



THE 2026 GUIDE TO  
**SPRING IN  
SEATTLE**

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## HEY THERE, I'M JEFF REYNOLDS

I'm a Seattle real estate agent, dad to 2 kids/ Seattle sports fan, and proud UW Grad from Gig Harbor.

Over the past 24 years, I've helped 400-plus families find home here, and have grown even more fond, of our city along the way. This guide is my way of sharing my favorite local spots and businesses with you this spring!

*Jeff Reynolds*

## A FEW THINGS I LOVE ABOUT SEATTLE



*UW Cherry Blossoms In The Quad*



*Spring in Seattle*



*Mariners Season Opener*

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# SPRING BUCKET LIST



- Stroll Ballard Farmers Market on a sunny Sunday
- Cherry blossoms trees in the UW Quad.
- Spot Puget Sound gray whales on a cruise from Edmonds.
- Join Duck Dodge kickoff on Lake Union
- Catch Mariners Opening Day at T-Mobile Park
- U District Street Fair.
- Picnic among the azaleas in the Arboretum
- Hike Discovery Park trails amid blooming forests
- Watch the spring fleet transit through the Ballard Locks.
- Pick up a bouquet at the Pike Place Market
- Find starts at the Volunteer Park Conservatory plant sale
- Hike South Beach Trail at Discovery Park for wildflowers.
- Climb the hidden stairs of Queen Anne to see garden
- Wine tasting in Woodinville

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- Paddle Union Bay wetlands from UW canoe rental
- Check out the West Seattle Farmers Market
- Taste local wines at Taste Washington festival
- Sip rosé at Chateau Ste. Michelle patio
- Try some chocolate at Spinnaker in Fremont
- Attend Northwest Folklife Festival at Seattle Center
- Try a sandwich at Fortuna
- Picnic under cherry trees at Seward Park loop
- Take a Ferry to San Juan Islands
- Walk the Greenlake Loop, counterclockwise of course
- Enjoy the Seattle waterfront after Happy Hour
- Pioneer Square Art Walk
- Attend Holi Festival
- Dinner at Homer

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# SPRING FOODIE BUCKET LIST

- Savor fresh Penn Cove mussels at The Pink Door.
- Try the green pizza from Seawolf
- Grab artisanal sourdough at Ben's Bread for a morning ritual.
- Order the "Power Hour" lunch at Local Tide in Fremont.
- Shuck spring oysters at The Walrus and the Carpenter.
- Savor hand-cut pasta for a romantic night at Spinasse.
- Dine on the waterfront at Westward to catch the spring sun.
- Try the seasonal Filipino menu at Archipelago in Hillman City.
- Experience farm-to-table magic at Herbfarm in Woodinville.
- Eat wood-fired pizza at Bar del Corso in Beacon Hill
- Taste bold Filipino flavors at Musang
- Secure a Friday night pie from the local secret Moto.
- Book a "Seasonal Star" table at The Corson Building.
- Indulge in rustic Italian at Il Nido for a special night out.




Want The Link To The  
Seattle Foodie Guide Map

Comment **"FOODIE MAP"** below

 The Lioness  
 Copine  
 The Pink Door  
 Musang  
 The Corson Building  
 Archipelago  
 Homer

 The Eastside Elite

 Individual spots

# SPRING HAPPENINGS

## **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Date: March 14, 2026

Time: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: Alaskan Way (downtown waterfront route, from near Pier 66 to Pier 58)

Details: Enjoy Irish bands, bagpipers, dancers, and vibrant floats celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

## **Kirkland Shamrock Run**

**Date:** March 15, 2026

Location: Marina Park

Details: Join this family-friendly event, wear your best green attire, and participate in the fun run.

## **University of Washington Cherry Blossoms**

Expected Peak Bloom: Late March 2026 (typically end of month; check UW bloom cam for updates)

Location: The Quad at UW Seattle Campus

Details: Witness the breathtaking cherry blossoms, a must-see annual spectacle!

## **Holi Festival of Colors (CRY or similar community events)**

Date: March 14, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM or 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Crossroads Park or Bellevue Downtown Park

Details: Celebrate Holi with music, dance, colors, and delicious food!

## **Spring Markets & Art Walks**

**Dates:** Weekends throughout April & May 2026

Details: Support local artists and vendors while enjoying the fresh spring air.

