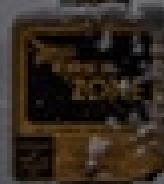


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THE 2026 GUIDE TO
**WINTER IN
SEATTLE**

PUBLIC
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WINTER bucket LIST



- Try a seasonal drink at Espresso vicace
- Order baked goods from Bakery Nouveau
- Catch a play at Seattle Rep “the Rep”
- Go iceskating at Kraken Community Iceplex
- Try a seasonal brew from Fremont Brewing
- Shopping at Ballard Avenue NW
- Sit by the fire at The Fireside Room - Hotel Sorrento
- Wine tasting at Mark Ryan or Delille Cellars
- Volunteer at a senior center
- Museum day at Seattle Art Museum
- Day trip to Whidbey Island
- Go tubing at the Summit at Snoqualmie
- Stay at Alderbrook and enjoy a chilly night fireside
- Go to Edmonds for local shopping & a warm meal

A person wearing a dark hoodie and a baseball cap is walking away from the camera on a wooden pier. They are pushing a stroller with a dog inside. The pier has a white railing with green vertical slats. In the background, there are several flags, including a large Canadian flag and several American flags. The sky is overcast and grey.

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

EVENTS this SEASON

JANUARY

Disney's The Lion King
Jan 1-4 | Paramount

The Cave Singers
Jan 2 | Location

TWICE World Tour
Jan 13 & 14 | Climate
Pledge Arena

Seattle Kraken vs. Nashville
Predators Jan 1 | Climate
Pledge

The Rock and Roll Playhouse
(Beatles Music for Kids)
Jan 18 | The Showbox

Dean Lewis: The Epilogue Tour
Jan 19 | Showbox

Polar Bear Plunge
Jan 1 | Alki Beach

Zoolights
Jan 1-4 | Pt Defiance
Zoo

Harlem Globetrotters
Jan 25 | Angel Of The
Winds

FEBRUARY

Harlem Globetrotters
Feb 1 | Climate Pledge
Arena

Lunar New Year
Celebration
Feb 7 | Pursuit Kirkland

The Wiz (Broadway Tour)
Feb 10-15 | Paramount

Naima Bock
Feb 5 | Tractor Tavern

Ada Twist, Scientist &
Friends
Feb 7 | Seattle Children's
Theatre

Wintergrass Music Festival
Feb 19-22 | Hyatt Regency
Bellevue

Northwest Remodeling Expo
Feb 6-8th | Seattle Convention
Center

Cirque du Soleil: ECHO
Feb 7 | Marymoor Park

Cardi B
Feb 22 | Climate Pledge Arena

MARCH

Zara Larsson
Mar 1 | Showbox

Seattle International
Dance Festival
Mar 7-8 | Erickson
Theatre

Conan Gray
Mar 16 | Climate Pledge
Arena

The Notebook
Mar 3-8 | Paramount

Seattle RV Show
Mar 12-15th | Lumen
Field

Band of Skulls
Mar 19th | Nuemos

Emerald City Comic Con
Mar 5-8 | Seattle
Convention Center

St. Patrick's Day Parade
Mar 17 | Downtown

Calum Scott
March 25th | Moore
Theatre



POPULAR SEATTLE SITES

The Seattle Great Wheel

Seattle Aquarium

Space Needle

Pike Place Market

Kerry Park

Gas Works Park

Greenlake

Downtown Bellevue Park

Kirkland Waterfront

Bellevue Square

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WINTER eats & DRINKS

COFFEE

Storyville Coffee

Victrola Coffee Roasters

Mr West (U Village)

RESTAURANTS

Pink Door

Spinasse

Brimmer & Heeltap

DRINKS

Fair Island Brewing

The Fireside Room (Hotel Sorrento)

Roquette

SWEETS

Hot Cakes Molten Chocolate Cakery

Molly Moon's Homemade Ice Cream

Bakery Nouveau



An aerial photograph of a city waterfront, likely Fremont, California. The image shows a large marina filled with numerous boats docked at piers. In the background, there are several multi-story apartment buildings and a dense forest of trees on a hillside under a cloudy sky. The overall scene is a mix of urban development and natural beauty.

HIDDEN GEMS

The Fremont Troll
Volunteer Park Conservatory
Kubota Garden
Kirkland's Marina Park docks
Smith Tower Observatory Bar
Waterfall Garden Park Pioneer Square
Gasworks Park Hilltop At Sunset
Golden Gardens North Beach Trail
Saint Edward State Park Grotto
West Point Lighthouse at Discovery Park

LOCAL *stays* & GETAWAYS

GETAWAYS



Leavenworth, WA 2.5 hrs by car A charming Bavarian-styled village nestled in the Cascades offering skiing, sleigh rides, and snowy mountain views.

Victoria, BC 2 hrs 45 min by ferry (Victoria Clipper) A scenic boat ride takes you to this walkable, British-inspired city famous for cozy high tea, history, and the stunning Butchart Gardens.

