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Bellevue Happy Hour Guide

Seattle, 7 Days

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: Seattle rocks a killer happy hour scene – and what better neighborhood to scour between 4pm and 6pm than the one with more restaurants per square foot than any other? From beer to martinis, enchiladas to sushi, this guide has all the places you need to know about for great drinks and grub at happy hour prices.

My List

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<http://www.amberseattle.com>

location:

2214 1st Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

Daily 4p-2a

1 Amber

DESCRIPTION: Amber is popular with singles, and makes the most of its Belltown "strip" location. The large bar opens onto the sidewalk, and the venue expands with outside tables in good weather. The interior is elegant: patrons enjoy artfully hung lighting, bamboo sculpture, and tall twigs in river rock dividing spaces. Food is uninspired but well executed. Roast chicken, grilled halibut, kobe cheeseburger, and "amber club" served with roasted Gorgonzola potatoes serve as a backdrop to the real draw here—cocktails. With over 100 distinct choices on the drinks menu, including 29 martinis and 8 "hot" drinks, it's a great place to sip and be seen. © wcities.com



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contact:

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www.belltownbilliards.net

location:

90 Blanchard St
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

Daily 4pm-2am

2 Belltown Billiards

DESCRIPTION: Pool sharks take note: Down below street level on a side street in Belltown, you'll find Seattle's favorite upscale pool hall. With plenty of tables, Italian food, DJs, and DK dancing several nights a week, this place is much more than just someplace to drop by for a game of pool. © Frommer's



Photo courtesy of Belltown Billiards.

contact:

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www.brasa.com

location:

2107 Third Ave
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

Sun-Thurs 5-10:30pm; Fri-Sat
5pm-midnight

3 Brasa

DESCRIPTION: Chef Tamara Murphy, much lauded over the years by national food magazines, is one of Seattle's finest chefs, and here, at her attractive Belltown restaurant, she has introduced many a Seattleite to the joys of Mediterranean cuisine. Because the space is equally divided between lounge and dining room, and because it serves dinner until midnight on weekends, Brasa attracts a wide range of diners -- from foodies out for an evening of haute cuisine and fine wine to revelers looking for a late-night bite. If you've got a few dinner companions, start with a variety of tapas; then, for entrees, stick to the wood-fired and grilled items and you won't go wrong. © Frommer's



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<http://www.cyclopsseattle.com>

location:

2421 First Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

4 Cyclops

DESCRIPTION: Just downstairs from the ultra-hip Ace Hotel, this Belltown favorite offers spicy fare and tasty cocktails. It's a great choice for dinner or weekend brunch. Portions are more than generous—an appetizer may provide more than enough sustenance. Entree choices include options for both vegans and meat-lovers, and diners will love the creamy, smoky pepper flavor of the Chipotle Mashed Potatoes. A decent



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Dinner: 5p-10p Su-Th, 5p-10p F, Sa, Brunch: 9a-2p Sa, Su

and well-priced wine list presents interesting choices, but the cocktails are simply stellar, with generous pours, great top-shelf selections and fresh juices as mixers. © wcities.com

contact:

tel: 206/770-3228

www.delreyseattle.com

5 Del Rey

location:

2332 First Ave
Seattle WA 98134

DESCRIPTION: Sexy, sophisticated, and small, this Belltown bar seems to be where everyone wants to start the evening, so it can be hard to get in or get a drink ordered once you do get in. On the other hand, if you're here to make the scene, be sure to put Del Rey on the schedule. There's good bar food, and on Friday and Saturday nights, there are DJs. © Frommer's

contact:

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http://www.mamas.com/lavalo
unge.htm

6 The Lava Lounge

location:

2226 2nd Ave
Seattle WA 98121

DESCRIPTION: The Scene

While the crudely carved wood sign and torches outside of the bar promise a full-on tiki experience, the interior reveals that the theme is entirely incidental. A few Polynesian items dot the busy walls, but the overall decorating scheme is a random assemblage of kitsch--most notably, a menacing stuffed cat. An equally eclectic mix of rockers, young professionals, and grizzled old-timers keep the place busy, especially on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Draw

After years of serving only beer and wine, the Lava is now pouring the hard stuff, too. It's still beer that flows most freely, though. With a lineup that ranges from PBR to Chimay, most every palate is accommodated. A popular shuffleboard table and some video games offer amusements. The jukebox is good, but the lineup of DJs who spin a gamut of punk, soul, hip-hop and metal is better.



