

Seattle Culinary Tour 2015

Itinerary dates: June 24 – 28, 2015

Tour Leader: Beth Whitman

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy food from some of Seattle's best (and most iconic) restaurants
- Sample wines from the region's nearby wine country
- Take a private food tour of Pike Place Market
- Partake in a hands-on cooking class
- Visit some of the city's best sweet shops, including specialty chocolate and ice cream shops
- Suitable for vegetarians and meat eaters alike

The tour begins on Wednesday afternoon. Arriving via Sea-Tac Airport, participants will make their own way to the hotel in downtown Seattle. A rental car is not necessary.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Meals: Dinner

Upon arrival in Seattle, you'll make your way to **Hotel Andra**, a stylish boutique hotel situated right in downtown Seattle.

Depending on your arrival time, you may have a chance to **walk around the downtown or Belltown** areas to soak up the **Seattle vibe** prior to meeting up with the group. Consider visiting the **Seattle Art Museum** or some of the art galleries in the area.

In the evening, the group will meet in the lobby for the short walk to the **Dahlia Lounge** for a welcome dinner. This is the first restaurant opened by famed Seattle restaurateur, **Tom Douglas**, who now has a small empire of restaurants in Seattle and who won the **James Beard award for Outstanding Restaurateur in 2012**. The Dahlia Lounge was one of the first restaurants in Seattle to feature what has become known as Pacific Northwest cuisine and serves up **some of the best desserts** in the city. Save room for dessert. You won't regret it!

Overnight at [Hotel Andra](#).

★ **HIGHLIGHT!** Tom Douglas is Seattle's very own **celebrity chef** and Dahlia Lounge is arguably his best restaurant. You'll enjoy dinner in a private room with a **sampling of the best menu items**, including possibly the most amazing coconut cream pie you'll ever taste.

Day 2

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

This morning, we'll walk to a local doughnut shop to sample some of the best breakfast treats in the city and enjoy a wonderful espresso drink. After all, Seattle is famous for its caffeinated beverages. Skinny half-caf latte, anyone?

We'll then walk over to famous **Pike Place Market**, Seattle's heart and soul, where we'll take a private food tour of the Market with **Savor Seattle**. We'll meet some of the Market's characters and denizens, while sampling treats along the way.

We might easily be full after a morning of nibbling (and perhaps purchasing some treats for yourself) so we'll take a break after the market tour. If you like, you can join Beth to walk off some of those calories and head to the **Seattle Sculpture Garden**. If you're still hungry, you might check out one of the nearby food trucks in the downtown area. Or, simply wander, shop, dine and experience Pike Place Market.

In the late afternoon, we'll meet up for a trip to the **Seattle Center**—and we'll get there on Seattle's famous **Monorail**. While at Seattle Center, we'll take a break from group activities so you'll have time on your own to visit the **Space Needle**, **Chihuly Garden and Glass**, **EMP Museum** or simply wander the grounds of the Seattle Center. Some attractions do charge admission and these are not included in the overall tour cost.

Then, we're in for a real treat as **FareStart**, a restaurant run by a non-profit program that trains the homeless and disadvantaged to work in restaurant kitchens, is holding a special gala event at the Seattle Center. We have secured special entry into this event and will be able to sample food from Seattle's best chefs and enjoy the open bar.

Overnight at [Hotel Andra](#).

★ **HIGHLIGHT!** **FareStart's Guest Chef Spectacular** will be an evening of nibbling on food from Seattle's best restaurants and chefs and sampling drinks from local breweries, distilleries, wineries and cideries. **We are so lucky to be attending!**

Day 3

Friday, June 26, 2015

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Get ready for a filling morning because we'll have a **private cooking class** at **Diane's Market Kitchen**, where we'll enjoy a **brunch created from local produce** and other products straight from **Pike Place Market**.

After our class, we'll visit **World Spice Merchants**, **The Spanish Table**, and **Market Spice**, all near or in the Pike Place Market. We may even have time for chocolate tasting at **Fran's Chocolates!**

We'll have some time to **wander around the Market** before heading to lunch at **Matt's in the Market**. Here, we'll enjoy tasty cuisine made from **fresh, local ingredients**, served up with a **view of the Market, Elliott Bay and the Olympic Mountains**.

If we've got room, we'll then walk over to Beth's favorite cupcake shop, **Cupcake Royale**, for dessert.

After lunch, you can **join Beth for another walk**, this time to **Pioneer Square**, once the heart of Seattle. Now an area filled with galleries, shops, restaurants and quaint brick buildings.

In the evening, we'll head down to the waterfront and dine at **Bell Street Diner**, a casual seafood restaurant that's part of the Anthony's family of restaurants. Bell Street has a wide range of options, including **chowders, fish tacos**, and delicious **fish and chips**.

After dinner, we'll take a ride on the **Seattle Great Wheel** for unparalleled views of the city.

Overnight at [Hotel Andra](#).

★ **HIGHLIGHT!** Everyone loves Diane from **Diane's Market Kitchen**. She'll not only regale us with fascinating life stories, but also teach us how to make a couple of yummy brunch dishes.

Day 4

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

This morning you'll have the option of joining Beth for a walk around the city or sleeping in a bit and grabbing breakfast on your own. After a few days of wonderful meals, a long walk downtown might be just what you need!

By mid-morning, we'll head down to the Seattle waterfront, where we'll board the **West Seattle Water Taxi**, which will ferry us over to West Seattle. We'll have a late brunch/early lunch at **Marination Ma Kai**, which grew out of a successful **woman-owned, Hawaiian-themed food truck**.

Because it wouldn't be a WanderTour without a sweet treat, we'll make our way to West Seattle's Husky Deli for some of the best ice cream in Seattle.

In the afternoon, we'll head over to Woodinville, Seattle's wine country, where we'll taste **Washington wines** and learn about the varietals for which Washington State is famous.

We'll have dinner at a Seattle classic, **Ivar's Salmon House** on Lake Union, built in the style of the **cedar longhouses of the Northwest coastal tribes**. We'll enjoy **salmon and other traditionally Northwest dishes** with a great view of downtown Seattle and the lake.

Overnight at [Hotel Andra](#).

★ **HIGHLIGHT!** We'll get out on the water today for a **short ferry ride** to West Seattle. Prepare to be **wowed** by stunning city views.

Day 5

Sunday, June 28, 2015

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Greet the morning with a very light breakfast with samples of some of the best pastries in Seattle from **Bakery Nouveau**. Then check out of Hotel Andra, where you can store your bags.

Then, we're off to Seattle's **Ballard neighborhood**, where we'll tour the **Ballard Farmer's Market**. After that, it's time for a farewell lunch at **Skillet Diner**, a fantastic restaurant borne from a vintage Airstream trailer and one of Seattle's first food trucks.

**** Itinerary and restaurants subject to change without notice.**