

we're so glad you're here

WELCOME HOME

THE EASY WELCOME GUIDE FOR NEWCOMERS

The Inside Scoop for Living Like a Local

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME!



Whether you're relocating for work, adventure, or a fresh start, moving to a new city comes with its own set of unknowns. That's where this guide comes in.

From the best neighborhoods to the must-see landmarks, we've gathered tips and insider knowledge that only locals know—like where to find the best coffee, local gems, and outdoor spots. Consider this your shortcut to living like a local, with no trial and error needed.

Inside, you'll discover everything from neighborhood highlights and hidden food spots to local attractions and outdoor adventures. Whether you're here for a few months or planning to stay longer, this guide will help you feel right at home in no time.

With the comfort of Aplus Housing's fully furnished rentals, you're ready to settle in and start exploring all that Seattle has to offer.

MEET APLUS HOUSING

Aplus Housing provides fully furnished rentals across the Seattle area, making temporary stays feel like home.



ABOUT

local attractions

THINGS TO DO

Surrounded by stunning natural beauty and filled with vibrant neighborhoods, this city offers something for everyone. From waterfront views and outdoor adventures to arts, culture, and great coffee, Seattle is ready to be explored.

SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOODS

AND WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER

Bellevue

A modern, upscale city known for its tech campuses, shopping, and scenic parks.

Bothell

A quieter, suburban spot with a cozy downtown and easy access to nature and wineries.

Kirkland

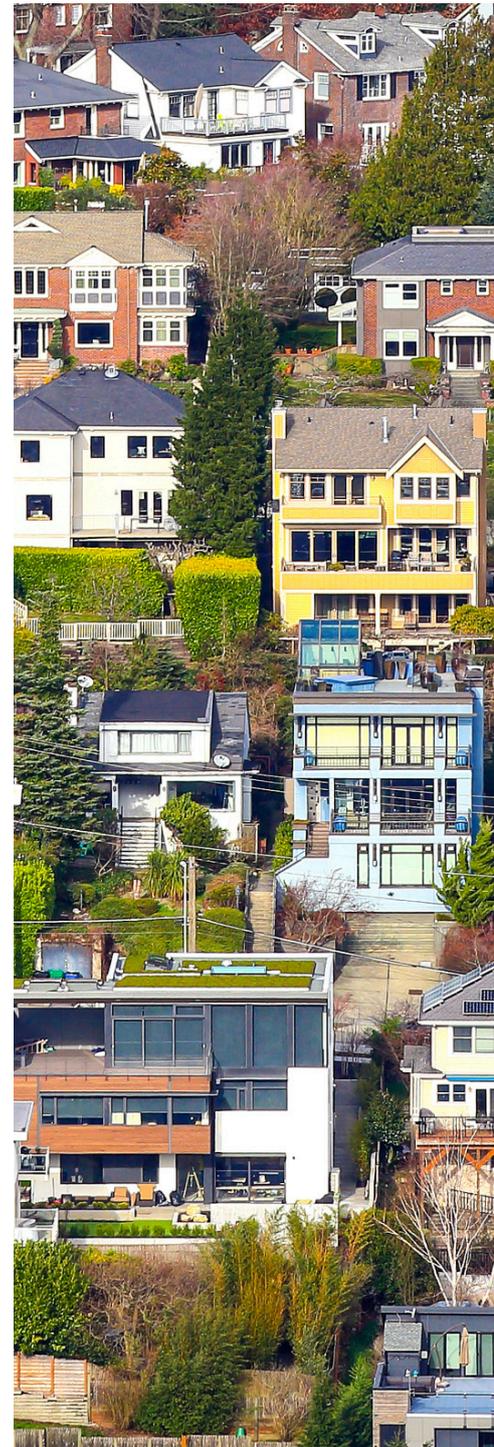
A walkable lakeside town with boutique shops, restaurants, and waterfront parks.

Redmond

Home to Microsoft and miles of bike trails, Redmond blends innovation with outdoor living.

Seattle

A vibrant, diverse city full of iconic landmarks, buzzing neighborhoods, and endless coffee.





LOCAL THINGS TO DO

A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

TAKE A TOUR!

The Space Needle is Seattle's most iconic landmark, offering stunning 360-degree views of the city, mountains, and Puget Sound. Originally built for the 1962 World's Fair, it remains a must-see symbol of Seattle's innovative spirit.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Getting around Seattle is easy with a mix of public transit, light rail, buses, and walkable neighborhoods. Visitors can also explore by ferry, streetcar, or bike to experience the city from different views.

FUN FACT:

Seattle is one of the only major cities in the U.S. where you can see mountains in nearly every direction – with the Olympic Mountains to the west, the Cascade Range to the east, and the iconic Mount Rainier towering to the south on clear days.