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http://www.mamas.com

7 Mama's Mexican Kitchen

location:

2234 Second Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

DESCRIPTION: It's no secret why, for the last 25 years, this fun Mexican eatery has survived the economic ups and downs of its Belltown neighborhood. The menu is diverse, the preparation terrific, and the cost very reasonable. The festive space is fairly small and nearly always filled with people and chatter. The platters are enormous, yet the generous portions fill them up. Order up a round of margaritas and give the tasty fajitas and enchiladas a try. There is a good selection of vegan and vegetarian dishes as well. © wcities.com

hours:

11a-10p M-Th, 11a-11p F-Sa,
11a-9p Su



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location:

2207 First Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

Lunch: 11:30a-3p M-Sa,
Dinner: 5p-1a M-Su

8 Ohana

DESCRIPTION: The tiki-torch and beach decor may not thrill everyone, but no one who stays to eat will be disappointed. Making the most of Hawaiian plate-lunch tradition, Chef Dennis Odea serves up delicious island comfort food from appetizer pupus to hearty entrees. Try the classic Ahi Poke. Also try the Japanese menu items. A tender and not-too-sweet Beef Teriyaki competes with Seattle's best. Desserts include a decadent Bananas Foster. The full bar features more tiki drinks. A late-night menu is available. Reservations are recommended. © wcities.com



Ohana

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location:

2214 Second Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

Su to Th from 03:00 PM to
12:00 AM, Fr to Sa from 03:00
PM to 01:00 AM

9 Tula's

DESCRIPTION: This jazz club is the real thing: a popular after-hours hangout for musicians and a good place to catch up-and-coming performers. American and Mediterranean food is served. © Frommer's



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contact:

tel: 206/441-6044
www.wasabibistro.biz

location:

2311 Second Ave
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

Mon-Fri 11am-2:30pm; daily
4pm-1am

10 Wasabi Bistro

DESCRIPTION: This big, bright, and boldly styled Japanese restaurant is a hit with youthful habitués of Belltown. Not only is the sushi good, but the menu has plenty of other interesting options. To start, try the miso soup with clams and then maybe the kabocha squash dumplings with mushrooms. But be sure to save room for some of the creative sushi rolls (makimono). I like the caterpillar roll (eel, cucumber, avocado, and flying-fish roe). There's live music (mostly jazz) here Sunday through Thursday nights. © Frommer's

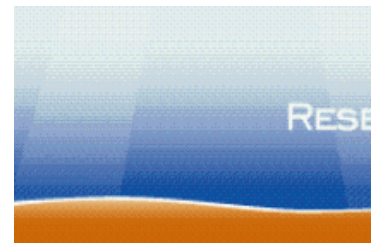


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contact:

tel: 206 448 2114
<http://www.thecrocodile.com/>

location:

2200 Second Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

11 Crocodile Cafe (The)

DESCRIPTION: Just look for the crocodile skin-patterned sign in the window, and you'll have found this popular hangout. Part eclectic diner, part rock club, it draws people from all over to its location in chic Belltown. This popular 21+-dive club attracts people from all over to hear live rock and alternative music. Famous rock stars that have Seattle roots are said to play inexpensive, unannounced shows at this location. There is a full



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Club: Tu-F 11a-2a, Sa 9a-2a,
Su 9a-3p, Cafe: Tu-Sa
11a-11p, Su 9a-3p

bar and a full menu of burgers and the like; the Cajun Burger is especially popular. © wcities.com

