



Guide to Bellevue & Seattle

The Bellevue area is often referred to as “the East Side” with Seattle just west across Lake Washington. Public transit is straightforward and relatively fast across the water or from Bellevue to other nearby areas, like Redmond.

Bellevue Restaurants

DIN TAI FUNG, \$\$\$

10455 NE 8th St

dtf.com/en-us/locations/bellevue

Excellent dim sum with options from Xiao long bao (soup dumplings) to fried rice. Expect to order several different small orders of dumplings, etc., or order more as you go. Reservation recommended.



*Din Tai Fung
Dumplings*

Credit Visit Bellevue
Washington

PASIFIKA GRILL & BAR, \$\$\$

Inside of Hotel 116 - 625 116th Ave NE

www.pasifikagrill.com

Delicious Pacific Rim food served and cooked by Pacific Islanders. It's hard to say whether the friendly service or delicious food is better. Featuring live music at night.

CHICHA SAN CHEN, \$

188 Bellevue Square

www.chichasanchenwa.com

Bubble tea by a James Beard Award winning chef.

DON'T YELL AT ME CLUB, \$

550 106th Ave NE SUITE 150

dontyellatme.com

Another very popular bubble tea option, with snacks as well. If you're feeling adventurous, try a drink with cheese foam on top.

TOP POT, \$

10600 NE 9th Pl

www.toppotdoughnuts.com

Seattle's favorite donuts! I like the old fashioned the best.

CAFE HAGEN, \$

777 108th Ave NE

www.cafehagen.com

Scandinavian-inspired cafe with lots of delicious pastry options.

VOODOO DOUGHNUT, \$

10713 Main St

www.voodoo doughnut.com

Fresh from Portland, these donuts are colorful, silly, and whimsical, served from a bubblegum pink building.

MOLLY MOON'S, \$

70 102nd Ave NE

www.mollymoon.com/locations/bellevue-flagship

Local homemade ice cream chain with fabulous seasonal flavors.

KATSU BURGER, \$\$

12700 SE 38th St

www.katsuburger.com/bellevue

A local chain for tasty burgers with a Japanese twist. You can get a sandwich with creative toppings and your choice of meat breaded and fried katsu style (hence the name). The Bellevue location is small, so you might want to plan to get takeout. My usual order is the Ohayou Gozaimasu with nori fries.

SEA STAR, \$\$\$\$

205 108th Ave NE

seastarrestaurant.com

Chic hot spot for upscale locally-sourced sea food. A favorite among oyster lovers. Reservation recommended.

JOEY, \$\$\$

800 Bellevue Way NE Ste 118

joeyrestaurants.com/location/joey-bellevue

There's something for everyone here: burgers, sushi, steak, and veggie forward options.

SIZZLE & CRUNCH, \$

10438 NE 10th St

www.sizzleandcrunch.com

A fast casual spot a bit like Chipotle for Vietnamese street food. Design your own tasty rice bowl, salad, or banh mi sandwich, or go with one of their specials.

DANIEL'S BROILER, \$\$\$\$

10500 NE 8th St Unit BP2101

danielsbroiler.com/pages/locations-daniels-bellevue

Upscale steakhouse featuring seafood and chicken options as well. A long time date night spot. Reservations recommended.

ASCEND, \$\$\$\$

10400 NE 4th St Ste 3100

ascendprime.com

High-end sushi and steak restaurant with Asian influence and spectacular views. Reservations recommended.



Twilight at Ascend

Credit Suzi Pratt Courtesy of Ascend Prime

THE PUMPHOUSE BAR AND GRILL, \$\$

11802 NE 8th St

www.pumphousebellevue.com

Burgers, sandwiches, and a good variety of beer options.

Seattle Restaurants

SAINT BREAD, \$\$

1421 NE Boat St, 98105

www.saintbread.com

Bakery near the University of Washington on the water featuring creative pastries, sandwiches, and rice bowls plus coffee.

Lines can be long, but it's worth the wait.

Seating is exclusively outdoors but covered and heated on one side.