Seattle is a city where urban energy meets natural beauty. Surrounded by water, mountains, and evergreen forests, it offers visitors a wide variety of things to see and do – all within reach of its vibrant downtown.

Whether you're looking for outdoor adventures, cultural experiences, or relaxing city strolls, Seattle delivers memorable experiences for every type of traveler.

- City Landmarks & Scenic Views
- Outdoor Adventures & Nature Trails
- Museums, Art, & History
- Family-Friendly Attractions
- Local Markets & Food Experiences

Seattle's charm lies in its balance between city life and natural beauty. It's a place where visitors can enjoy world-class attractions and outdoor adventures in the same day. Every neighborhood has its own unique flavor and character waiting to be explored. No matter your interests, Seattle offers something unforgettable for everyone.

places to eat and drink

FOOD & DRINK

SEATTLE BOASTS A VIBRANT AND DIVERSE CULINARY SCENE, OFFERING A PLETHORA OF DINING EXPERIENCES TO SUIT VARIOUS TASTES AND PREFERENCES. HERE ARE A FEW OF THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN SEATTLE, EACH PROVIDING A UNIQUE AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE.

- **The Pink Door**- Italian cuisine with live entertainment - 1919 Post Alley, Seattle, WA 98101
- **Canlis** - Fine dining with Pacific Northwest cuisine and stunning views. - 2576 Aurora Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109
- **The Walrus and the Carpenter** - Fresh oysters and seafood - 4743 Ballard Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107
- **Spinasse** - Northern Italian pasta dishes in Capitol Hill - 1531 14th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122
- **Musang** - Contemporary Filipino cuisine in a vibrant atmosphere - 2524 Beacon Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144
- **Atoma** - Innovative dishes, recognized as the Best New Restaurant of 2024 - 1411 N 45th St, Seattle, WA 98103



Seattle's coffee scene is deeply rooted in its culture, known for its cozy cafes, skilled baristas, and passion for quality brews. From small neighborhood spots to historic espresso bars, coffee in Seattle is more than a drink – it's a daily ritual.

ICONIC SEATTLE COFFEE SHOPS WORTH VISITING:

- **Original Starbucks at Pike Place Market** – The famous first Starbucks location.
- **Victrola Coffee Roasters** – A beloved Capitol Hill café known for its expertly crafted drinks and vintage vibe.
- **Elm Coffee Roasters** – A minimalist café in Pioneer Square focusing on light, clean roasts and pour-overs.
- **Storyville Coffee** – A cozy spot near Pike Place Market with warm atmosphere and beautifully prepared espresso drinks.
- **Slate Coffee Roasters** – A Ballard favorite for adventurous coffee drinkers, offering unique brewing methods and single-origin beans.



LET'S TALK COFFEE

NIGHT LIFE

Seattle's nightlife is as diverse and vibrant as the city itself. Music is at the heart of the scene, with countless venues showcasing everything from local bands to nationally known artists. Neighborhoods like Capitol Hill, Belltown, and Pioneer Square come alive after dark with live music, comedy shows, and lively bars.

Don't forget to check out the iconic **Public Market Center**, where you can grab a late-night snack or simply soak in the lively atmosphere. Rooftop lounges offer stunning views of the city skyline, while cozy cocktail bars and late-night cafes create perfect spaces to unwind.

Jazz clubs, intimate performance spaces, and underground venues add to the variety, making it easy for visitors to find their perfect night out. Whether you're in the mood for live music, a relaxed drink, or a night of dancing, Seattle's nightlife scene has something for everyone.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Crocodile, an iconic music venue in Belltown, is a must-visit spot for live music and a taste of Seattle's legendary music scene.





THE APLUS HOUSING STORY

ESTABLISHED IN 1998

In 1992, Kathy Brekke moved to Seattle, a city totally unfamiliar to her at the time. She stayed with relatives while seeking her permanent home, which proved to be a stressful search since she had no knowledge of the area and few resources to help her acclimate.

Six years later, Kathy started a company to help others relocate to the Seattle area, intending to make their transition as was as possible. Aplus Housing has since grown into a full-service company offering much more than temporary housing. Kathy's vision of providing comfortable accommodations, top-notch customer service, area consultation, and even concierge-like benefits to her clients satisfies what she wished had been available to her so many years ago.

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"Over the years, I have witnessed the influx of new residents moving to the Puget Sound. When I started the company, my goal was to help alleviate the stress of relocating to the Seattle area. It's been a pleasure to bring so many people 'home' whether permanently or temporarily, and help them experience the best of what this special region has to offer."

- Kathy Brekke



We Hope You Love It Here

THANK YOU!

We're so glad to have you here and hope this guide helps you settle in smoothly and start enjoying the area right away. Whether you're here for a short visit or a longer stay, we want it to feel like home.