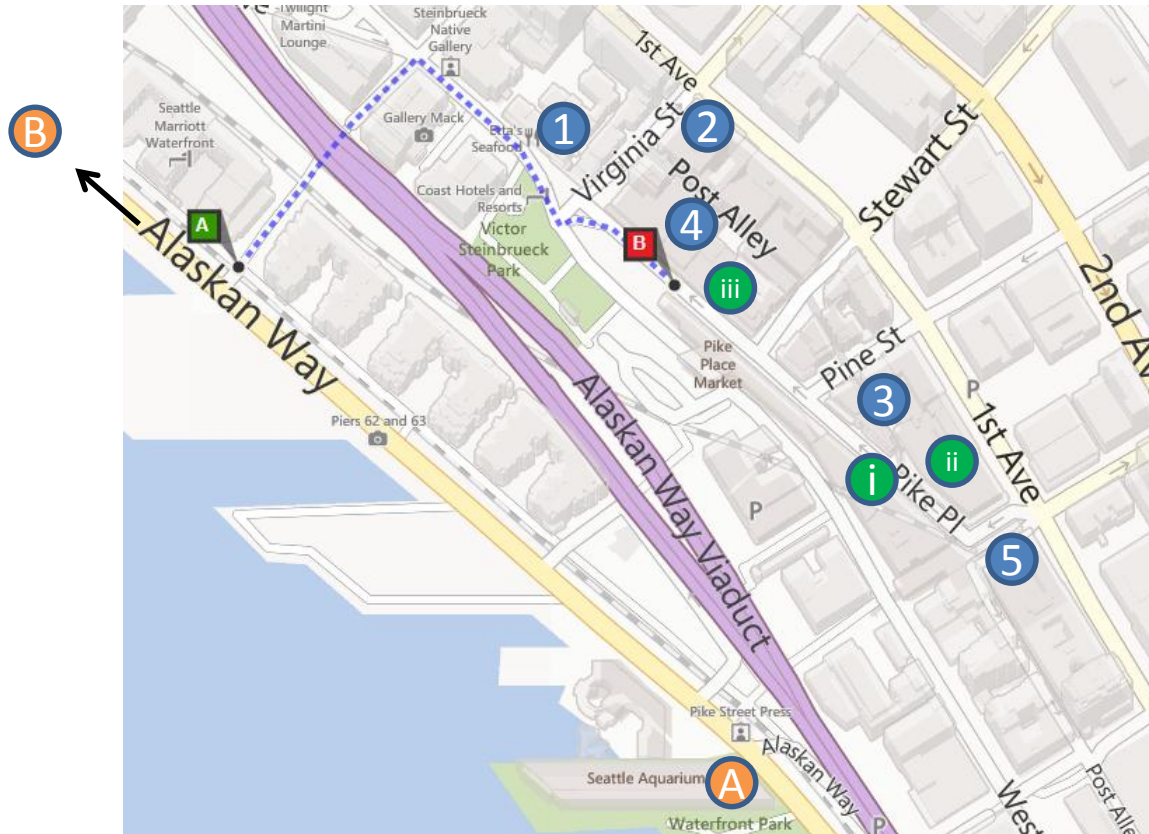


Nearby Restaurants & Local Attractions

- [Pike Place Market](http://www.pikeplacemarket.org/) – <http://www.pikeplacemarket.org/>

The hotel is less than a 5 minute walk from Pike Place Market. The shops around the market open at about 7:00 AM and things start to slow down around 5:00 PM or so. This is a wonderful place to spend a morning or afternoon and grab a quick bite to eat. Looking at the map below, simply climb the spiral staircase at the southeast corner of the hotel, follow the pathway under the highway and head one block up Lenora. Turn right at Western and then bear left when the road splits to get on Pike Place.



- Restaurants
- Attractions
- Market Buildings

Dining options near the Market

Yelp.com or various other review sites can certainly help you find your way among the many better dining options near the hotel. If you would like some specific suggestions, here are some of my favorites within walking distance of the hotel with some approximate per-person dinner price ranges (not including beverages):

- 1) Seatown – Northwest (~\$20) on Western Ave/Pike Place.
A slightly casual alternative to a different Tom Douglas' restaurant next door, Etta's.

- 2) Le Pichet – French (~\$20-30) on the corner of Virginia and 1st Ave.
A small bistro. Those without dietary restrictions might want to try the saucisse Lyonnaise.
- 3) Steelhead Diner – Northwest (\$20-30) on Pine St.
This place has some wonderful seafood.
- 4) Pink Door – Italian (\$30) Look for an unmarked pink door across from Kell’s along Post Alley
It can be hard to find and can get a bit rowdy later in the evening.
- 5) Il Bistro – Italian (~\$40-50) down the ramp on Pike, just below the “Pike Place Market” sign
Only open for dinner, this is quite a unique and romantic location below street level.

