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AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO SEATTLE'S MUST-SEE NEIGHBORHOODS

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WHETHER YOU'VE LIVED
HERE YOUR WHOLE LIFE...

OR ARE JUST VISITING FOR THE WEEKEND,
THERE'S PROBABLY A GREAT SEATTLE
NEIGHBORHOOD YOU HAVEN'T EXPLORED.

HERE ARE JUST A HANDFUL OF THINGS TO SEE
AND DO IN 15 OF OUR CITY'S MOST-LOVED,
MUST-SEE NEIGHBORHOODS.

SO, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? - START
EXPLORING! AND TO DISCOVER EVEN MORE
ABOUT WHAT MAKES OUR CITY SO SPECIAL,
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BALLARD

Just a 20-minute bus ride from downtown, visitors flock to Ballard's **Hiram M. Chittenden Locks**, an engineering wonder built in 1916, which allows boats to navigate the 26-feet between freshwater lakes and the Puget Sound. But equally wonderful is **Golden Gardens**, a beachfront park with stunning views of the Olympic Mountains. If all the wonder leaves you breathless, be sure to refuel at **Bastille**, a French-inspired café and bar featuring produce from their rooftop garden!

CAPITOL HILL

From downtown, make your way up Pike or Pine, straight into the heart of the city's LGBT community - Capitol Hill. Also known for busy nightlife, hipsters and creative counterculture to spare. Right in the middle of it all rests **Volunteer Park**, an oasis that begs to be explored. You could spend an afternoon perusing **Melrose Market**, a modern-day, urban twist on the classic bazaar, and you'll never forget **Unicorn**, the most chill carnival-themed bar you'll ever find, for a drink (or three).



FREMONT

Only ten minutes north of downtown, find the self-proclaimed "Center of the Universe." Fremont is full of creative landmarks you won't want to miss: the **Fremont Troll** (who lives under a bridge), a **Statue of Lenin**, Sri Chimnoy - the peace maker, and the Fremont Rocket. Even the food is an artistic expression - check out **Pie** - a restaurant of single-serving, sweet and savory pies, or head up Fremont Ave. N. and visit **Book Larder** - a book shop devoted to cooking and cook books.

GEORGETOWN

One of Seattle's oldest neighborhoods offers a little peek of history and a lot of keeping-things-interesting. Pop in to the **School of Acrobatics and New Circus Arts** to attempt (or watch!) the high-flying art of trapeze. Visit **Fantagraphics Bookstore & Gallery**, a publisher of alternative comics, for a crash course in graphic novels, or shop the **Georgetown Trailer Park Mall**, a circle of kitschy trailers peddling art, retro clothing, antiques and collectibles otherwise known as a hipster's paradise.

CHINATOWN / INTL Dist.

From downtown, five minutes on a southbound bus will drop you in Seattle's vibrant Chinatown/International District where you must take a picture in front of the **Historic Chinatown Gate** and indulge in some custom caffeine at the **Historic Panama Hotel Bed & Breakfast**, a little neighborhood haunt with a lot of incredible Japanese history. Don't underestimate the wonders of the **Pinball Museum**, where, for a flat fee, you can play until your heart is content.

SOUTH LAKE UNION

Take the streetcar from downtown to the hottest restaurants, retail and a new 12-acre waterfront park. The perfect launch pad for exploring Seattle from a different vantage point - try renting a boat and getting out on the water at the **Center for Wooden Boats** or booking a scenic flight at **Seattle Seaplanes**. And after some fresh sea air, the saunas at **Banya 5 Urban Spa** will feel like a little piece of urban heaven.

MADISON VALLEY

Just two miles east of downtown, you will feel a world away from the city center. Explore the **Washington Park Arboretum**, a natural sanctuary of 230-acres of plants you won't find anywhere else, and **Madison Park Beach**, one of Seattle's most popular swimming beaches. And after you've feasted on the rugged beauty of the Pacific Northwest, plan to feast on **The Harvest Vine's** seasonal menu of authentic Basque cuisine that will not soon be forgotten.

