

2022 AAA Annual Meeting

Seattle Sights & Bites

With everything from unrivaled natural beauty to a thriving arts and culture scene, there's plenty to see and do (and eat) in the Emerald City during our Annual Meeting November 9 – 13. We asked a few local anthros – Kathryn L. Hale, Qualitative UX Researcher at Meta; Sara Breslow, Independent Researcher and Consultant; and Sara Gonzalez, Associate Professor at the University of Washington and the Curator of Archaeology at the Burke Museum – to share their ethnographic and epicurean expertise and here's what they had to offer. {You can also learn more about the "Unsettling Landscapes" within the Seattle area, as well as additional tips on dining and attractions in [this latest podcast series](#) hosted by Matt Artz.}

Restaurants

- [Communion](#)
 - Southern soul food
- [Plum Bistro](#)
- [Frelard Tamales](#) (+ a walk around nearby Green Lake or a trip to Woodland Park Zoo)
- Of local fame:
 - [Norm's Eatery & Alehouse](#)
 - [Ivar's Fish Bar](#)
 - [The Whale Wins](#) (fancy)
 - [The Walrus and the Carpenter](#)
 - [Top Pot Doughnuts](#)
- [Cornelly Pizza](#)
- [Cafe Flora](#) (vegetarian)
- [Nue](#) (tapas & brunch)
- [Joule](#) (Fremont): Korean/Asian fusion, exceedingly good cocktails and their brunch is fabulous, highlights include the bone marrow (not pescatarian friendly, but universally loved), black cod, squid ink rice.
- [Whale Wins](#) (Fremont, next door to Joule): seafood restaurant, spendy but tasty, highlights are the mushroom gnocchi, sardines on toast and herring dip.
- [Rione](#) (Capitol Hill): everything is good. Seriously.
- [Pablo y Pablo](#) (Fremont,): best of the fancy tacos and margarita joints.
- [Sea Wolf](#) (Fremont): best bakery and bread spot, to-die-for croissants, great to grab and then walk down to Gas Works Parks with the family; right next to an also-very-good bagel spot.
- [Communion](#) (Central District): described by the chef-restauranteur as "Seattle Soul," everyone has wonderful things to say. Finally got a table a month ago and it was one of the best dining-out experiences folks had--super great waitstaff and really tasty food with lots of Asian-inspired soul food mash-ups.
- [Kamonegi](#) (Fremont): soba from scratch, super tasty!

- [Sushi Kashiba](#) (Pike Place Market): famed sushi chef Shiro's spot; fabulous, also fabulously pricey!
- [Momiji](#) (Capitol Hill): very good sushi joint, happy hour is a great deal, a little cheaper than Sushi Kashiba.
- [Monsoon Seattle](#) (Capitol Hill): upscale Vietnamese, super good!
- [Bar Vacilando](#) (Capitol Hill): Spanish-influenced, smaller plates, beautiful patio that's covered.
- [Mamnoon](#) (Capitol Hill): Middle Eastern, great for lunch and dinner.
- [Taylor's Shellfish Oyster Bar](#) (two locations, one in Cap Hill and another next to the Seattle center, I'd recommend the latter because it's close to lots of attractions): great seafood and oysters!
- Pike Place Market: lots of options here! [Matt's](#) in the Market is a great upscale place; [Elleno's Yogurt](#), [The Crumpet Shop](#) (it's so good! and easy to grab and go and you might even see local resident Kenny G), [Piroshky Piroshky](#).
- [Fuji Bakery](#) (Queen Anne): really great Japanese-style bakery, 2nd fav next to Seawolf for baked goods!
- U District: lots of great options here for lunch spots! My favs are [Thanh Vi](#) (best cheap Vietnamese food) and [Thaigher Room](#) (Thai). [Agua Verde](#) on the waterfront is also good for casual Mexican (2nd fav behind Pablo y Pablo)...it's nowhere near Oakland or San Diego-level tacos but it suffices.
- [Ray's Boathouse](#) (Ballard): quintessential Seattle waterfront restaurant, great views, lots of outdoor seating.
- [Pestle Rock](#) (Ballard): Really great Thai food.
- [Plum Bistro](#) (Capitol Hill): great vegan fare with a Southern flare.
- [Sawyer](#) (Ballard): consistently good new American fare. Highlights include the rotisserie porchetta, papas bravas, and cornbread dip.
- [Cafe Campagne](#) (Pike Place Market): Seattle Met describes it as flawlessly French and they aren't lying. Great orders-to-go and the food is always impeccable.
- Brunch spots:
 - [Saint Bread](#)
 - Includes a melonpan [Japanese bun] steamed egg sandwich, smoked trout toast, or cardamom twists (a Nordic treat from the former Jensen boatyard)
- [Super Six](#) (Korean-Hawai'ian fusion, incl. bubble waffles)
- [Macrina Bakery](#)

Local Tours

- [Bill Speidel's underground tour](#)
 - Seattle burned to the ground during a great fire, and instead of rebuilding, we built a new city on top of it. Learn more about why there's purple glass lining our streets downtown.
- Self-guided public art tours:
 - [Four Free Seattle Art Tours That Are Self-Guided](#)

- [30 notable public art spots](#)
- Brewery Tour: [19 Must-Try Breweries in Seattle](#)
- UW's [Indigenous Walking Tour](#)
- [Waterlines Walking Tour](#)

Museums

- [Museum of History and Industry](#) (MOHAI) on Lake Union
- [Pike Place Market](#) (see the Gum Wall, waterfront views + massive lobster tail!):
 - [Original Selfie Museum](#) is close to the Gum Wall and the Four Seasons Hotel
- [Chihuly Garden & Glass](#)
- [MoPOP](#)
- [Space Needle](#) (mountain/ city views + glass bottom 2nd level)
- The "[Waterlines Project](#)" map and book, *Native Seattle* (Burke Museum)
- [Wing Luke museum](#)
- [Museum of Flight](#)
- [Arboretum](#)
- [The Nordic Museum](#)
- [Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center](#)
- [Volunteer Park Conservatory](#)
- [Asian Art Museum](#)

Little known fact: The area is also a hot spot for aerialists!

- [Emerald City Trapeze](#)
 - Can take your first ever class in silks, flying trapeze, and more, taught by Cirque du Soleil acrobats
- See also [School of Acrobatics & New Circus Arts](#)

Walks with Scenery

- [UW Arboretum](#)
- [Golden Gardens](#)
- [Discovery Park](#)
- [Olympic Sculpture Park](#)
- [Volunteer Park](#) (huge trees, a conservatory, cool downtown view, and Asian Art Museum)
- [Greenlake](#)
- [Kubota Gardens](#) on Rainier, on the 106 bus line, Olympic Sculpture Park

Kayaking

- [Aqua Verde Kayaking](#) – perfect to go with Aqua Verde dining (see Restaurants above)
- [Ballard Kayak & Paddleboard](#)