## **Outdoor Concerts & Festivals**

Dates: April – May 2026 (including Northwest Folklife Festival May 22–25, 2026 at Seattle Center)

Details: Enjoy live music, food trucks, and community celebrations throughout the season!

# EVENTS THIS SEASON

## MARCH

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Astra Lumina: Enchanted Night Walk  
Mar 01 | Seattle Chinese Garden

WWE Monday Night RAW  
Mar 09 | Climate Pledge Arena

Seattle Symphony: Noah Geller  
Mar 13 | Benaroya Hall

Irish Festival Seattle  
Mar 14 | Seattle Center Armory

The 2026 Moisture Festival  
Mar 19 | Broadway Performance Hall

Seattle's French Fest  
Mar 22 | Seattle Center Armory

Mariners vs. Cleveland (home opener)  
Mar 28 | T-Mobile Park

Mariners vs. New York Yankees  
Mar 30/Apr 1 | T-Mobile Park

## APRIL

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Mariners vs. New York Yankees  
Apr 01 | T-Mobile Park

Grease: The Musical  
Apr 05 | Village Theatre Issaquah

Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival  
Apr 10-12 | Seattle Center

Tulip Festival Parade  
Apr 11 | La Conner

Sounders FC vs. Real Salt Lake  
Apr 12 | Lumen Field

Mariners vs. Houston Astros  
Apr 13 | T-Mobile Park

Tulip Festival Street Fair  
Apr 1-30 | Mount Vernon

Sounders FC vs. St Louis City SC  
Apr 18 | Lumen Field

Professional Bull Riders (PBR)  
Tacoma  
Apr 24 | Tacoma Dome

## MAY

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Opening Day Boat Parade  
May 02 | Montlake Cut

AANHPI Heritage Month Celebration  
May 02 | Seattle Center Armory

Neil deGrasse Tyson  
May 05 | Paramount Theatre

Seattle International Film Festival  
May 07 | Various Venues

A Glimpse of China Festival  
May 09 | Seattle Center

Sounders FC vs. San Diego FC  
May 09 | Lumen Field

Spirit of Africa Festival  
May 16 | Seattle Center

Northwest Folklife Festival  
May 22-25 | Seattle Center

Stars on Ice  
May 23 | Climate Pledge

# LOCAL GYMS & FITNESS STUDIOS

**BARRY'S SEATTLE**

**SOULCYCLE SEATTLE**

**ORANGETHEORY FITNESS**

**URBAN YOGA SPA**

**EQUINOX RAINIER SQUARE**

**PRO CLUB BELLEVUE (EASTSIDE)**

**EMERALD CITY ATHLETICS (SEATTLE)**

**STUDIO 45**

**FLOW FITNESS**

**BOULDERING PROJECT**



# SPRING EATS AND DRINKS

## COFFEE

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Anchorhead Coffee  
Analog Coffee  
Ghost Note Coffee  
Santo Coffee Co.

## RESTAURANTS

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The Pink Door  
Westward  
The Corson Building  
Local Tide

## DRINKS

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Ravena Brewing  
Navy Strength  
Radiator Whiskey  
The Nest Rooftop Bar

## SWEETS/BAKERIES

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Oxbow  
Fuji Bakery  
Deep Sea Sugar and Salt  
Bakery Nouveau



# HEALTHY CAFÉS & JUICE BARS

CENTRAL CAFE AND JUICE BAR

GREENLINE ORGANIC HEALTH

SANO CAFÉ

VERVE BOWLS

JUICE PRESS BELLEVUE

PLUTO ORGANIC CAFE

JUISALA

BOUNTY KITCHEN

CAFE FLORA

MR WEST



# NEW AND COMING SOON

**Fire Tacos Cantina** – Expansion of the Alki taco truck coming to the former Coastal Kitchen space in Capitol Hill this February.

**Tacos Cometa** – Broadway’s upcoming taco shop from Michelin-experienced chefs, slated for a spring 2026 opening.

**Cafe Lolo** – Seasonal produce and foraged botanical-focused restaurant arriving at the historic Loveless Building this spring.

**Blue Willow** – A new 2026 project from the team behind Tyger Tyger, taking over the former Stateside space on East Pike Street.

**Uniqlo** – The global Japanese retailer plans to expand its Seattle presence with a new store opening in the first half of 2026.

**Un Po Tippy** – A lively new New York-style slice shop from the Sea Creatures group, recently opened in Pioneer Square.

