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THE ULTIMATE
GUIDE TO
Summer 2025
IN SEATTLE, WA

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF)

Dates: May 15–25, 2025

Time: Varies by screening

Location: Multiple venues across Seattle, including SIFF Cinema Uptown and AMC Pacific Place

HONK! Fest West

Dates: May 30 – June 1, 2025

Time: Varies by day

Location: Georgetown, Columbia Park, and Pratt Park, Seattle

Parké Diem

Date: May 31, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Volunteer Park, Capitol Hill, Seattle

West Seattle Summer Fest

Dates: July 11–13, 2025

Time: Varies daily

Location: The Junction, West Seattle

Bite of Seattle

Dates: July 19–21, 2025

Time: Varies daily

Location: Seattle Center

Seafair Torchlight Parade

Date: July 26, 2025

Time: Evening (exact time TBA)

Location: Downtown Seattle

Seafair Weekend Festival

Dates: August 1–3, 2025

Time: Varies daily

Location: Genesee Park and Lake Washington, Seattle

Magnolia Summerfest

Dates: August 1–3, 2025

Time: Varies daily

Location: Magnolia Playfield, Seattle

Lake City Summer Festival & Parade

Date: August 2, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Location: Lake City, Seattle

83rd World Science Fiction

Convention (Worldcon)

Dates: August 13–17, 2025

Time: Varies by event

Location: Seattle Convention Center (Summit building)

Bumbershoot Festival

Dates: August 30–31, 2025

Time: Varies daily

Location: Seattle Center

SUMMER GUIDE TO SEATTLE

SUMMER EATS & DRINKS



SUMMER BITES

Marination Ma Kai – Hawaiian-Korean fusion with stunning waterfront views in West Seattle. [I](#)

Ray's Café – Casual seafood dining with panoramic views of Puget Sound in Ballard. [Ray's](#)

Westward – Mediterranean-inspired dishes with a lakeside patio on Lake Union.

Harry's Beach House – Seafood-focused restaurant offering Pacific Northwest fare with beachfront views on Alki Beach.

SUMMER DRINKS

Fremont Brewing – Try their summer smoothie & juice specials

White Swan Public House – Rustic seafood-driven restaurant and craft cocktail bar located on the waterfront in South Lake Union

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Artful rooftop bar offering modern Middle Eastern-meets-Mediterranean dishes with expansive views of Seattle's skyline and Lake Union.

LOCAL ADVENTURES



Discovery Park – Seattle’s largest green space with beaches, trails, and wildlife.

Alki Beach – Sandy shoreline perfect for sunbathing, volleyball, and sunset views.

Seattle Aquarium – Interactive marine exhibits and touch pools for all ages.

Green Lake Park – Ideal for walking, paddle boating, and picnicking.

Seattle Japanese Garden – Tranquil strolls amid koi ponds and manicured landscapes.

Woodland Park Zoo – Home to diverse animals and kid-friendly play areas.

Molly Moon's Ice Cream – Beloved local ice cream chain offering unique flavors and a new waterfront location.

Argosy Cruises – Scenic harbor tours showcasing Seattle’s skyline and waterfront.

WHAT YOU WON'T FIND ON GOOGLE



Sunset at Bhy Kracke Park – Tucked away in Queen Anne, this hidden gem offers panoramic views of downtown Seattle, Lake Union, and the Space Needle.

Foraging at Piper Orchard – Explore this historic orchard in Carkeek Park, home to century-old apple trees and a variety of heirloom fruits.

Stroll through Streissguth Gardens – A family-maintained hillside garden on Capitol Hill, featuring winding paths and diverse plantings.

Discover Parsons Gardens Park – A serene urban oasis in Queen Anne, perfect for a quiet picnic or a peaceful walk.

Explore Schmitz Preserve Park – One of Seattle's last stands of old-growth forest, offering tranquil trails in West Seattle.

Visit the Capitol Hill Wishing Tree – Share your hopes and dreams by adding a note to this community tree adorned with wishes.

