

Suggestions for the Social Program

Seattle is a great city to visit in summer, very pretty, not too hot or humid, and mostly dry (all that Seattle rain you're heard about - yes, but in winter).

Be sure to stay Saturday afternoon - local arrangements chair Tim Hesterberg promises to lead an outing to the Fremont Solstice Parade, featuring hundreds of bicyclists wearing, uh, nothing but...body paint...very creatively.

Other outings include the Ballard Locks (underwater windows to watch the salmon going upstream, and the busiest locks in the world, with great up-close viewing of the operations - with 50 boats in the locks at a time, 6 deep, not everything goes according to plan!), Pike Place Market, Monorail, Space Needle. You can ride the S.L.U.T.* right from the hotel to the Wooden Boat Center on Lake Union, and watch sea-planes land and take off, and rent a boat or kayak. (* = the new streetcar, formerly known as the South Lake Union Trolley.)

Don't forget the local food - great wild salmon and local micro-brews (Hales Ales after the parade, anyone?), Or is Theo's Chocolate factory more to your taste? Oh, and there's coffee too.

Or stay a while longer, and ride a ferry, visit Mount St. Helens, hike Olympics National Park, visit the Gold Rush Museum, take the Underground Tour (Seattle's sordid and colorful past), or the Museum of Flight.