


# Queen Anne & Lake Union

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## Neighborhood Top Five

- 1 Riding the streetcar to Seattle's fabulously refurbished **Museum of History & Industry** (p95) for a first-class exposition of the city's grunge-playing, aircraft-building, computer-designing history.
- 2 Circumnavigating Lake Union on dry land on the new **Cheshiahud Loop** (p104).
- 3 Gawping at **opulent mansions** atop Queen Anne Hill (p96).
- 4 Sailing in an old wooden boat on placid **Lake Union** (p97).
- 5 Joining the growing number of celebrity chefs for haute cuisine in **South Lake Union** (p101).



For more detail of this area, see Map p234 ➔

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Hit a Queen Anne super-market or sandwich bar and take a picnic over to Kerry Park (weather permitting) to enjoy what many locals claim is Seattle's finest view.

### Best Places to Eat

- Toulouse Petit (p100)
- How to Cook a Wolf (p100)
- Shanik (p101)
- 5 Spot (p100)

For reviews, see p96 ➡

### Best Places to Drink

- Uptown Espresso Bar (p102)
- El Diablo Coffee Co. (p102)
- Mecca Café (p102)
- Hilltop Ale House (p102)

For reviews, see p102 ➡

### Best Sporty Activities

- REI (p104) indoor climbing wall
- Kayaking on Lake Union (p104)
- Jogging the Cheshiahud Loop (p104)

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## Explore: Queen Anne & Lake Union

At some point during your Seattle sightseeing sojourn, you'll exit the tourist-heavy Seattle Center and be deposited on one of the busy thoroughfares of Lower Queen Anne, a lived-in urban locale good for a cheap meal or an eye-widening dose of Seattle coffee culture. To get a view of a posher side of the neighborhood, take a steep hike (or jump on a bus) up Queen Anne Ave N, aka 'The Counterbalance' to a markedly different neck of the woods.

Sitting on a 456ft hill above the Seattle Center, Queen Anne proper is an elegant collection of majestic redbrick houses and apartment buildings, sweeping lawns manicured to perfection, and gorgeous views of the city and Elliott Bay. Vistas aside (and, yes, they're worth the energy expenditure), the favorite pastime here is 'mansion-viewing,' ie wandering at will along the traffic-lite streets spying on an opulent array of fin de siècle architecture.

To the east, Lake Union – Seattle's watery playground – covers a large area that encompasses several neighborhoods including Fremont and the U District. To get an overview of its famous houseboats and various water-based activities, start in Lake Union Park and circumnavigate the lake on the new Cheshiahud Loop, a 6-mile walking circuit. If you have less time, head straight for the Museum of History & Industry, one of Seattle's best new sights. Across Mercer St there are enough restaurants and coffee bars in the burgeoning South Lake Union neighborhood to keep you fueled until dinner time. The handy streetcar will zap you back from lake-side to downtown in 10 minutes.

## Local Life

➤ **Uptown Espresso** Examine the velvet foam on your latte while eavesdropping on cell-phone conversations, yoga enthusiasts comparing breathing techniques, and 20-somethings bragging about how many Twitter followers they have.

➤ **5 Spot** Find out about the party you missed last night while standing in line for brunch at 5 Spot.

➤ **Cheshiahud Loop** Take an early-morning jog around Lake Union and watch the city waking up.

## Getting There & Away

➤ **Bus** Metro buses 2 and 13 run frequently to Queen Anne from downtown and Seattle Center. Buses 62 and 70 serve the Westlake and Eastlake neighborhoods of Lake Union from downtown.

➤ **Streetcar** Seattle's premier streetcar runs between South Lake Union and the Westlake Center downtown every 10 minutes.