

# 2017 NACRO Annual Conference – Things To Do!

## 1) Things to do – The usual suspects you'll find in most tourist guides

### **Pike Place Market**

<http://pikeplacemarket.org/>

Fish Throwing! You've seen it on TV – now see it in person! And just in time for our NACRO attendees, the new MarketFront expansion is scheduled to open on June 29<sup>th</sup>; adding a new public plaza, more market vendors, and a viewing deck with views of the Olympic Mountains, Mount Rainier and Puget Sound to the existing historic market location.

### **Seattle Center**

<http://www.seattlecenter.com/>

Home of the iconic Space Needle, but also home to Chihuly Garden and Glass, Museum of Pop Culture (MPOP) – Formerly known as EMP, Pacific Science Center, Seattle Children's Museum, Monorail

### **Seattle Central Waterfront**

<https://www.downtownseattle.com/neighborhoods/waterfront/>

Great Wheel, Argosy Cruises, Wings over Washington, Seattle Aquarium

### **Washington State Ferries**

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/gosomewhere>

Day Trips from downtown Colman Dock Seattle Ferry Terminal at Pier 52 to Bainbridge Island and Bremerton. Walk onto the Bainbridge ferry and upon your arrival on the other side walk a short distance from the terminal to the cute town of Winslow with lots of shops and restaurants to visit.

<http://visitbainbridge.com/>

Longer trips to the San Juan Islands depart from terminals to the north of Seattle and require advance reservations during summer months

### **Museum of Flight**

<http://www.museumofflight.org/>

The Museum of Flight is the largest independent, non-profit air and space museum in the world, with over 175 aircraft and spacecraft, tens of thousands of artifacts, millions of rare photographs, dozens of exhibits and experiences and a world-class library. The museum is located south of downtown, near the birthplace of The Boeing Company.

### **Seattle Art Museum**

<http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/>

SAM has been the center for world-class visual arts in the Pacific Northwest since 1933. Visit SAM to see a museum carved into the city, as much a part of Seattle's landscape and personality as the coffee, rain, mountains, Pike Place Market, and the Space Needle.

### **Seattle Mariners MLB Baseball**

<http://seattle.mariners.mlb.com>

The Seattle Mariners are in town at Safeco field versus the Angels August 10 -13. The August 11, 12 and 13 games are a tribute to Edgar Martinez weekend and are expected to sell out early (particularly the August 12<sup>th</sup> game with number retirement pregame ceremony). Alternatively Safeco Field does stadium tours at 10:30 AM daily - <http://m.mlb.com/mariners/tickets/info/tours>

### **Seattle Sounders MLS Soccer**

<http://www.soundersfc.com/>

The 2016 MLS Cup Champion Seattle Sounders are in town at Century Link Field on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> versus Sporting Kansas City.

### **Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing Tour (in Everett 25 miles north of Seattle)**

<http://www.boeing.com/company/tours/>

## **2) Things to do – Something different if you want to go beyond the usual tourist sights and see other Seattle neighborhoods and attractions**

### **West Seattle Water Taxi**

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/water-taxi/west-seattle.aspx>

Live like a local - West Seattle residents use this water taxi for the 15 minute commute to their downtown jobs. This is how you can see the Seattle skyline from the water and not spend a lot of money or make a big time commitment. Board the water taxi at Pier 50 on the central Seattle waterfront, near Coleman Ferry Terminal. Once you get to West Seattle, enjoy the view from Seacrest Park on Alki Beach.

### **Wine Tasting Rooms in Seattle's SODO Neighborhood**

<http://seattle.eater.com/maps/best-seattle-wineries-wine-tasting-rooms>

Sample wines from Washington wineries without going all the way to eastern Washington's wine country! Most of these tasting rooms are in the SODO neighborhood, just south of downtown.

### **Brewery Crawl in Seattle's Ballard Neighborhood**

<http://www.ballardbeerblog.com/ballard-brewery-crawl/>

The Ballard neighborhood is Seattle's brewery hub with breweries in a square mile. Check out them all or just stop in and check out a few.

### **Seattle Art Museum Olympic Sculpture Park**

<http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/visit/olympic-sculpture-park>

This unique park is a 9-acre outdoor sculpture museum with stunning views of Elliott Bay and the Olympic Mountains. It is just north of the Bell Harbor Conference Center, within walking distance and is free to the public. A great place to watch the sunset!

### **University District Farmer's Market (Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**

<http://seattlefarmersmarkets.org/markets/u-district>

Founded in 1993 it is Seattle's oldest year around farmer's market prioritizing farmers and food. It has been listed as one of the best farmers market in the country and worth the trip by Conde Nast Traveler.

### **Washington Park Arboretum**

<https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/washington-park-arboretum/>

This 230 acre collection of living plants from around the world is located on the shores of Lake Washington near the University of Washington campus and is free to the public. Take a self-guided tour or join a free guided tour.

### **Agua Verde Café and Paddle Club**

<http://aguaverde.com/>

Rent a kayak or paddle board and get out on the water and then have a great Mexican meal and a margarita on the sunny waterfront deck all from the same place!

### **Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI)**

<http://mohai.org/>

Rediscover history and get immersed in the lives and stories that made the Pacific Northwest the unique place it is today. The museum is located in the historic Naval Reserve Building on Lake Union, adjacent to Lake Union Park and the Center for Wooden Boats. Take the South Lake Union Street Car line from the downtown shopping corridor - <http://www.seattlestreetcar.org/slu.htm>

### **Center for Wooden Boats**

<http://cwb.org/>

Rent a classic wooden boat and get out on the water for a view of Seattle's iconic houseboats and floating homes, seaplanes and working shipyards. No experience necessary for rowboat or paddle boat rentals. Canoe, Kayak and sailboat rentals require a previous experience checkout.

Admission to the center exhibits and docks is free. Charges for boat rentals.

### **The Amazon Biospheres**

Check out the biospheres (slated to open in 2018) at the Amazon.com headquarters building in the Denny Triangle neighborhood, between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues at Lenora St.

### **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center**

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Visitor-Center>

