

Simply Splendid – Seattle – 2 days

A couple of days can be before or after an Alaskan cruise, or as part of a longer Washington State trip. These highlights are in compact areas of central Seattle.



EMP Museum and Space Needle – City Pass

Day 1: Seattle Center and Downtown:

Spanning 74 acres and the site of the 1962 World's Fair, the Seattle Center is the perfect place to begin your trip. Explore the [MoPOP Museum](#) with its roots in rock 'n roll where you'll learn about Seattle's musical past and present.

Next, travel 520 feet above the city and gaze in all directions at breath-taking indoor and outdoor views from Seattle's [Space Needle](#) Observation Deck. Take advantage of free telescopes, colourful displays and enjoy lunch at the world-famous revolving restaurant, SkyCity.

Located just beneath the Space Needle, [Chihuly Garden and Glass](#) traces the art and career of world-renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly. The centerpiece of Chihuly Garden and Glass is the magnificent Glasshouse.

With five buildings of hands-on science exhibits, a delightful and informative tropical Butterfly House, two IMAX[®] theaters (one with IMAX[®] 3D technology), laser light shows and a planetarium, [Pacific Science Center](#) is one of the city's gems that is perfect for all ages.

Take the [Monorail](#) to the [Westlake Center](#) for some retail therapy. Finish the day with a seafood dinner to suit your budget.

Day 2: Pike Place Market, Waterfront, Pioneer Square & International District:

Tour historic [Pike Place Market](#) where you'll appreciate the quality workmanship of several hundred craftspeople with more than 200 unique shops and services. For a true taste of the town, try one of Seattle's [foodie tours](#).

Visit the [Seattle Aquarium](#) on Pier 59. Meet live sea stars and anemones in the touch pools. Walk through the underwater dome surrounded by 400,000 gallons of water giving you a 360-degree view of Puget Sound's sea life. Take a spin on the 175-foot [Seattle Great Wheel](#) for more spectacular vistas.

Walk to Pioneer Square, a richly historic place known for its Renaissance Revival architecture, First Thursday art walks, night life, delicious lunch spots, and quirky boutiques. Explore the depth and beauty of Seattle's first historic district and jump on the [Underground Tour](#) to visualize Seattle as it was 120 years ago. Visit the [Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park](#) an indoor site with the incredible story of human struggles to reach the gold fields.

Finish the day just east of Pioneer Square with dinner in Seattle's [Chinatown-International District](#), rich with authentic eats, captivating cultural experiences and intriguing shopping. The neighborhood is thriving with an array of flavorful Asian cuisines, myriad shops selling everything from fresh fish to traditional herbs, and cool cultural festivals—like Dragon Fest and the Night Market & Autumn Moon Festival—throughout the year.