[Whidbey Island, WA 1.5 hrs by car & ferry A quick escape to cozy waterfront towns like Langley and Coupeville, offering art galleries, rugged beaches, and a peaceful slower pace.

LOCAL STAYS

Greenlake Guest House
Shafer Baillie Mansion
Inn at the Market
Hotel Ballard
Lotte Hotel Seattle



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

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GRAY *day* FAVORITES

COZY & SLOW

Browse Elliott Bay Book Company
Sip tea at Miro Tea (Ballard)
Relax in Volunteer Park
Conservatory
Vinyl listening at Life on Mars

GET MOVING

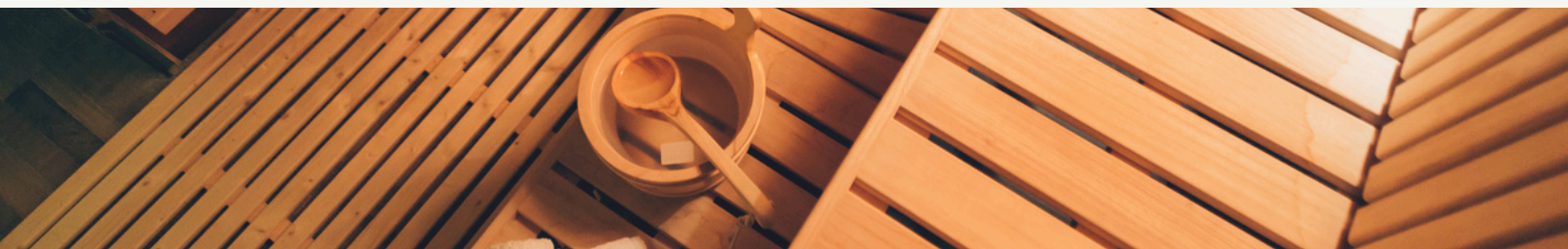
Climb at Stone Gardens (Bellevue)
Ice skate at Kraken Community Iceplex
Indoor golf at Flatstick Pub
Bowling at Lucky Strike (Bellevue)

TREAT YOURSELF

Spa day at Sacred Rain
Buy flowers at Pike Place
Sunset watch at Kerry Park
Hot Tub Boats on Lake Union
Sauna session at City Sweats

TRY SOMETHING NEW

Glassblowing at Seattle Glassblowing
Trapeze class at Emerald City Trapeze
Glassblowing at Seattle Glassblowing
Cooking class at Whisk (Bellevue)
Pottery wheel at Saltstone Ceramics



A photograph of a brick building at night. The building has large windows that are illuminated from within, showing interior details like tables and chairs. In front of the building, several bicycles are parked in a rack. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the interior lights of the building.

MY FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

Cafe Lago

Homer

Joule

Cafe Juanita

Como

Canlis

Spinasse

Spark Pizza

Deru

Delancey

NEW *and* *coming* SOON

Kha-Bar – A new restaurant bringing the flavors of East India and Bangladesh to Capitol Hill by choreographers Chitrakleha and Manash Majhi (Opening 2026).

Joe & The Juice – The popular Danish coffee and juice concept is opening its first Eastside location on the second level of Bellevue Square (Opening Early 2026)

The Wayland Mill – An airy all-day cafe in Northlake specializing in the art of milling, from the team behind the popular bakery Saint Bread.

Un Po Topsy Pizzeria – A major project by Chef Renee Erickson in Pioneer Square's Railspur development, featuring a brewery and European-style pizzeria.

Little Beast – An English-style pub opening on Ballard Avenue by the team behind the acclaimed butcher shop Beast & Cleaver.

My Friend Derek's – The brick-and-mortar evolution of a wildly popular pizza pop-up, known for its Detroit-style pies and long waitlists.

Amin – A permanent home in the Central District for this beloved pop-up, joining a row of new black-owned businesses on East Cherry Street.

Mercer Island Rowing Club – A new community rowing club and facility launching its pilot programs and splashing into the "Island realm"

Raising Cane's – The cult-favorite chicken finger chain is opening its first proper Seattle-area locations, including a spot in the U-District.

H&M – A massive new flagship location returning to Bellevue Square, taking over the former Whole Foods 365 space

Colibri Mexican Kitchen – A family-run venture on Capitol Hill (Pike/Pine) offering large, family-style plates inspired by traditional recipes.





BEST DAY TRIPS:

Leavenworth
Woodinville Wine Country
Walla Walla
Deception Pass
Snoqualmie Falls
North Cascades Highway
Whidbey Island
Gig Harbor
Camano Island

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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. The background is a window with a view of trees.

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

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WISHING YOU A GREAT NEW YEAR

I'm thrilled to share my favorite local spots and events with you!

I hope this guide inspires you to get out, explore, and soak up everything our city has to offer this season.


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