

Seattle Culinary Tour 2018

Itinerary dates: May 27 - 31, 2018

Tour Leader: Beth Whitman

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a private food tour of Pike Place Market
- Enjoy a wide variety of exquisite Northwest food
- 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 cupcakes
- This tour is suitable for vegetarians and meat eaters alike
- A 5% discount for returning WanderTours participants

The tour begins on **Sunday 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

Sunday, May 27, 2018

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. This weekend coincides with Folklife Festival at the Seattle Center. You may want to stop in at this free event to hear some music!

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 while we Ride the Ducks on this 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

Monday, May 28, 2018

Meals: Breakfast, Snack & 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. Note: there are a lot of samples included in today's walk. Pace yourself or be ready to be full.


We'll work off some of those calories consumed by walking to **Smith Tower** to take in the view from the top of the oldest skyscraper in the city. (Insider tip: lines are shorter than at the Space Needle and the views just as breathtaking!) Afterward, we'll visit **Cupcake Royale**, one of Beth's favorite places for a treat.

We'll take a break in the afternoon. 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 head 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!** The tour of the **Pike Place Market** will give us an excellent overview of this iconic and thriving center, frequented by tourists and locals alike. We'll be **eating our way through the market**, sampling some of the very best it has to offer, all while **learning about its historical significance** to the city.

Day 3

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Meals: Brunch & Lunch

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**. (Psst – if you want to learn more about Diane, listen to [Beth's podcast with her!](#))

After our class, we'll visit **World Spice Merchants** and **Market Spice**, all near or in Pike Seattle Flowers Ballard MarketPlace 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 **FareStart**, considered one of the best places to eat in Seattle. At FareStart, not only will you have a **delicious meal** but you'll help support the employees who are or were homeless, incarcerated or in recovery.

We'll then head off 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. Admission to one of these (your choice) is included in your tour price.

Tonight **dinner is on your own** to give you some flexibility and to allow you to explore the many options the city has to offer!

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

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

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 load up in a passenger van and head to **Fremont, the unofficial Center of the Universe**. There we'll visit the famed **Fremont Troll** and also take a tour of **Theo's Chocolates** (yum!).

Afterward, we'll stop in at **Red Mill Burgers** to sample their award-winning onion rings and the best burgers (including veggie!) in Seattle.

You'll have more free time in the afternoon before we enjoy a special dinner at the home of a Seattleite.

Weather permitting, we'll enjoy **stunning views of the Cascade Mountains and Mt. Rainier** while dinner is prepared by a local chef.

Overnight at [Hotel Andra](#).

 **HIGHLIGHT!** Today you'll be getting out of the downtown area to explore some other areas of the city and to take in some truly **spectacular views**. This will give you the chance to experience some other neighborhoods and get a better understanding as to what makes **Seattle so special for residents**.

Day 5

Thursday, May 31, 2018

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!

If you'd like to stay over on Thursday night, May 31, please let us know.

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