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## Seattle Guide: Vistas and Points of Interest

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### ★ [Google Map for Vistas and Points of Interest](#)

1. [Space Needle Observation Deck](#) is a favorite destination for a 360-degree look at the city and the region, and it's a lot of fun to visit. Take the monorail there from the Westin and walk back. Amazing view, but it's \$22.00.

2. Space Needle alternative: [Kerry Park](#), on Queen Anne Hill. 211 W Highland Dr, Seattle, WA 98119.

Take the number 2 or 13 bus from downtown up to Queen Anne or hoof it two miles. A stunning vista of downtown and Puget Sound, for free.

3. If you proceed west from Kerry Park on West Highland Drive to its end, a walk of 4.5 blocks, you'll encounter another fantastic vista point, [Marshall Park](#), this one looks west onto Elliott Bay, Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountain range.

3. [Lake Union Park](#) 860 Terry Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109

Walk from the hotel or take the Seattle Streetcar to the end of the line. From here you can look out on Lake Union and watch floatplanes (heading to/from the San Juan Islands) take off and land. And you have a clear view of Gas Works Park, the historic landmark park by landscape architect Richard Haag.

4. The small public beach at the [Olympic Sculpture Park](#) Completed in 2007, this park follows the example of Freeway Park, as it was built over a roadway. The park has a wide view of the Olympic Range. Walk to the reclaimed natural Puget Sound shore and have an unobstructed view of Elliott Bay and Puget Sound. Turn around, and see major public art! Free.

5. The deck of the [West Seattle Water Taxi](#). Catch it at Pier 50 on the Seattle waterfront (801 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98104). \$4.75, or included if you have an ORCA card and an all-day regional pass

Cheaper than a harbor cruise, but you get the same view of downtown Seattle, its waterfront, and then the beautiful shores of West Seattle's Alki Beach. Once you've arrived, have food and drink at [Marination Ma Kai](#) and enjoy the view from this affordable and delicious bar and restaurant. Then ride home the way you came.

6. [Madison Park](#) 4201 E Madison St, Seattle, WA 98112 Catch the number 11 Metro bus from 3rd and Pine (right near the Westin) and ride all the way up and down Madison Street. You'll arrive at Lake Washington, Seattle's big freshwater lake on its east side. (Saltwater Puget Sound is on its western

side.) From Madison Park, enjoy the view out to Mercer Island, watch the birds and the fish, and check out the two floating bridges that span the lake. If the weather is nice and the clouds lift, you can see Mount Rainier from here.

7. [Seattle Great Wheel](#) 1301 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98101 \$13.00 for adults. Senior rates also offered. Somewhat pricey, but this 175-foot wheel will provide dynamic views of Mount Rainier (if it's out), the Olympics and Cascades, and the Downtown.

8. [Columbia Tower Sky View Observatory](#) 701 5th Avenue, Floor 73, Seattle WA 98104 Again, a bit pricey, but the view from the 73rd floor cannot be beaten. Adults: \$14.25; Students & Military with ID: \$9.00; Seniors 55+: \$9.00.