

SAVORING SEATTLE

An Epicurean Pilgrimage to the Emerald City
September 7-13, 2016
Hosted by Blue Marlin + Onward Travel

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Wine and dine, cook and create, and immerse yourself in sparkling Seattle.

Adam Ellis and Marianne Norman-Ellis are traveling to Seattle to explore taste-making Pacific Northwest culture and cuisine! Seattle's food scene is exploding with excellent restaurants, creative cocktails, local wine and beer, and gorgeous markets... and you're invited to join the adventure to discover it all!

Enjoy five carefully curated days in the Emerald City. Seattle is perched on Puget Sound, surrounded by water, mountains, and forested parkland. We'll balance our culinary obsession with nature and art, culture and creativity.

We'll do it all: from farmers markets to floating houseboats, architecture to local ales, shucked raw oysters to special dining experiences, life changing pizza to luxury accommodations, blown glass to the best wineries... Read on for the complete itinerary and join Adam, Marianne, and Onward Travel on this epicurean adventure to Seattle.



Imagine yourself...

Visiting Seattle's iconic and charming houseboats on a special biannual home tour.

Wining and dining in one of the country's hottest food cities.

Soaking in the view... from a ferryboat on the water to the iconic Space Needle observation deck.

Sunshine State to Emerald City

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7

- Take a convenient nonstop flight from Tampa to Seattle.
- Settle in at luxury accommodations: the hip, well-located, and comfortable Hotel Sorrento.

A direct Alaska Airlines flight will whisk us across the country, so we arrive in Seattle in time for a good sleep (and a slice of pie).



Built in 1909 by a Seattle clothing merchant, the Sorrento was one of the first hotels designed to absorb the crowds of prospectors journeying through town on their way to Alaska in search of gold. You'll love it's opulent, Italian Renaissance style.

Exploring Seattle's Culture & Cuisine

DAY 2: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8

- Nosh around town with a local food expert and try the best artisanal Pacific Northwest food specialties (hello, smoked salmon).
- Learn about Seattle's architectural achievements.
- Slurp oysters and sip a creative cocktail at one of Seattle's most iconic restaurants.

Enjoy a leisurely morning and breakfast at the hotel. Mid-morning we'll dive into Seattle's culture and cuisine. A trip to Seattle must include the trend-setting shops and small businesses the embody Pacific NW culture. We'll meet with a local this morning to nosh our way around town with stops at small food businesses, hip boutiques, and iconic sights along the way.

A few stops on the agenda:

Milstead & Co. -- the city's destination for quality coffee

Fisherman's Terminal -- watch the fisherman unloading their catch and enjoy some smoked salmon

Macrina Bakery -- counters heaving with gorgeous pastries

The London Plane -- bakery, restaurant, flower & gift shop, pantry

King Street -- commuter station, Pioneer Sq. architectural landmark

Seattle Public Library -- architectural marvel

Hello Robin & Molly Moon Ice Cream -- Capitol Hill cookie shop and ice cream destination

Glasswing -- clothing and accessory shop, with a furniture shop tucked in the back

We'll end at the famous Pike Place Market. Enjoy time to visit the market and surrounding area. If you'd like, head over to the Seattle Art Museum, a 5 minute walk from Pike Place Market, or enjoy some free time. We'll reconvene late afternoon for oysters and cocktails at The Walrus and Carpenter followed by a special dinner to properly welcome us to Seattle.

Meals Breakfast, Lunchtime Noshing Tour, Evening Cocktails, Dinner

Food & Fun in the Ballard Neighborhood

DAY 3: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9

- Whip up a gorgeous Pacific NW-themed meal with the friendly folks at The Pantry, or sit back and enjoy the atmosphere with a glass of wine.
- Explore the popular Ballard neighborhood's shops, cafes, and sites.

It is no secret that Seattle is full of destination restaurants and lauded experts... so let's learn from the best. This morning, we're off to The Pantry, a cooking school and community food space in the popular Ballard neighborhood. So roll up your sleeves and enjoy a hands-on cooking class. We'll prepare a four-course farm-to-table Pacific Northwest-inspired feast. Grab your wineglass and a seat at the long table and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Want to go fishing? If you'd like to skip the cooking class and go fishing, we can hook you up (weather and conditions depending)! We'll arrange a charter and head out in pursuit of salmon. Coho salmon (also called silver salmon) are prevalent in the ocean and rivers at this time. If conditions are right, this is some of the best salmon fishing in the world. *An additional fee may apply.*

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After lunch, let's visit Ballard Bee Company for a honey tasting and an introduction to urban beekeeping. Next, we'll explore Ballard Locks, home to a lovely park, fish ladder, and interpretive exhibits explaining the locks. Take advantage of our location to stroll Ballard Ave. for some good shopping or spend the rest of the afternoon as you please.