PINK BEE, \$\$

2010 NW 56th St, 98107

pinkbeethaifood.com

Delicious Thai food in a no-frills space in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle. If you have time after your meal, take a moment to explore Ballard Ave's cute shops and bars.

TOLOUSE PETIT, \$\$\$

601 Queen Anne Ave N, 98109

www.toulousepetit.com

Decadent Cajun food served in a gorgeous atmosphere in the Queen Anne neighborhood. They offer a surprisingly large variety of options for dinner, cocktails, and brunch. Reservations recommended.

LOLA, \$\$\$

2000 B 4th Ave, 98121

www.lolaseattle.com

A Greek-inspired Tom Douglas restaurant with fabulous options for sharing or choosing your own plate. Great cocktails. Try the donuts!

KARAAGE SETSUNA, \$\$

2429 2nd Ave, 98121

karaagesetsuna.com

Japanese-Hawaiian fusion with delicious karaage, ramen, loco mocos, and more in a no-frills Belltown neighborhood space.



Credit Visit Bellevue Courtesy Third Culture Coffee



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Bellevue Botanical Garden Credit Visit Bellevue

Bellevue Activites

BELLEVUE BOTANIC GARDEN

12001 Main St, 98005

bellevuebotanical.org

Stroll through a 53-acre, free entry park, if you catch a break in the clouds or decide the brave the drizzle with the Pacific Northwest locals.

LUCKY STRIKE BOWLING ALLEY AND BAR

700 Bellevue Way NE Suite #250, 98004

www.luckystrikeent.com/location/lucky-strike-bellevue

High end bowling alley with an expansive arcade. Reservation recommended.



Lucky Strike Bowling Alley

Credit Visit Bellevue Courtesy Lucky Strike

BELLEVUE DOWNTOWN PARK

10201 NE 4th St, 98004

bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/parks-and-trails/parks/bellevue-downtown-park

Huge, lovely park in the heart of Bellevue, featuring a waterfall, playground, and reflecting pond.



Bellevue Downtown Park

Credit Merrill Images Courtesy of Visit Bellevue

BELLEVUE SQUARE

575 Bellevue Square, 98004

bellevuecollection.com

Another very popular bubble tea option, with snacks as well. If you're feeling adventurous, try a drink with cheese foam on top.

Seattle Activities

SEATTLE CENTER

305 Harrison St, 98109

www.seattlecenter.com

The classic adventure for visitors, the Space Needle gives you fantastic views of Seattle. In my opinion, the most fun parts of Seattle Center, though, are the museums. MOPOP, the Museum of Pop Culture, has constantly rotating exhibits alongside longstanding ones featuring artifacts from film and music history (for example, a Dalek from Doctor Who and some of Jimi Hendrix's guitars). The building itself is a bizarre work of art too. The Chihuly Gardens and Glass is another artistic marvel, displaying work on a grand scale by local glass artist Dale Chihuly.



Pike Place Market

PIKE PLACE MARKET

85 Pike St, 98101

www.pikeplacemarket.org

A labyrinth of fun and unusual shops and restaurants that winds its way down to the waterfront. Famous in part for fishmongers, who will literally throw fish to customers, and the Gum Wall. Don't miss The Crumpet Shop for a cozy treat or stroll along the waterfront after you've finished exploring.

SMITH TOWER OBSERVATORY

506 2nd Ave, 98104

www.smithtower.com

See all of Seattle laid out before you from what was once the tallest building in the city. Grab a drink at the observatory bar and enjoy the view.

CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD

An excellent spot to eat, drink coffee, and bar hop. Here you'll find every type of food and drink under the sun, plus a lot of great nightlife spots and colorful locals. You might bump into me sipping tea and perusing books at the Elliott Bay Book Company.

FREMONT NEIGHBORHOOD

Another unique and delightful neighborhood to explore. Full of great food, shops, bars, and coffee, as well as the famous Fremont Troll under the bridge.



The Fremont Troll

Credit Michael Matti on flickr

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