Welcome to Seattle!

And welcome to our guide to what to do and where to go while you’re here for our trainings. Read on for our recommendations on how to find us, where to stay and explore, and a few thoughts on what to eat!

Getting Here

Our trainings are located at the Ballard Homestead (6541 Jones Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117) in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle, just north of downtown Seattle.

Here’s a map:

If you’re traveling from farther afield, you’ll likely be flying into Seattle via the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, about 45-60 minutes from Seattle depending on which mode of transportation you’re taking.
Your best public transportation option is to use Seattle’s light rail – there’s a station at the airport – and take that to Westlake Station in downtown Seattle. From here, you’ll go upstairs to street-level and walk to 3rd and Pine where you’ll catch the 40 bus to Northgate. The stop closest to the Ballard Homestead is 24th and 65th, and from here it is a short 7 minute walk. Here’s a map for this journey!

Lodging

Please note that we offer the below lodging suggestions only as starting points for your own research, not as endorsements; only you can know if they’ll be the right fit for you! Reviews of Airbnbs/hotels are readily available online.

Some of our trainees have had great success finding Airbnb spots in surrounding neighborhoods. We recommend searching for places in Ballard, Phinney Ridge, or Fremont – see map below for ideas.

Ballard and Fremont are ideal neighborhoods for walking or taking a bus to the Ballard Homestead. Phinney Ridge is a lovely neighborhood, but there aren’t any good bus options; if you stay there, plan for an approximately 45 minute walk each way, unless you prefer to use a car-sharing app, taxi, Lime bikes or scooters.

Ballard has a few local hotels that you can research, too; Ballard Inn and Hotel Ballard are good places to start. These are within walking distance of the Ballard Homestead, and you can hop on the 40 bus to get here, as well.

A bit further afield, but just a short 30-minute bus ride on the 40 bus line, are hotels in South Lake Union, like the Moxy Seattle Hotel and EVEN Hotel. If you’re wondering, 30-minute bus rides in Seattle are pretty reasonable, so this is a good travel option. There are plenty of other hotel options in the South Lake Union area, too, that are close to the bus line.
Exploring

Here are a few of our favorite places to explore in town.

1. **Golden Gardens** • Such a gorgeous park! And it is relatively close to the Ballard Homestead, too. From the City of Seattle website: “Located in Ballard on Puget Sound, this popular park offers extraordinary views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains. This park features two wetlands, a short loop trail, and restored the northern beach. Golden Gardens offers strolls along a rugged coastline, hikes through forest trails, sunbathing on sandy beaches, fishing from a pier and a boat launch consisting of 300’ of shoreline at south end of park.”

2. **Discovery Park** • Another remarkable park. Seattle has plenty of these, and Discovery is one of the most expansive, with incredible views. From the City of Seattle website: “The site is one of breathtaking majesty. Situated on Magnolia Bluff overlooking Puget Sound, Discovery Park offers spectacular view of both the Cascade and the Olympic Mountain ranges. The secluded site includes two miles of protected tidal beaches as well as open meadow lands, dramatic sea cliffs, forest groves, active sand dunes, thickets and streams.”

3. **Ballard Sunday Market** • Experience the colorful world of Ballard’s year-round farmers’ market! Vendors come from all over, and it’s a wonderful chance to explore Seattle’s local food scene. Plenty of fun shops line the same street.

4. **Ballard Locks and Botanical Garden** • A wonderful, popular place to explore while in town. National Historic Site, with locks, salmon ladders, and a garden to explore!
Eating

Looking for a good place to eat while in town? You’re in luck! Ballard has quite a few outstanding restaurants to fit every palate. Here are a few of our favorites; there are plenty more!

1. **Señor Moose**: Excellent place for Mexican food! And they’re an excellent brunch spot, too. Arrive a little early – they often have a short wait for a table!

2. **Sabine**: Cafe with outdoor seating, great coffee, pastries, and breakfast dishes

3. **Li’l Woody’s**: Great burgers and shakes, right on Market St. in Ballard.

4. **Delancey**: Looking for a really good pizza? Look no further! And the ambience is top notch! (Their sides are also delicious.)

5. **Miro Tea**: If you’re a tea person, you’ll find a home here. They also serve sandwiches and other cafe fare.

6. **Mabel**: Great coffee spot really close to the Ballard Homestead – just short five-minute walk away. We really like their avocado toast, if they have it on the menu!

7. **Cafe Besalu**: Best coffee and pastries in Ballard! They make delicious quiche, too. They’re also just a short walk away from the Ballard Homestead!

8. **Ray’s Cafe**: This lunch/dinner spot overlooks the the Puget Sound and Olympic Peninsula, right on the water
9. **Un Bien**: Cuban sandwiches situated across the street from the water on Seaview Avenue, this spot has a covered patio, but we love to order takeaway and take your meal to the beach for a picnic!

10. **Hot Cakes**: This little dessert haven has molten chocolate cakes with ice cream, butter beer, boozy shakes and more. Located in the heart of the neighborhood on Ballard Avenue.