Cheap market eats

The Market is a great place to people-watch and is full of surprising little gems. Personally, I like to explore all of the little food vendors. These places are only open when the Market is open but most of the vendors have good, cheap food. As a warning, though, they are extremely casual and are only one step above a hotdog cart in terms of ambiance and dress code 😊 It’s generally safe to assume you will be eating while more-or-less standing up.

I invite you to do some exploring of your own, but here are some suggestions to get you started:

- i) Inside the Main Arcade building of the market along Pike Pl.
 - a. Market Grill - Northwest
Inside the market on the main level, right on the main drag. It’s a terribly busy location, but they have great chowder and excellent grilled seafood sandwiches.
 - b. Delorenti’s - Deli
On the far south east end of the building. Although it’s really a specialty food market (maybe pick up some cheese & charcuterie for a picnic?), they also have decent sandwiches and pizza by-the-slice.
- ii) In the Corner Market building across the street from the main Arcade
 - a. Oriental Mart - Filipino
Near the back of the building across the street from the main market. The adventurous might like the langusia, fish pancia, and dinuguan.
 - b. Three Girls Bakery – Bakery
Right near the street off of Pike Pl. this is a good place for scones, sweet rolls, etc.
- iii) Down the street from the Main Arcade
 - a. Le Panier – Bakery
French pasteries & baguette sandwiches. If you are lucky, they will still have feuilletés when you get there.

- Seattle Aquarium – <http://www.seattleaquarium.org/>

Marked “A” on the map above, the Aquarium is just down Alaskan Way from the hotel and has exhibits that everyone can enjoy. Want to know what a sea cucumber feels like? You can find out! If that’s not your thing, just sit back and watch the local fish and marine mammals. Who can resist sea otters?

- *Elliott Bay Trail & Olympic Sculpture Park* – <http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/visit/OSP/>

Marked “B” on the map above, follow Alaskan Way north-west from the hotel. When Alaskan Way turns sharply, keep going straight on the pedestrian path (don’t cross the train tracks). After you have looked at the outdoor sculptures, you can continue as far as you would like on the ~1.5 mile trail along the active waters of Puget Sound.

- *Seattle Center* - <http://spaceneedle.com/>

The Space Needle is one of Seattle’s iconic attractions and within slightly extended walking distance from the hotel. There are few other places in the city that can offer similar spectacular views on a nice day. Beyond the Space Needle, Seattle Center is home to three museums:

Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum – <http://www.chihulygardenandglass.com/>

Experience Music Project/Sci-Fi Museum – <http://empmuseum.org/>

Pacific Science Center – <http://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/>

- *Attractions in the city that are a bit further afield (you will likely need a taxi or rental car)*

Living Computer Museum – <http://livingcomputermuseum.org/>

This museum is only open Thursday through Sunday, but it’s claim to fame? All of the computers collected by Paul Allen and put up for display from 1964+ are fully-functional (the “living” part of the museum’s name). If you like switches and blinking lights, this is the place for you.

Fremont - <http://fremont.com/>

The self-proclaim “Center of the Known Universe”, Fremont certainly has its own unconventional sights. There are few better places to people-watch on a nice day. Relax by the water of the Fremont Cut, tour a chocolate factory at Theo, take in a taco from “America’s Best Food Truck” at Marination – there is plenty to do here.

Parks

There are certainly beautiful parks away from the city, but if you are short on time we have some wonderful parks right in the city itself. The Ballard Locks, Gasworks Park, Discovery Park or Golden Gardens all provide uniquely Seattle experiences.

Craft Coffee, Beer or Wine Tours

There are plenty of wonderful coffeehouses, breweries and wine shops in the area. You could make up your own tour or try one of the many commercial operators that will take you around to their own favorite spots (a hint – if a coffee tour tries to take you to Starbucks, yes, even the very first Starbucks in the Market, you might want to find another guide). Here are a few promising candidates to get you started: Coffee – B&O and Vivace, Beer – Schooner Exact and Maritime Pacific, Wine – The Tasting Room is certainly close to the hotel and Domanico Cellars isn’t too far, but those that have time may want to go to the nearby suburb of Woodinville (there are well over 100 wineries and tasting rooms clustered along a 4-mile stretch of Woodinville-Redmond Road – see <http://www.gotastewine.com/woodinville-wineries.php> for more details)

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