



Seattle

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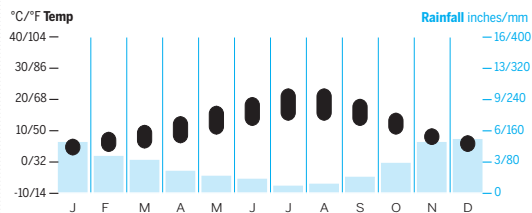
Why Go?

The largest city in the Pacific Northwest also happens to be a perfect distillation of all the great things the region has going for it. Known as the Emerald City, it's a lively, progressive urban center, lush with parks and surrounded by natural beauty, home to about 3.3 million people (an estimated 602,000 in the city proper). People here are fond of getting out into nature, and they're serious about protecting the environment. The live-music scene that lifted Seattle to pop-culture prominence in the '90s continues to thrive. Seattleites love good beer; the city is a cornerstone of the microbrew revolution. And it does coffee well enough to have launched an espresso empire.

It's a bookish, erudite place, but also a dynamic and inventive urban center, with thriving technology industries (high-tech, biotech, Boeing) and a growing population – an exciting entry point to an exploration of the Pacific Northwest.

When to Go

Seattle



June–August

Perfect weather and some of Seattle's best festivals – be sure to book ahead.

September

Bumbershoot, the annual music, arts and culture festival, is a big draw.

October–May

Seattle's long winter adds to the appeal of its many coffee shops and good pubs.



Seattle Highlights

- 1 Wander the maze of shops and restaurants in historic **Pike Place Market** (p63)
- 2 Soak up old-town atmosphere in **Pioneer Square** (p60), then explore tunnels under the city's surface
- 3 Ride the monorail to a rock and roll adventure at the **Experience Music Project**

- (p64), where you can record your own video or kneel at the altar of Hendrix and Cobain
- 4 Treat yourself to a slice of foodie heaven at the Northwest-cuisine landmark **Dahlia Lounge** (p74)
- 5 Ogle the stunning, Koolhaas-designed **Seattle Public Library** (p59); be sure

- to ride up the green escalator inside for the full effect
- 6 On a fair day, scope some top-notch sculpture and an awesome view of the Olympic mountains from the **Olympic Sculpture Park** (p63)
- 7 Look out from the heights of Seattle's ultimate landmark, the **Space Needle** (p64)