

Seattle Culinary Tour 2016

Itinerary dates: June 22 – 26, 2016

Tour Leader: Beth Whitman

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a wide variety of **Northwest food** and learn about **Native American history**
- Take a **private food tour of Pike Place Market**
- Partake in a cooking demonstration with one of the **market's most dynamic women**
- Visit some of the **city's best sweet shops**, including specialty chocolate and ice cream shops
- This tour is suitable for **vegetarians and meat eaters alike**
- **A 5% discount** for returning WanderTours participants

The tour begins on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30pm. 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 22, 2016

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.

In the afternoon, the group will meet in the lobby and walk to the starting point for our **land and water tour** of Seattle with **Ride the Ducks!** This 90-minute excursion on an amphibious vehicle will take us throughout the city's neighborhoods with a guide who'll give us the lowdown on Seattle's history and quirky (and quack-y) neighborhoods, including Fremont—the **Center of the Universe**.

After a short break in the late afternoon, we'll meet up in the evening and take a walk to the **Wild Ginger**, an award winning Asian-fusion restaurant and one of Seattle's most popular dining spots. The Wild Ginger has been recognized by Zagat as one of the **best restaurants in the world**. You'll soon learn why!

Overnight at [Hotel Andra](#).

 **HIGHLIGHT!** Who wants more fun in their life? You'll find just that on the Ride the Ducks tour on your first tour day in Seattle. You'll get a lay of the land and water all while being entertained by an excellent and knowledgeable local guide.

Day 2

Thursday, June 23, 2016

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 evening, we'll reconvene for **dinner at FareStart**, a restaurant run by a nonprofit program that trains the homeless and disadvantaged to work in restaurant kitchens. There is a weekly **guest chef on Thursday nights** so we'll have a surprise treat with a local chef, likely from one of **Seattle's top restaurants**.

Overnight at [Hotel Andra](#).

 **HIGHLIGHT!** FareStart meals are **top-notch** as the staff strives to provide a first-class experience for all diners. Great food, yes, but the restaurant has an undeniably positive atmosphere. This is a place of culinary enjoyment, but also a place of **help and new starts for many**.

Day 3

Friday, June 24, 2016

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 a short break, we'll meet up for a trip to **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.

In the evening, we'll head down to the waterfront and **Elliott's Oyster House**, famous not only for **oysters** but also **Dungeness crab**. Elliott's has a great lineup of appetizers, including a delicious wild mushroom strudel for our vegetarian tour participants or those who don't eat seafood.

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 25, 2016
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 late afternoon, we'll take **a cruise to Tillicum Village on Blake Island**, the birthplace of Chief Sealth. In addition to a **dinner of steamed clams and salmon**, we'll enjoy an evening of entertainment including **storytelling and Native American dancing**.

Overnight at [Hotel Andra](#).

★ **HIGHLIGHT!** Our time at Tillicum Village will provide a **truly Northwest experience** where you'll learn about the area's **native history** and hear songs passed down through many generations.

Day 5
Sunday, June 26, 2016
Meals: Breakfast

This morning we'll have one final meal together at **Lola, another Tom Douglas restaurant** (which happens to be right next to Hotel Andra). Breakfast favorites include **Mediterranean-inspired goodness** such as kalamata fig and lemon scones, a variety of egg dishes as well as Tom's famous made-to-order doughnuts. Yum!

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