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location:
2230 First Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

hours:
Daily 4pm-2am

12 Umi Sake House

DESCRIPTION: Umi Sake House is a unique Japanese cuisine restaurant in the Belltown area of Seattle featuring the highest quality seafood available in the Northwest, a large izakaya-style tapas menu, and boasting a sake list of over 60 imported Japanese bottles. The interior is multi-faceted, with a black slate tiled traditional dining room, a gorgeous 14 person capacity wooden sushi bar, a semi private "tatami" room which holds 12 people, a larger 25 person private dining room, an enclosed "back patio" casual dining room complete with tropical garden, a black concrete liquor bar with custom sake cocktails and fusion traditional cocktails, and a "front porch" casual dining area with a daily extended happy hour from 4-8pm. The variety of atmospheres allows for a different experience with every visit, and the vastness and quality of the menu does the same. For the budding sake enthusiast or the seasoned veteran, the sake menu at Umi is bottle for bottle the best found anywhere outside of Japan!



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location:
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Seattle WA 98121

hours:
Mon-Sat 5pm-1am; Sun
5-11pm

13 El Gaucho

DESCRIPTION: Conjuring up the ghosts of dinner clubs of the 1930s and 1940s, this high-end Belltown steakhouse looks as though it could be a Fred Astaire film set. Okay, you may find a better steak at one of the other high-end steakhouses in town, but you just can't duplicate the purely theatrical experience of dining at El Gaucho. Stage-set decor aside, the real stars of the show here are the 28-day dry-aged Angus beef steaks, definitely some of the best in town -- but know that the perfect steak doesn't come cheap. All the classics are here, too, including Caesar salad tossed tableside and chateaubriand carved before your eyes. Not a steak eater? How about venison chops, Cornish game hen, or Australian lobster tail? There's also a classy bar off to one side and a separate cigar lounge. © Frommer's



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contact:
tel: +1 206 441 1500
http://www.blackbottleseattle.com

location:
2600 1st Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

14 Black Bottle

DESCRIPTION: Black Bottle is an informal gathering place that bills itself as a 'gastro-tavern' and accommodates intimate rendezvous or large boisterous parties. The décor is minimalistic yet comfortable, with namesake black floor, ceiling, chairs, and barstools. A full bar, several choices of beer on tap, 'hard-working wines'—those that delight the palate for a reasonable price—and imaginative dishes sized for sharing won't leave you with sticker shock. Indulge in pork belly and



Black Bottle

Mo to Sa from 11:00 AM to 02:00 AM, Su from 11:00 AM to 12:00 AM

kimchi, mussels Marseille style, potato and prosciutto wheels, or one of several specialty flatbreads made to order. Finish with pear sorbet with candied lavender for a satiating meal. © wcities.com

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location:

2203 1st Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

Tu to Sa from 11:30 AM to 02:00 AM

15 Frontier Room

DESCRIPTION: There is something striking about this stylish and trendy restaurant, known as the Frontier Room. Established 50 years back, it stays true to its roots and serves delicious Southern fare. Spread across 4,000 square feet, be ready to be dazzled with the casual yet cozy and stylish ambiance of this eatery. Their menu includes mouth-watering barbecue dishes that go along well with excellent wine. Their bar is certainly top of the class that not only serves regular beer and cocktails but also exquisite wines. The large space is ideal for functions and events. Live performances are the norm here. There are DJ nights as well. It is a great place for some live entertainment. Come and see it for yourself specially their thrilling Christmas and New Year's day parties. There is no dearth for entertainment or good food here. Come by and indulge in gastronomic delights and first class entertainment at the Frontier Room. © wcities.com

contact:

tel: 206-448-8757
<http://www.cellarsbelltown.com/>

location:

