Downtown Itinerary- Locals Weekend Getaway

Live in Seattle? This one is for you. Avoid the tourist loop and experience the city in a new way with this two-day guide to your weekend in Downtown Seattle.

Day 1

1. Start off on Capitol Hill with a croissant and coffee to go from delicious local bakery Crumble & Flake.

2. Explore the amazing collection of paintings by emerging and internationally renowned artists at Frye Art Museum for free!

3. Take a walk through Freeway Park and enjoy this unique urban space filled with geometric waterfall features and grassy areas perfect for enjoying a sunny day in the city.

4. Grab a sandwich at Salumi Artisan Cured Meats or Rainshadow Meats in Pioneer Square, but make sure to show up early because these local favorites fill up fast.

5. While you are in this historic part of town, check out Smith Tower, Seattle’s first skyscraper, and get a great view of Pioneer Square and Downtown from its observation deck.

6. Wander Occidental Square and stop into the various galleries and local shops that outline the park.

7. For dinner, head up to Capitol Hill’s Terra Plata for a Spanish-influenced, locally sourced meal and a terrific view.

8. Stop by John John’s Game Room for a beer and some pinball and other arcade games.

9. Depending on what you’re in the mood for, catch show at The Crocodile, Highway 99 Blues Club or Jazz Alley to finish off the night.

Insider’s Tip: Crumble & Flake is very popular. Get there early and be sure to try the smoked paprika + cheddar croissant.

Crumble & Flake: www.crumbleandflake.com/
Frye Art Museum: http://fryemuseum.org
Freeway Park: http://freewayparkassociation.org
Salumi Artisan Cured Meats: www.salumicuredmeats.com
Smith Tower: http://smithtower.com
Occidental Park: www.pioneersquare.org
Terra Plata: http://terraplata.com
John John’s Game Room: http://johnjohnsgameroom.com
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Day 2

1. Grab some biscuits and gravy at Serious Biscuit, located downstairs from Serious Pie on Westlake Avenue.

2. Take a walk in Lake Union Park and enjoy the views stretching out to Gasworks Park across the lake.

3. Stop by the Bezos Center for Innovation in the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) if you are feeling studious.

4. Grab lunch and maybe throw some darts at the Brave Horse Tavern.

5. Rent a canoe from the Center for Wooden Boats and take your own tour of Seattle’s unique house boat communities along the shore.

6. In the evening, head out for dinner at Dahlia Lounge or Lola (across the street from each other), one of Tom Douglas’ fantastic restaurants and spend the evening bar hopping in Belltown. Try Umi Sake House, Clever Bottle, Shorty’s or the Innkeeper.

Insider’s Tip: If you like Tom Douglas’ restaurants, stop by Home Remedy and pick up a few staples for your own pantry such as: Brave Horse pretzels and bratwurst, Serious Pie pizza dough and Ting Momo dumplings.

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Serious Biscuit: www.seriouspiewestlake.com
South Lake Union: www.discoverslu.com
MOHAI: www.mohai.org
Brave Horse Tavern: http://bravehorsetavern.com
Center for Wooden Boats: http://cwb.org/rent/
Lola: http://tomdouglas.com
Umi Sake House: www.umisakehouse.com
Clever Bottle: www.cleverbottle.com
Shorty’s: www.shortydog.com
The Innkeeper: http://innkeeperseattle.com
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