

# Simply Seattle Southside

Explore Seattle Southside's favorite attractions. Seattle Southside is centrally located near the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport just fifteen minutes south of Seattle and twenty minutes north of Tacoma. The area features the perfect blend of urban attractions and close-by natural wonders, including the world famous Museum of Flight and Westfield, the largest shopping mall in the Northwestern US. Hotel rates are typically twenty to thirty percent less than downtown Seattle. Seattle Southside serves as a perfect home base to explore the Pacific Northwest from the mountains to the forests to the sea. Contact the staff at Seattle Southside today for complimentary area guides and maps, and reservations at hotels and attractions.

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## Museum of Flight

Start early at The Museum of Flight exploring the history of aviation at the largest aviation museum on the west coast. From the Wright brothers to outer space—the wonder of flight comes alive in more than 85 historic aircraft, interactive exhibits and family activities. Journey through history aboard the original jet Air Force One and the supersonic Concorde. Try on the cockpit of the Mach 3 Blackbird Spyplane. Explore the Red Barn—the workshop where Bill Boeing built his first airplane. Take a wild aerobatic flight in the X-Pilot motion simulator. Discover stories of unimaginable bravery in the brand new Personal Courage Wing, featuring 28 WWI and WWII fighters.

Explore the new Charles Simonyi Space Gallery. Stretching over 100 feet, and four stories high, the Full Fuselage Space Shuttle Trainer was used by NASA to train every space shuttle astronaut. The Museum has added stairs and ramps to make the expansive cargo bay accessible to all visitors, including those with disabilities. Other artifacts used on space shuttle missions are also on display.



### **iFLY Indoor Skydiving**

Come to iFly Seattle to feel the thrill of indoor skydiving! It is the first all glass vertical wind tunnel in the world! It is safe for all ages (three and up with no experience necessary) but also challenging and realistic for skydivers (it's rumored that Travis Pastrana of the Nitro Circus trained for his parachute-less skydive here). They provide great customer service in a friendly environment that encourages flyers to explore an incredible flying experience! The staff is highly enthusiastic but also keeps it safe, fun, and memorable.

### **Sykart Indoor Racing**

To quench your need for speed, stop by SyKart Indoor Racing Center where you can drive suped-up race karts on an indoor track. Sykart's Kart and track is modern, fast, and safe. Get ready for a thrilling ride an inch off the ground at 30-35mph! They cater to the competitive racer without diminishing the fun loving, exciting, racing atmosphere. Sykart Indoor Racing Center is the premiere location in the northwest for indoor karting.



### **Westfield Southcenter**

Westfield Southcenter is one of the largest retail destinations in the Pacific Northwest, with 225 retailers and many full service restaurants. Entertainment abounds at AMC Theatres and Round 1 Bowling & Amusement's karaoke, billiards, bowling and arcades. Westfield Southcenter's Traveler Privileges Card offers visitors hundreds of dollars in shopping and dining savings from participating retailers and restaurants. Simply show your out of town driver's license or passport at Seattle Southside's Visitor Center to receive your Traveler Privileges Card.

### **Des Moines Waterfront**

The waterfront is located on the east shore of Puget Sound and is about halfway between the major cities of Seattle and Tacoma. It is a short drive from Seattle Southside, making your travels quick and convenient. There is a recreational marina, boat launch, public beach and park, and pier fishing facilities. It is a great place to take the family or it can be a romantic destination to walk the boardwalk and watch the gorgeous sunsets (especially with the Olympic Mountains in the background and the sun hitting the water). Des Moines is a relaxing town to visit since it is right by the water. It is a great location because it offers amazing restaurants like Salty's and Anthony's Homeport which are very famous for their delicious and fresh seafood entrees. At Redondo Beach the MaST Aquarium is used as a marine laboratory for Highline College. Their mission is to expand knowledge about the Puget Sound and the wildlife that lives in the environment. If you are visiting during the summer time be sure to go to the farmer's market

which offers bountiful assortments of vegetables, flowers, meat, fish, fruit, honey, cheese, ready to eat food, crafts, information/education, and entertainment (open from June-October on Saturdays from 10:00-2:00)!

### **Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden**

Exploring the beautiful outdoors of Seattle Southside would not be complete without a visit to the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden. Many of the botanical garden's plants were salvaged from land bought as part of the expansion of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. As you enter the garden, the 1-acre Elda Behm Paradise Garden nestles up against a forest on the right. A recirculating stream flows through a 100 foot long series of waterfalls before emptying into a 7,000 gallon pond. Sunny borders are packed with a bewildering variety of Elda's favorites, and 10,000-square-foot shade garden is cloaked in a canopy of alders and madronas. Continue east from the entrance and you'll find gardens of maintained by the King County Iris Society and the Puget Sound Daylily Club, and a formal rose garden maintained by the Seattle Rose Society featuring over 100 labeled roses. On the easternmost side of the gardens is the recently relocated Seike Japanese Garden, built in 1961 partly as a memorial to a son fallen in World War II. Admission is free until dusk.