**Roma Roma** – New Roman-style by-the-cut pizza joint on 12th Ave featuring whole pizzas sold by weight.

**Riccio’s Sausage Company** – One of the newest specialty food additions to the iconic Pike Place Market lineup as of early 2026.

**Baiana** – Anticipated 2026 opening at Pike Place Market featuring regional Brazilian cuisine.

**Spice Bliss** – The Capitol Hill Indian favorite is preparing to move to an expanded space at the Pride Place complex in 2026.

**Lowlander Brewing** – A massive new “tank bar” and brewery hall now open in Pioneer Square’s RailSpur cultural hub.

**Tarot Crow** – A unique new specialty retail shop that recently joined the business community at Pike Place Market.



# OUTDOOR MOVEMENT SPOTS

**DISCOVERY PARK LOOP TRAIL**

**GREEN LAKE PATH**

**BURKE-GILMAN TRAIL**

**WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM**

**SEWARD PARK TRAILS**

**ALKI BEACH TRAIL**

**ELLIOTT BAY TRAIL**

**RATTLESNAKE LEDGE**

**TWIN FALLS TRAIL**

**CEDAR RIVER TRAIL**



# SPRING ACTIVITIES

## SCENIC GARDENS

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Catch peak cherry blossoms at the University of Washington Quad 🌸

Wander the Azalea Way bloom at Washington Park Arboretum 🌺

Slow down through spring greens at Kubota Garden 🌿

Duck into the Volunteer Park

Conservatory on a rainy afternoon 🌧️

## GET MOVING

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Loop Discovery Park to the lighthouse before the summer crowds 🌳

Bring takeout to golden hour at Golden Gardens Park 🌅

Walk Olympic Sculpture Park into Myrtle Edwards with coffee in hand ☕

Watch boats and early salmon at the Ballard Locks 🐟

Picnic at Gas Works Park when the skyline hits different 🍷

Ride the Burke-Gilman Trail on the first 60 degree Sunday 🚲

## EAT & DRINK AL FRESCO

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Westward patio on Lake Union

Oysters + sunshine at Taylor Shellfish

Agua Verde dockside tacos

Aerlume rosé with bay views

Bottlehouse wine in Madrona

## INDOOR/OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

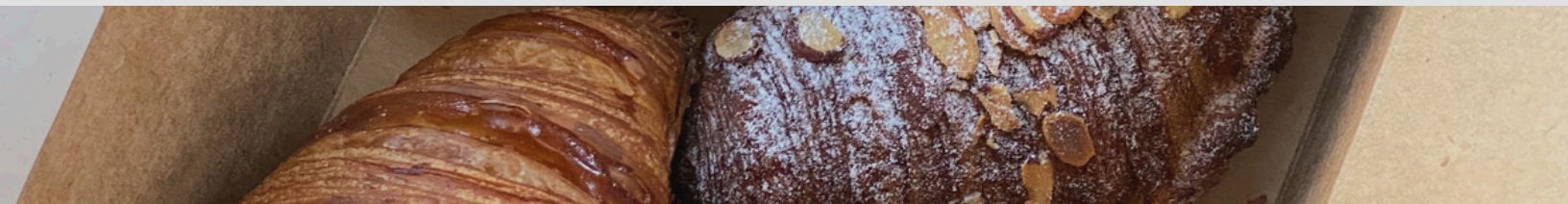
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See Chihuly Garden and Glass glow at dusk ✨

Catch Opening Day at T-Mobile Park 🕒

Walk the new Seattle Waterfront before peak tourist season 🌊

Drive north for tulips in Skagit Valley 🌷



# FAMILY-FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS



## **Seattle Aquarium:**

Perfect for a spring break day with kids, featuring touch pools, sea otters, and an underwater dome with amazing marine life.

## **KidsQuest Children's Museum (Bellevue):**

A hands-on museum with interactive exhibits, including a water play area, climbing structures, and STEM-focused activities.

## **Henry Moses Aquatic Center (Renton):**

Opens for the season in late spring - featuring water slides, a lazy river, and kid-friendly pools..

## **Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture:**

Explore life-sized dinosaur fossils, interactive science exhibits, and fascinating natural history displays.

## **Washington Park Arboretum:**

Hiking trails, gardens, and a seasonal bloom walk showcasing the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

## **Opening Day Boating At Montlake Cut**

Don't miss this amazing event. The Windermere Cup May 2, 2026 or opening day of Boating at the Montlake Cut.