2132 1st Ave
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

Daily, 4pm - 2am

16 Cellars Lounge

DESCRIPTION: Cellar's is a restaurant that wears many hats. For dinner, it's an elegant, intimate event, complete with filet mignon and candlelit tables. For happy hour, it's a hip, crowded joint with \$5 cocktails and a lengthy appetizer menu for under \$6. And at night, it's a live music venue where you might see anything from couples enjoying jazz to dancers shaking to it some samba. © NileGuide



OpenCage

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location:

2218 1st Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

hours:

Tue-Fri 11:30 am-2 pm & 5-11 pm, Sat 5-11 pm, Fri-Sat bar till 2 am

17 Tia Lou's

DESCRIPTION: During the day, this is one of your options if you happen to be in Belltown and craving Mexican food. By night, come to dance some salsa, reggaeton and merengue – and have a few drinks as well. Happy hour is from 5pm-7pm, and includes discounted appetizers as well as \$3 wells, \$4 beer, and \$5 margaritas. © NileGuide



Cillian Storm

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location:

2331 2nd Ave
Seattle WA 98121

18 Buckley's in Belltown

DESCRIPTION: Located in the historic MGM/Loews building, Buckley's is the place to go when nothing other than a pint of Guinness in a "classic pub" atmosphere will do. In addition to the bar and regular seating, Buckley's offers two private rooms for meetings and parties, both of which include audio/video capabilities. When there's a game on, this is the place to go in Belltown.



Stephen Edgar

hours:
11am-1am (ish) M-F,
9am-1am Sat-Sun

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443-9844

19 En Seattle

location:
2429 2nd Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

DESCRIPTION: Infamously low-key atmosphere, fantastic sushi and \$3.95 appetizer items for happy hour – what's not to love? If you need a little sashimi and sake in Belltown, come on in.

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hours:
5:30 thru 7:30 Monday thru
Saturday, Closed Sunday

contact:
tel: (206) 448-2488
<http://www.kushibar.com/>

20 Kushibar Japanese Restaurant & Bar

location:
2319 2nd Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

DESCRIPTION: Not your normal Japanese joint, Kushibar offers Japanese street food like kushiyaki, hot pots, udon bowls, along with cocktails, beer, sake and a great happy hour menu.

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hours:
Weekdays: 11:30 am – 1am
Weekends: 4 pm – 1am

Seattle Snapshot

Local Info

If all you know about Seattle is rainy days and the Space Needle, come take a closer look. Seattle (which, incidentally, gets less rainfall per year than New York City) is divided into several neighborhoods, each with their own main strips, nightlife, parks and exciting points of interest. Pick a zone, any zone, and spend the day getting to know the real Seattle.

Ballard

One of the most popular neighborhoods for those not willing to live "in" the city, Ballard has a personality all its own. Golden Gardens Park is a great place for a walk or bike ride, and there's plenty of drinks and seafood available at restaurants like Bad Albert's Tap & Grill and Ray's Boathouse.

Capitol Hill

A political-sounding name for what is unmistakably a liberal, life-loving neighborhood. If you've only got a few days in Seattle, you could easily spend an entire day just in Capitol Hill, checking out the Seattle Asian Art Museum, grabbing a latte at one of dozens of cafes, or browsing for books at the Elliot Bay Bookstore's new location.

Fremont

"Welcome to the Center of the Universe"; this is the sign that greets you in Fremont, and it only gets quirkiest from there. There's the famous Fremont Troll hiding under the Aurora Bridge, as well as a statue of none other than Lenin in the center of the neighborhood. This is the place for the Fremont Oktoberfest (for beer lovers) and Fremont Fair and Solstice Parade (for those who can't get enough of the naked body-paint bike parade). Of course, there's shops, cafes and restaurants galore, each with its own flavor and personality.

Madison Park

Looking for a relaxing day to take a stroll, see a few sights and find a nice cafe to chat over a cup of coffee? Madison Park has all this and more, with the Madison Park & Beach offering gorgeous views, and the bistro-style menu at Madison Park Café offering classic French food and wine, the perfect end to the day.

