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 Viejilando** (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