# **RESET & RECOVERY**

**CITY SWEATS**

**BANYA 5**

**YUAN SPA**

**BYWATER SAUNA**

**MIND.BODY.HUM**

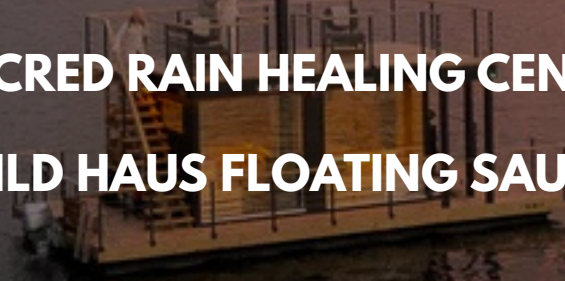
**PENELOPE AND THE BEAUTY BAR**

**FLOAT SEATTLE**

**SPACE B.A.R**

**SACRED RAIN HEALING CENTER**

**WILD HAUS FLOATING SAUNA**



# SPRING EATS & DRINKS



## BEST ROOFTOP & OUTDOOR DINING

🏢 Fog Room – Rooftop cocktails with skyline views inside The Charter Hotel.

🌊 Westward – Waterfront dining on Lake Union with incredible oyster platters and a cozy outdoor fire pit.

🍴 Terra Plata – A rooftop farm-to-table experience with seasonal dishes and handcrafted drinks.

🌺 Marination Ma Kai – Hawaiian-Korean fusion with stunning Elliott Bay views and the best kalua pork tacos in town.

🌅 The Nest – Rooftop cocktails above Pike Place with sweeping Puget Sound views. Go at golden hour, grab a craft drink, and watch ferries glide past as the skyline shifts into dusk.

🏔️ Mountaineering Club – A modern rooftop perch in the U District with Lake Washington and mountain views on clear spring evenings. Order small plates, settle into a firepit seat, and stay for sunset.

🌿 Harry's Fine Foods – A hidden Capitol Hill patio wrapped in greenery and string lights. Seasonal plates, natural wine, and that cozy neighborhood energy that feels effortlessly Seattle.

# QUICK FLIGHT DESTINATIONS:

**ROCHE HARBOR**

**FRIDAY HARBOR**

**WALLA WALLA WINE COUNTRY**

**BEND, OR**

**WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OR**

**SUN VALLEY, ID**

**BOZEMAN, MT**

**NAPA VALLEY, CA**

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ**

**PALM SPRINGS, CA**

# CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY

## RESTAURANTS

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The Pink Door  
Cafe Juanita  
Musang  
The Fat Hen  
Harry's Fine Foods

## SELF CARE

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Massage at Banya 5  
Elaia Spa  
Yuan Spa  
Salish Spa

## FLORISTS

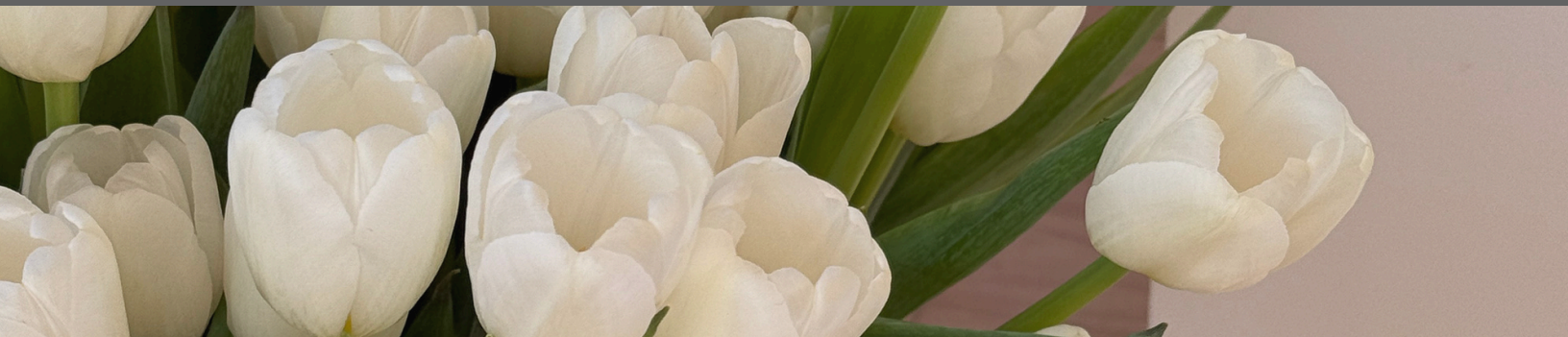
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Seattle Flowers  
Pike Place Flowers  
Juniper Flowers  
Terra Bella Flowers  
Marigold and Mint  
Fleurish