Let's meet at our hotel's Fireside Room for a drink before heading out to another of Seattle's excellent restaurants. We'll spend Friday night in style!

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

The Finer Things: Jets & Wine

DAY 4: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10

- Visit a bustling local farmers market.
- Observe Boeing jets being assembled on the factory floor.
- Enjoy the Woodinville wine region, home to over 100 wineries!

Today we'll head out of the city for a special day trip. We'll meet our luxury bus at the hotel this morning. Seattle has one of the best farmers market in the country, so let's start the day there. We'll join the locals at the University District Farmers Market, a lively and gorgeous market. Then, let's visit the largest building in the world by volume: the Boeing factory in Everett. We'll take a tour to see 747, 777, and 787 jets being assembled on the production line.

Are you thirsty yet? Great, because we're headed to wine country! The Woodinville Wine Country, in the Sammamish River Valley, is home to over 100 wineries and tasting rooms representing every appellation in Washington. Most of the grapes are grown in Eastern Washington in the Columbia Valley, but Woodinville is the perfect outpost for wine lovers to taste Washington's best wines. This afternoon, we'll enjoy lunch at a winery and several tastings. Dinner is on your own tonight and Onward Travel will provide a list of suggested restaurants.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sunday in Seattle

DAY 5: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

- Partake in an exciting tour of Seattle's iconic (and extremely well-appointed) houseboats.
- Indulge your favorite pastimes with free time in the city.

Enjoy a leisurely morning before we meet at noontime. Visit the eclectic Fremont Sunday Market full of crafts, antiques, art, and junk, plus food trucks and revelry. Stroll the Washington Park Arboretum, find a cozy perch at a cafe, take a bike ride on the waterfront, or sleep in!

We'll meet at noontime for the Floating Homes Association houseboat tour. This event happens every other year, and we're lucky enough to tour the homes this afternoon. Seattle has a long history of houseboats colonies on Lake Union. Learn about houseboat-life in Seattle and take in the quirky design and lavish gardens.

The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy. Go the casual route with a pint at a local brewery and some excellent pizza. Or head out for some of Seattle's fabulous food.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch



In Seattle you'll feast on wild salmon and other catch as fresh as it gets.

Queen City Views

DAY 6: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12

- Relax on the scenic ferry to Bainbridge Island and admire Seattle from the water.
- Experience Dale Chihuly's mind-blowing glass.
- Dine at one of Seattle's fine-dining landmarks: Canlis.

Today we'll get views of Seattle from a few different vantage points. First: to the gorgeous Puget Sound we go! Seattle has an intricate ferry system, so let's enjoy the view from the water. We'll take a roundtrip ferry to Bainbridge Island, complete with a picnic lunch on the ferry and libations.

Experience the city from above. We'll head 520-feet upwards and soak it all in from the Space Needle observation deck. Ogle the cascades and Mount Rainier, and gaze at the city that we've been exploring. For lovers of art and color, we're off to Chihuly Garden and Glass. Dale Chihuly is a Washingtonian who has been influential in elevating the status of glass-blowing to avant-garde fine art. Garden and Glass is a long-term exhibition featuring his body of work, and it's breathtaking!

This afternoon, take some time to freshen up or check another item off your Seattle bucket list. If you want to get back out on the water (perhaps with a sail this time), Seattle's Center for Wooden Boats has a wonderful selection of handmade antique boats for hire. And there's always shopping on Capitol Hill.

Tonight we'll have an absolutely sparkling evening at Canlis. Don your finest and prepare to be wined and dined in this stunning family-run restaurant in a mid-century modern home overlooking Lake Union.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Return to Paradise

DAY 7: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

We head back to the Gulf Coast today. Grab an early breakfast, and prepare for the day of travel. Sit back, relax, and relive your inspiring and delicious Seattle memories.

Meals Breakfast



Looking out at Seattle from the Space Needle, towards Mt Rainier.



At Chihuly Garden, organically inspired glass elements incorporate with natural landscaping to stunning effect.



Since the 1950's family-owned Canlis has been serving quintessential PNW fine cuisine in a mid-century modern home with stunning views.

