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Seattle's Pike Place Market is world famous for its fresh seafood and produce and its lively arts and crafts scene.

## Bargains, Bistros, Books and Baseball

### Seattle Has What You're Looking For

by Fred Hanson

Whether you're searching for a good deal, looking for some fresh food, browsing bookstores or taking in a few Mariners innings, Seattle has a wealth of ways to spend your free time at the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting in July.

#### Shop Till You Drop

Seattle shopping flourishes within a block or two of the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, the site of the Annual Meeting. Many of the big-name stores in downtown Seattle are concentrated near Pine

Street and Fifth Avenue. The old Seattle standbys, Nordstrom and The Bon Marché department stores, stand with the Gap, Banana Republic, Eddie Bauer and many other national retailers. Westlake Center is one of Seattle's premier urban shopping malls with more than 80 specialty stores, including Godiva Chocolatier and Made in Washington. Pacific Place concentrates retail as well, housing Tiffany's, Pottery Barn and more. There's no danger of hunger overwhelming you — plenty of nearby restaurants are eager to provide a respite from your shopping.

#### A Needle in the Sky

To explore what's unique in Seattle, wander a little farther afield to the Seattle Center, a 74-acre amusement park and cultural center. There you will find the most famous symbol of Seattle: the 605-foot Space Needle, the

lasting mark of the 1962 World's Fair. Ride the elevator up to the revolving observation deck or restaurant to get a 360-degree view of the city.

Of course, nowadays you don't need to leave the ground to be bowled over by the view ... just check out the wild design of the Experience Music Project, an interactive music museum that explores American popular music, at the foot of the Space Needle. Designed by architect Frank Gehry and conceived by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, the stimulating, multicolored EMP is a temple to rock 'n' roll. The museum includes an exhibit on the history of guitars and musician Jimi Hendrix; interactive rooms for visitors to play with drums, keyboards and even DJ turntables; and a roller coaster-like thrill ride.

The Seattle Center complex also includes the Children's Museum, the Pacific Science Center and an Imax Theater.

You can walk to the center, but why not ride the monorail? An elevator to the monorail is located at the Fifth Avenue side of the Westlake Center — or enter from the third floor of the mall.

Walk down either Pike Street — where the convention center is situated — or Pine Street, and you'll arrive at the Pike Place Market. Be prepared for some slow going through the market as you join a stream of tourists taking it all in. The three-block long market consists of three levels that include flower vendors, greengrocers, butchers, farmers, and numerous other shops, restaurants and vendors selling homemade foodstuffs, jewelry, clothing and crafts galore. Still more shops and grocers outside the market proper line the opposite side of Pike Place.

### Sleepless in Seattle?

For more information about the top attractions and activities in and around Seattle, check out these Web sites.

#### Space Needle

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

#### Pike Place Market

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

#### Underground Tour

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

#### Seattle Center

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

#### Experience Music Project

<http://www.emplive.com/visit/index.asp>

#### Elliot Bay Book Company

<http://www.elliottbaybook.com/about/index.jsp>

#### Woodinville Wineries

<http://www.winesnw.com/puget2.html>

#### Seattle Mariners

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

#### Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

<http://www.tourismvancouver.com/docs/visit/>

#### International District

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

#### Mount Rainier

<http://www.nps.gov/mora/>

#### Olympic National Park

<http://www.nps.gov/olymp/>

## As Exciting as Watching Fish Fly

You'll always find a huge crowd watching fish fly through the air at the Pike Place Fish stall within the market. Fishmongers at Pike Place Fish provide more fun with fins than you thought possible. The market contains three fish markets that will be happy to pack a salmon for you to take back home.

Down at the Union Street end of the market, check out the Pike Pub and Brewery to quench your thirst. The variety of beers will astound you.

If you tire, you can always walk out the north end of the market and rest in Victor Steinbrueck Park. (Steinbrueck was an architect who led the charge to save the market when the establishment wanted to convert it to condos and more "seemly" uses.) Rest your feet and enjoy the nautical action on Elliot Bay.

Wander north of the market and you'll enter Belltown. The market remains a farmer's market, but Belltown has been gentrified with condominiums, apartments and upscale restaurants. It also has bars and clubs for those who like it loud and late.

Two other areas of the city, Pioneer Square and Capitol Hill, offer club scenes, too. Capitol Hill, occupying the ridge above the conference center, has always been a lively, diverse place. Because young adults share the area with longtime residents, Capitol Hill is dotted with historic mansions and elegant apartments alongside trendy cafes, bars and clubs. Grab Seattle's alternative weekly newspapers, the *Stranger* or *Seattle Weekly*, to find out what's happening where.

