Forget the raindrops.

Seattle is a city of wonderful sights, sounds, and smells.

Lee Greene

A Seattle visitor arrives on a rainy day. The next day it rains, and it rains the day after that, and the day after that. The visitor stops a child heading for school and asks, “Say, does it ever stop raining around here?” The child shrugs and replies, “How do I know? I’m only 6.”

It does rain a lot in Seattle (see box) and residents have learned to take it in stride with good humor, as shown by the examples above and elsewhere on these pages. But this year’s convention city has a lot more to offer than raindrops. For example, there’s coffee. Seattleites drink gallons of it and you will find a profusion of coffeehouses—including the very first Starbucks—scattered throughout the city.
So, pack your raincoats and umbrellas and prepare to enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of the Emerald City. Here are some attractions you won’t want to miss:

**The Space Needle.** Located on the site of Seattle’s 1962 World Fair, it rises 520 feet above the city. A restaurant at the top revolves 360 degrees while you dine, offering a spectacular panorama.

**Pike Place Market.** Just a few blocks from the convention center, it boasts more than 200 businesses, booths, and restaurants, including the famed “flying fish” market.

**Seattle Aquarium.** Walk underwater in a glass dome and watch all sorts of ocean creatures swim around you, including salmon, sharks, and a giant octopus.

**Woodland Park Zoo.** Its 92 acres house more than 1,000 creatures in 300 species, from elephants and gorillas to penguins and piranhas.

**Tillicum Village.** A four-hour visit by ferry to nearby Blake Island State Park lets you visit the Native American village, feast on wood-baked salmon, and be entertained by a spectacular stage show featuring traditional tribal dances.

**Pioneer Square.** Seattle’s historic district is home to an eclectic collection of shops, art galleries, restaurants, and nightclubs.

**Museum of Flight.** The main gallery is packed with 39 historic aircraft, including the original Air Force One. Parked outside is a retired Concorde supersonic airliner.

**Getting Around**

The Washington State Convention and Trade Center and most of the convention hotels are located in downtown Seattle, within easy walking distance of many attractions. It’s hilly, so if you need a rest—or it starts to rain—you can duck into one of the city’s ubiquitous coffeeshops, including the original Starbucks in the Pike Place Market.

If walking isn’t your thing, enjoy free bus rides in the downtown area. Get on and off as often as you like. Or you might enjoy a ride on the Seattle Center Monorail that connects downtown with the site of the Space Needle and other Seattle Center attractions.

How about a 90-minute guided land and water tour of the city on Ride the Ducks, which carries passengers on World War II-vintage amphibious vehicles? Or an inexpensive round trip to nearby Bainbridge or Bremerton on one of the Washington State Ferries, which depart from the Seattle waterfront?

Want to try something really offbeat? Get aboard the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train and enjoy scenic views and fine dining in vintage rail cars on a 45-mile round trip along the shore of Lake Washington.

**National Parks**

Seattle lies within a couple of hours of three spectacular national parks:

- **Mount Rainier National Park**, in the Cascade range south of Seattle, boasts the highest peak in the Northwest and the Grove of the Patriarchs, a sanctuary of 1,000-year-old cedar and fir trees.

- **Olympic National Park** on the Olympic Peninsula west of Seattle, features the only temperate rain forest in the lower 48 states in addition to 8,000-foot mountains and wild ocean beaches.

- **North Cascades National Park**, north of Seattle, has a necklace of glacier-fed lakes and a scenic highway linking beach, mountains, and desert.

**Keeping Fit**

Need some exercise after sitting most of the day? You might want to try some of the activities that have helped rank Seattle as one of the fittest U.S. cities.

**Jogging.** Join downtown office workers by jogging or walking along the waterfront from Pioneer Square to Myrtle Edwards Park. Or you can try the three-mile loop around the lake at Green Lake Park, a favorite weekend destination of some 7,000 Seattleites.

**Biking.** You can bike through most of the city and its 28 miles of bike paths by renting bicycles by the hour. Or you can sign up for a half-day guided sightseeing tour.

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**Is It Raining?**

The answer is probably yes. Seattle averages 37 inches of rain each year, including 2.28 inches in April, a month in which the average temperature is 58.3 degrees Fahrenheit.

Here are some of Seattle’s favorite rainy day stories:

*It only rains twice a year in Seattle: August through April and May through July.*

*What does daylight saving time mean in Seattle? An extra hour of rain.*

*What’s the definition of a Seattle optimist? A guy with a sun visor on his rain hat.*

*What do you call two straight days of rain in Seattle? A weekend.*
Seattle Superlatives

Seattle has been honored with a number of accolades in recent years. Here are just a few of them:

- **Smartest City in America** (highest percentage of adults with bachelor’s degrees).
- **America’s Most Literate City** (largest percentage of library card holders).
- **Most Livable City in America**.
- **Most Unwired City in the United States** (city with the best wireless Internet access).
- **Fittest City in the United States**.
- **Most Child-Friendly City in America**.

Fun Places for Kids

Children should enjoy most of Seattle’s main attractions, especially the Space Needle and the Woodland Park Zoo. Here are a few other destinations worth visiting.

- **Pacific Science Center**: Kids will enjoy watching dinosaurs roar or a butterfly emerging from its chrysalis. There are also robotic insects and a two-ton granite ball children can spin with their bare hands.
- **Children’s Museum**: Located in the Seattle Center, its exhibits encourage children to drive a fire engine, skipper a ship, or pretend to run a store or restaurant.
- **Imagine Children’s Museum**: This museum, in nearby Everett, features exhibits that allow children to learn as they play on a kid-size airplane, train, or ferry. Or they can build things in the construction studio.
- **Experience Music Project**: Older children and members of the Woodstock generation will enjoy the sights and sounds of this music museum, which is filled with artifacts such as Bob Dylan’s original harmonica and handwritten song lyrics by Nirvana’s Kurt Cobain.

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My requirements are: ____________________________________________

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NOTE: Institutional subscription memberships do not qualify for the member registration fee. Please complete one form per paid registrant.

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Sunday, April 1, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
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Pre-Convention Workshops  
Thursday, March 29, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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Limited to first 100 participants per workshop. You may register for only ONE.

☐ WILD  What Instructional Leaders Really Do

☐ WILC  Inspirational Leadership

☐ WMSS  Making Sure Schools Are Ready for Pre-K to 3 Children

☐ WWIV  The More Ways to Teach, The More Students We Reach

☐ WLSG  Leading Groups: Practical Strategies for Productive Meetings

☐ WBQP  Building Quality pre-K to 3 Programs in Public Schools

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☐ WROL  Leadership Matters: ROL-Return on Leadership

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☐ HDSS  The Documentation Side of Leadership - Time: Sat. 9:00a

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