International District

If dim sum, sushi, or bibimbap is what you're craving, head to the International District, east of downtown Seattle. In addition to a selection of various Asian restaurants, take some great family photos under the pagoda at Hing Hay Park, or visit the Wing Luke, a small museum that offers a big peek into the art and culture of Japan and China.

Kirkland

Kirkland, in a word, is classy. A quick drive across the lake brings you to a selection of trendy cafes, fabulous art galleries, and world class restaurants like Trellis, which features a menu of seasonal, "farm-to-table" meals. Wine enthusiasts will appreciate not only the many wineries, but also Kirkland Uncorked, the neighborhood's annual "Wine, Dine and Design" festival.

Pike Place Market

The market on any given weekend is buzzing with tourists and locals alike, sampling fresh local produce, checking out the catch of the day, or shopping for the perfect souvenir. Pike Place is the United States' oldest farmer's market, and in addition to groceries boasts a huge variety of restaurants, including the original Starbucks. Piroshky Piroshky is an iconic stop, where visitors line up to purchase delicious sweet and savory Russian piroshkys, and a hot bread bowl of seafood bisque or one of several chowders at Pike Place Chowder is the perfect meal on a chilly, gray day.

Pioneer Square

As the historic area of Seattle, Pioneer Square is one of the biggest tourist attractions in the city. History lovers will adore the Underground Tour, which leads you beneath the city to the original Seattle. This is also a popular area for nightlife, with options like a drink at Central Saloon or an evening belting out your favorite tunes at 88 Keys Dueling Piano Bar.

Queen Anne Hill

This is what suburbs are meant to be; at least, for those who don't want to give up the convenience and quirk of the city. Queen Anne manages to be both trendy and understated, from indie bookshops like Queen Anne Books to the hip martini stop Tini Bigs.

Redmond

Its country location doesn't hide the fact that Redmond is home to huge corporations, including Microsoft and Nintendo, which make this one of the more affluent neighborhoods. Both Marymoor Park and the Lake Sammamish State Park are on the list for cyclists and walkers, and for those more interested in shopping, check out Redmond Town Center.

Seattle Center

So much more than just the Space Needle; if you're looking for a place to take the kids on a nice day, Seattle Center is the place to be. In addition to famous Seattle events like Bumbershoot and The Bite of Seattle, the center has plenty of restaurants, rides and arcade games for the kids, as well as the Pacific Science Center, Seattle Opera, and Intiman Theater. Museum lovers can't miss Seattle's famous Experience Music Project/Science Fiction Museum & Hall of Fame, which is also the end of the Monorail (which goes straight to Westlake Center).

University District

That's a mouthful; locals call it "U-Dub," the neighborhood known for fantastic restaurants, bars, shops, and the beautiful campus of the University of Washington. This is a hip, energetic neighborhood with everything from clubs to farmer's markets, as well as the fabulous University Bookstore. For Apple geeks, University Village houses the only full Apple Store in Seattle.

Waterfront

Get your quintessential West Coast fix with a stroll along Seattle's Waterfront, with an endless supply of picturesque scenes perfect for capturing a great family photo. In addition to the ferry terminal, where you can head off to Bainbridge or Bremerton Islands, you can also catch a fun water taxi over to West Seattle (much more fun than the long bus ride). Some of Seattle's most well-known restaurants are on the waterfront, including Elliott's Oyster House and Ivar's, and kids and adults alike will have a blast at the Seattle Aquarium.

West Seattle

Five minutes strolling down the street, sand and ocean on one side and bungalow-

Seattle Snapshot continued

style houses, burger joints and cafes on the other, you'll swear you were in California instead of Washington. The West Seattle

vibe is laid back and a popular place for water sports as well as bikers and joggers. Don't miss Alki Beach, Seattle's most famous beach, where you can lay in the

sun with a view of downtown on the other side of the bay.

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