## ACTIVITIES

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Shop Flower Festival at Pike Place  
Cruise Lake Union brunch  
Walk Seattle Waterfront  
Brunch at Salish (trust me)





# MY FAVORITE PLACES TO WALK

**FREMONT BURKE GILMAN TRAIL**

**RAVENNA PARK**

**MAGNUSON PARK**

**MYRTLE EDWARDS PARK**

**SEATTLE WATERFRONT PARK**

**KIRKLAND'S MARINA PARK DOCKS**

**DISCOVERY PARK**

**SOUTH LAKE UNION TO FREMONT**

**MADISON PARK**

**ALKI BEACH**

**GREEN LAKE LOOP**

**WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM**

**SEWARD PARK LOOP**

**LINCOLN PARK**

**DOWNTOWN BELLEVUE PARK**

# SPRING BRUNCH



## BEST BRUNCH IN SEATTLE

### Tilikum Place Cafe 🍷

Vibe: Cozy European-style bistro known for its mouthwatering Dutch Babies and welcoming atmosphere.

Must-Try: Dutch Baby Pancakes

### Portage Bay Cafe 🥗

Vibe: Farm-to-table goodness with a focus on sustainability. The build-your-own breakfast bar is a fan favorite! 🌱

Must-Try: Organic Banana Pancakes

### Nue 🍷

Vibe: Located on Capitol Hill, Nue offers a globally inspired brunch menu with bold flavors and unique dishes from around the world.

Must-Try: Shakshuka or South African Bunny Chow

### Fats Chicken and Waffles 🍷

Vibe: A soul food favorite in the Central District, Fats is perfect for Southern comfort food with a Seattle twist.

Must-Try: Chicken and Waffles (pair with their signature collard greens).

# SPRING BRUNCH



## BEST BRUNCH IN SEATTLE

### **The Couple and Flute** 🍷

Vibe: Trendy and intimate, this spot offers beautifully crafted dishes and an impressive champagne selection.

Must-Try: Avocado Toast with poached eggs and a side of mimosas.

### **Glo's** ☀️

Vibe: A beloved Seattle institution, Glo's serves classic brunch in a cozy, welcoming setting.

Must-Try: Eggs Benedict

### **Sabine in Ballard** 🍷

Vibe: A charming European-style cafe focusing on fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Must-Try: Croque Madame or their mouthwatering pastries.

### **Biscuit Bitch** 🍷

Vibe: A quirky spot serving hearty Southern-style comfort food with a side of sass.

Must-Try: Smokin' Hot Bitch and an impressive champagne selection.

### **Geraldine's Counter** 🍷

Vibe: Classic American diner with a modern twist, serving some of the best pancakes in town.

Must-Try: Blueberry Pancakes

# FARMERS MARKETS

## UNIVERSITY DISTRICT FARMERS MARKET

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Location: University Way NE between 50th & 52nd, Seattle, WA 98105 Hours: Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Year-round)

## CAPITOL HILL FARMERS MARKET

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Location: (E Denny Way between Broadway & 10th Ave E), Seattle, WA 98122 Hours: Sundays, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Year-round)

## PIKE PLACE MARKET

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Location: 85 Pike St, Seattle, WA 98101 Hours: Daily, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Individual shop hours may vary)Hours

## BALLARD FARMERS MARKET

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Location: 5345 Ballard Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107 Hours: Sundays, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Year-round)

## WEST SEATTLE FARMERS MARKET

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Location: California Ave SW & SW Alaska St, Seattle, WA 98116 Hours: Sundays, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Year-round)

## FREMONT EVENING MARKET

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Location: N 35th St between Triangle & El Camino, Seattle, WA 98103 Hours: Last Thursdays (Mar 26, Apr 30, May 28), 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM



# FARMERS MARKETS

## COLUMBIA CITY NIGHT MARKET

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Location: 4850 37th Ave S,  
Seattle, WA 98118 Hours: Third  
Saturdays (Mar 21, Apr 18, May  
16), 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