BEGINS	Tampa International Airport on September 7
ENDS	Tampa International Airport on September 13
MOBILITY	This tour includes walking for 15-30 minutes at a time, plus stairs and uneven walkways. If you have limited mobility, we can accommodate you, but it is essential to let us know at the time of registration. Travelers may always opt out of activities they deem too physically challenging but refunds will not be provided.
TRIP LENGTH	7 days, 6 nights
LODGING	For a true taste of the city, we'll stay at Seattle's longest standing boutique hotel: Hotel Sorrento. Luxurious accommodations, superior standards, and a convenient downtown location within walking distance of Capitol Hill. Enjoy daily breakfast at the hotel's restaurant, Dunbar Room. Enjoy the fitness center, wifi, and a charming fireplace lounge.
TOUR DATES & PRICE	September 7-13, 2016 Double Occupancy \$3,550 per traveler Single Supplement \$750 per traveler Register by June 1 and receive a \$50 early bird discount! Additionally, a \$100 discount is available if you'd like to pay by check.

AIR TRAVEL:

A round-trip nonstop Tampa-Seattle flight is included in the trip price.

Alaska Airlines

September 7 Depart TPA 6:20pm, Arrive SEA 9:19pm

Travel time: 5h 50m

September 13 Depart SEA 8:40am, Arrive TPA 5:19pm

Travel time: 5h 39m

First class upgrades are available. Travelers may opt out of group airfare, simply contact Onward Travel to arrange. If making your own arrangements, note the group arrives late on September 7 and leaves early September 13, so all tour activities take place September 8-12.

Note baggage fees are not included and may be paid at the time of web check-in before departure.

Trip price includes the following:

- Nonstop Tampa-Seattle Alaska Airlines flight.
- Airport transfers in Seattle and ground transportation to/from all scheduled activities.
- Six nights accommodations at luxurious Hotel Sorrento.
- Most meals: daily breakfast, 4 lunches and 3 dinners. Look forward to fantastic gourmet experiences with wine included of course!
- Activities, tastings, cooking classes, and tours as detailed in the itinerary.
- Pre-trip dinner at Blue Marlin to get acquainted with fellow travelers for those local to Anna Maria Island.
- Travel notes with helpful info and Onward Travel's guide to Seattle to assist with your free time plans.
- Onward Travel at your service, acting as a guide and concierge throughout your booking and travel experience.

Visit onwardtravel.co to complete the registration form and submit payment. \$500 deposit due upon booking, balance due by July 1, 2016.

TRIP INFORMATION savoring seattle 2016

Seattle in September

September sees the tourist season winding down in Seattle. Weather is pleasant, crowds have abated, and the farm stands overflow. The temperature varies – low of 52 °F and high of 70 °F – so layered clothing is best. And yes, expect some rain.

About The Blue Marlin Restaurant

Our charming Savoring Seattle hosts are Anna Maria Island, Florida fixtures. In November 2011, Adam Ellis opened Blue Marlin Grill in the heart of historic Bridge Street on Anna Maria Island. Adam and Marianne restored the 1920s cottage which had been in their family for many years. The food focuses on fresh fish brought in directly from the Cortez fishing fleet, and the wine list features many wines from small producers. Adam has worked in the restaurant industry for over 20 years. He also has experience in commercial fishing and understands how the fishing industry and seafood restaurants need to work hand in hand. Marianne is a real estate agent at Mike Norman Realty and can often be found sipping a glass of wine at The Blue Marlin.

Savoring Seattle is hosted by two friendly Floridians, but open to anyone who would enjoy a culinary foray in the Pacific Northwest. No affiliation with the restaurant necessary.

About Onward Travel

Onward Travel is a boutique travel planning company that carefully crafts itineraries to create an authentic, engaging trip that exposes the destination and roots travelers to the place. Onward was founded by two sisters, inspired by their family's cooking school on a farm in Bucks County, PA that has offered culinary-focused travel to customers for over two decades. This is Onward's third year planning and hosting *Amore in Italy*.

Miscellaneous Travel Information

- Travel Protection: Onward Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. Travel protection plans include coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. For more information on the recommended plans or to enroll, contact Travelex Insurance Services at 800-228-9792 and reference location number 32-0704. For a summary of plan details on benefits, coverages, limitations and exclusions, please refer to the applicable Description of Coverage. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Transamerica Casualty Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio; NAIC #10952. 1308294

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