You can get to Pioneer Square by walking down First or Second Avenues, by bus or by catching a trolley that runs from Pioneer Square along the waterfront. Pioneer Square will delight if your taste runs to old brick buildings, art galleries and cobblestone plazas. There are numerous places to eat, many with outside tables that cater to the crowds heading down to Mariner baseball games. Shopping opportunities also abound. For books, check out Elliot Bay Book Company and Flora and Fauna. A couple of blocks north on Cherry, you'll find the Seattle Mystery Bookshop. Other unique-to-Seattle bookstores include University Bookstore, both downtown and up in the University District; Bailey-Coy and Beyond the Closet Bookstore on Capitol Hill; Left Bank Books at the Market; and Open Books, a poem emporium in Wallingford.

Pioneer Square is an old part of town built on top of an even older section. It was the heart of downtown Seattle until a fire destroyed it in 1889. The area was then quickly rebuilt. See that older Seattle by joining Bill Speidel's Underground Tour.

Buses in this area run both above ground and below. Seattle's Bus Tunnel, which allows the city's buses to run beneath downtown Seattle to avoid traffic, begins a block away from the convention center. Buses stop at Westlake Center, University Street, Pioneer Square and the International District. If you're already downtown, you'll find entrances to the Bus Tunnel at The Bon Marché, Nordstrom and at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Pine Street. All of downtown within Alaskan Way in the west, Sixth Avenue in the east, South Jackson Street in the south and Battery Street in Belltown in the north is in the Ride Free Zone. So you pay nothing to ride the bus within that area. If you're unsure which bus to take, just tell the driver where you want to go; he or she will advise you on which bus to catch.

## From the International District to the National Pastime

The final stop on the tunnel run is the International District. Here you can explore the Asian part of town. Among the interesting sites are the Wing Luke Asian Museum and Uwajimaya, an Asian supermarket filled with Asian foods, housewares, produce and toys.

The other attraction in the south end is Safeco Field, the ballpark that serves as home to the Seattle Mariners baseball club and within easy walking distance of Pioneer Square. The Mariners operate a shop at the field and provide guided tours. During the Annual Meeting, the Mariners will play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on the evening of July 11 and the afternoons of July 12 and 13. Across the street, you can grab lunch at the Pyramid Brewery and Alehouse.

## Treks Outside the City

If you've tasted all Seattle has and need more, Vancouver is reachable by car or train. Vancouver provides a European, cosmopolitan experience, with the second largest Chinatown on the continent. Anyone 14 years of age or older must have photo identification to enter Canada — a school ID won't suffice. Passports are the only sure way to avoid border hassles.

## Volunteer in Seattle

The Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee needs you! Join the group of dedicated people volunteering their time to help make the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting a great success.

The committee needs volunteers for a variety of activities at the Annual Meeting. Meet new people and see old friends while working at the Registration Desk. Write articles for the daily conference newspaper, *Coffee Talk*. Take tickets and seat people at the Association Luncheon and Closing Banquet. If you will be in Seattle early, help stuff the conference tote bags on July 11 or visit with attendees' children at the Family Social Hour on July 12.

Volunteers help the conference run smoothly — and they have a lot of fun. Thanks in advance!

Please complete the Volunteer Opportunities Form available on the AALL Web site at <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/local03/> and in the Preliminary Program by **June 1**. Fax, mail or e-mail the completed form to:

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If you crave rodents — couldn't get enough of Mickey and Minnie at last year's Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla. — head off to Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park or Mount Rainier. There you'll find marmots, squirrels and chipmunks keeping company with butterflies in flower-covered meadows. If you prefer earth-shattering geology, drive down to Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument in Amboy, Wash. See the effects of the May 18, 1980, volcanic destruction — and the recovery.

Anticipating a rough readjustment to the work world? Rent a car and drive out to Woodinville, Puget Sound's small wine

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region. Wineries, such as Silver Lake Sparkling Cellars and Facelli Winery, will be happy to supply some elixir to help you ease back into your work routine.

Although Annual Meeting attendees will be busy with programs and meetings, the

beauty and charm of Seattle await them. Whether it's a stroll through a park or perusing a bookstore with latte in hand, Seattle's evergreen vistas and cosmopolitan sophistication offer many cultural and natural treasures that will be hard to ignore.

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