## COLUMBIA CITY FARMERS MARKET

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Location: 37th Ave S & S Hudson  
St, Seattle, WA 98118 Hours:  
Wednesdays, 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
(Seasonal; starts May 6, 2026)

## MAGNOLIA FLEA MARKET

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Location: 4257 24th Ave W,  
Seattle, WA 98199 Hours: Second  
Saturdays (Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9),  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

## SEATTLE ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

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Location: Gas Works Park, 2101 North  
Northlake Way, Seattle, WA 98103  
Hours: Friday – Sunday, May 8–10,  
2026, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM



# SPRING STAYS & GETAWAYS



## GETAWAYS

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Victoria, B.C. | 3 hrs by car & ferry This charming capital offers world-renowned floral displays at Butchart Gardens and a classic Pacific Northwest coastal vibe.

Cannon Beach, OR | 3.5 hrs by car Iconic Haystack Rock provides a dramatic backdrop for spring beach walks, art gallery hopping, and cozy oceanfront dining.

Palm Springs, CA | 3 hrs by plane Escape the "June Gloom" early for reliable desert heat, mid-century modern architecture tours, and vibrant poolside lounging.

## LOCAL STAYS

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Inn at the Market  
Hotel Ballard  
The Thompson Hotel  
The Fairmont Olympic



A woman with blonde hair, wearing a black sleeveless top and light-colored pants, stands in a field of wildflowers. She is looking up at a large, green steel truss bridge structure that spans across the top of the image. The background is a hazy, overcast sky. The bridge has multiple levels and a complex network of beams and supports.

## **BEST DAY TRIPS:**

**LEAVENWORTH**

**WOODINVILLE WINE COUNTRY**

**WALLA WALLA**

**DECEPTION PASS**

**SNOQUALMIE FALLS**

**NORTH CASCADES HIGHWAY**

**WHIDBEY ISLAND**

**GIG HARBOR**

**CAMANO ISLAND**

# WHAT YOU WON'T FIND ON GOOGLE



## **Watch Planes Land at Boeing Field from a Hidden Spot:**

Locals head to Ruby Chow Park or the Museum of Flight's parking lot to watch planes land and take off—one of the best free activities in the city.

## **Dinner on a Floating Hot Tub Boat:**

Book a private floating hot tub boat on Lake Union for a one-of-a-kind Seattle experience. BYOB and enjoy the skyline views!

## **Watch Sunrise at Kerry Park (Without the Crowds):**

Skip the midday rush – locals know the best time to visit Kerry Park is at sunrise for a peaceful start to the day with stunning city views.

## **Sunset at Carkeek Park:**

Forget the crowded waterfronts! Carkeek Park offers incredible sunset views, a quiet beach, and stunning Puget Sound scenery.

## **The Secret Bakery Window in Bellevue:**

A hidden bakery inside Third Culture Coffee and Farine serves incredible, fresh-made pastries every morning—worth the visit!

## **Get to Green Lake Before 8 AM:**

The best time to walk or run the Green Lake loop is early morning before the crowds arrive—calm waters and fresh air make it the perfect start to your day.

## **Take the Foot Ferry Instead of Driving to West Seattle:**

Avoid parking headaches—hop on the West Seattle Water Taxi for a stress-free ride across Elliott Bay with epic skyline views!



A man wearing a blue baseball cap and a plaid shirt is sitting on a couch. A small black and white dog is sitting next to him, looking towards the camera. The background is a rustic wooden wall.

## MY FAVS:

**FARMERS MARKET SATURDAYS**

**ZOKA COFFEE IN KIRKLAND**

**FERRY RIDE TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND**

**OYSTERS + WINE AT WESTWARD ON LAKE UNION**

**STROLLING THE KIRKLAND WATERFRONT AT SUNSET**

**WESTCOTT BAY SHELFISH SAN JUANS**

**ALDERWOOD RESORT, HOOD CANAL**

**HITTING GREEN LAKE TRAIL WITH FRIENDS**

**SNOQUALMIE FALLS**

**CONCERT AT THE CHATEAU ST MICHELLE**

**WOODINVILLE WINE TASTING**

**TIDES TAVERN IN GIG HARBOR**

**DAY TRIP TO WINTHROP**

**COMMENT "SPRING" FOR THE FULL LIST ↓**



## WISHING YOU A GREAT SPRING IN SEATTLE

I hope this guide inspires you to get out and enjoy everything Seattle has to offer this season.

And if you need help buying, selling, or relocating, I'm here to **be a resource.**

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