PIONEER SQUARE

Seattle's original downtown, Pioneer Square, sits just south of today's downtown core. Stop by **Zeitgeist Coffee** for the perfect mocha before heading underground (literally) for **Seattle's Underground Tour** - a humorous historical walk through the city beneath the city. Don't miss the hidden "secret garden," **Waterfall Garden Park**. It's an oasis in the middle of the city and the perfect place to enjoy the aforementioned mocha.

QUEEN ANNE

A day's worth of activity in and of itself, Queen Anne is the best mix of old and new. Start at Seattle Center and be dazzled by the art of world-renowned glass-blowing artist Dale Chihuly at **Chihuly Garden and Glass**. Indulge in "one of the ten best happy hours in the nation" at Cajun-inspired **Toulouse Petit**. And finally, round out your visit with a stop at upper Queen Anne's **Kerry Park**, an iconic photo backdrop, with dramatic views of the Seattle skyline, and stop by **Chocolopolis** to indulge your sweet tooth.

COLUMBIA CITY / RAINIER VALLEY

A quick ride south on the light rail, Rainier Valley is one of Seattle's most diverse neighborhoods. Stop off at Othello Station for dinner at **Huarachitos**, which serves up fresh, flavorful Mexican food. Explore the area around Columbia City Station where you can catch a show at the **Columbia City Theater**, an intimate venue with great drinks and live music. Don't miss the art that represents the heart of the community at the artist-run collective, **Columbia City Gallery**.

UW UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

Just minutes northeast of downtown are tree-lined streets, 40,000 college students, and diverse eats galore. The University of Washington is the heart of the U-District, with cultural heavyweights like the **Burke Museum of Natural History** and the **Henry Art Gallery**. But don't miss out on the lighter side. Take a walk down University Way (otherwise known as "The Ave"), and pop into **Café Allegro**, the quintessential Seattle coffee shop experience, or visit nearby **Scarecrow Video**, a veritable museum of film and pop culture, where intimate movie screenings include on-site beer and esoteric commentary.

WEST SEATTLE

The best way to travel from downtown to West Seattle is the Water Taxi - a quick 15 minutes across the glorious Puget Sound - and the photo opportunities are free! Visit **Alki Beach** for views of Elliott Bay and the Olympic Mountains. From the water, head uphill for a scoop (or two) of handcrafted ice cream while you browse the selection of international foods at **Husky Ice Cream and Delicatessen**. When you've had your fill, lose yourself in the vinyl (yes, vinyl) at **Easy Street Records & Café**.

BELLTOWN/DOWNTOWN

In the heart of downtown, **Pike Place Market** anchors the lively Belltown neighborhood. (Yes, they really throw the fish!) Grab a coffee at the original Starbucks, and walk north, along the waterfront, to take in the art of the **Olympic Sculpture Park**. Spend some time browsing Belltown's wealth of shops and cafés, and you'll stumble across gems like the **Federal Army & Navy Surplus, Inc.**, where you never know what treasures may catch your eye.








PHINNEY/GREENWOOD

Twenty minutes on a northbound bus will drop you in "Phinneywood," a charming neighborhood full of cozy pubs, friendly bars, and the gorgeous **Woodland Park Zoo**, a lush, park-like expanse which makes it hard to believe the urban jungle is just beyond the shrubs. Don't skip caffeine: **Herkimer**, which embodies everything right about Seattle's coffee culture. And for dinner, **The Yard Café's** cozy patio, whose twinkly lights make the Mexican fare and margaritas that much better.

WALLINGFORD

Just north of the breathtaking **Gas Works Park**, is Wallingford, a neighborhood worth savoring. Tucked between a day's worth of shops to explore, (such as **Archie McPhee**, where you can buy rubber chickens and bacon bandages), are several Seattle culinary classics not to be missed, like **Bizzaro Italian Café**, where the food is as noteworthy as the quirky décor, and **Musashi's**, a sushi joint known for fresh fish, huge portions and prices even the college crowd can afford.

SEATTLE

-  FIRST HILL STREETCAR
(scheduled completion spring 2014)
-  LINK LIGHT RAIL (north)
(scheduled completion 2016)
-  LINK LIGHT RAIL (south)
-  HWY 99
-  I-5
-  HWY 520
-  HWY 90

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