Sip at Ghost Note Coffee – Experience inventive, cocktail-inspired non-alcoholic coffee drinks in a cozy Capitol Hill café.

Relax at Von Sauna – Unwind in Washington's first public floating sauna on Lake Washington, combining wood-fired heat with refreshing lake plunges



NEW & COMING SOON



Akebono - Japanese donburi and sushi spot in Wedgwood, offering fresh fish-focused dishes.

Nomadic Wines - Self-pour wine bar in Capitol Hill, featuring small plates and plans for morning coffee service.

Salt Harvest - Seafood-centric restaurant inside Pioneer Square's Populus Hotel, serving dishes like duck frites and spot prawn crudo.

Firn - Pioneer Square's first rooftop bar, offering creative cocktails and small bites like Dungeness crab dip.

Cantina Del Sol - Mexican rooftop bar in Capitol Hill, serving tacos, burritos, and frozen margaritas.

Bobu - Drive-thru spot in Greenwood specializing in pretzels, calzones, and pizza, with a small seating area.

Phê - Capitol Hill café known for banana pudding matcha lattes and hojicha lattes, now in a permanent location.

H Mart Ballard - Asian supermarket opening its 10th Seattle-area store in Ballard on June 5, occupying the former New Seasons space.

Salt & Straw (Coming Soon) - Portland-based ice cream chain planning a new location near Pike Place Market, in a former Starbucks space

BEST OUTDOOR PATIO



Westward - Waterfront dining on Lake Union, featuring Mediterranean-inspired seafood and stunning city views.

The Pink Door - Iconic Italian-American spot in Pike Place Market, known for its seasonal dishes and cabaret entertainment.

RockCreek - Fremont eatery specializing in globally sourced seafood with a rustic, lodge-like ambiance.

The Flora Bakehouse - Beacon Hill bakery offering artisanal pastries and a rooftop deck perfect for sunny days.

Bottlehouse - Charming Madrona wine bar set in a 1905 Craftsman, serving curated wines and small plates.

Saint Bread - Portage Bay bakery blending global flavors, set in a historic boatyard with waterfront views.

Marination Ma Kai - West Seattle spot serving Hawaiian-Korean fusion dishes with panoramic views of the city skyline.

Citizen Cafe - Lower Queen Anne café offering Korexican brunch and a spacious outdoor beer garden

Ray's Café - Ballard seafood restaurant boasting fresh catches and breathtaking views of Puget Sound.

Also check out White Swan, MBar, Bar del Corso

WEEKEND TRIPS



LEAVENWORTH, WA

Distance: 2 hours 15 minutes east

Known for: Bavarian-style village with alpine charm, river rafting, and mountain hikes.

Check out: Icicle Gorge Trail, Leavenworth Reindeer Farm & Waterfront Park

SAN JUAN ISLAND, WA

Distance: ~3 hours (including ferry) northwest

Known for: Whale watching, kayaking, and a laid-back island vibe.

Check out: Lime Kiln Point State Park, Friday Harbor, & The Whale Museum



CANNON BEACH, OR

Distance: 3.5-4 hours southwest

Known for: Coastal beauty with iconic sea stacks, artsy shops, and beach strolls.

Check out: Haystack Rock, Ecola State Park & Sleepy Monk Coffee Roasters



WEEKEND TRIPS



WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA

Distance: 1.5 hours northwest (includes ferry or Deception Pass)

Known for: Scenic views, quaint towns, and outdoor adventures.

Check out: Deception Pass Bridge, Ebey's Landing, & Coupeville

SUNCADIA RESORT, WA

Distance: 1.5 hours southeast

Known for: Luxury mountain resort with golf, hiking, and spa escapes.

Check out: Swiftwater Cellars, Suncadia Trail System & Glade Spring Spa



OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK, WA

Distance: 2.5–3 hours west

Known for: Diverse ecosystems—from beaches to rainforests and mountains.

Check out: Hurricane Ridge, Hoh Rain Forest & Rialto Beach





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