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Aviator and anchor, brothers Mike Swanigan and Lester Holt talk family, careers and giving back
More to Explore

One of humankind’s greatest achievements was the moon landing that took place July 20, 1969, and now Seattle-area residents and visitors can get an up-close look at the Apollo 11 command module Columbia, the only portion of the mission spacecraft to return intact to Earth.

The module, which was the living quarters for Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins during the mission, is the centerpiece of the exhibit "Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission," on display through Sept. 2 at The Museum of Flight, south of downtown Seattle.

The exhibit, organized by the National Air and Space Museum and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, also includes more than 20 artifacts from the Smithsonian, many of which flown on the Apollo 11 mission. Museum of Flight companion exhibits include "Lunar Focus," on view through July 31, which provides interactive displays of recent moon images from NASA’s robotic spacecraft, the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter. In addition, kids can enjoy an indoor playground with a full-scale, hands-on, command module play structure, and the museum will present a special festival during the July 20 weekend celebrating the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing.

Alaska Airlines is the official airline of the “Destination Moon” exhibit at The Museum of Flight. Timed entry tickets must be purchased for the exhibit as an add-on to general museum admission, and are available at museumofflight.org/destination-moon.

The following are some of the many additional Puget Sound–region attractions to explore (check websites for additional useful information):

- Alki Beach (seattle.gov/parks): Enjoy beach–sand volleyball courts and a path with water views along the beach, which was the site of the 1851 landing of pioneer settlers in West Seattle.
- Bellevue Arts Museum (bellevuearts.org): Exhibits include “Ron Ho: A Jeweler’s Tale,” May 10–Sept. 15, featuring works from the renowned Northwest jeweler’s career, along with artifacts such as paintings from his personal collection.
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Discovery Center (discovergates.org): Exhibits tell the stories of work being done to improve people’s lives, and activities show how each person can make a difference.
- Brewery Tours (roaddogtours.com/cities/seattle): Visit three Seattle
bakeries in three hours. Also: Enjoy Seattle-area special events, such as Search Party, at Seattle Center, benefiting The Vera Project, and featuring four bands and 40-plus beers, July 6 (tickets: elysianbrewing.com).

Dunn Gardens (dunngardens.org): These lovely 7.5 acres of gardens, known for their Olmsted Brothers design, can be explored on guided tours, by reservation, select days and times, April–July and September–October.

Emerald Water Anglers (emeraldwateranglers.com): Locations for guided fly-fishing trips range from area rivers and lakes to Puget Sound.


Juana Bay Park (kirklandwa.gov/depart/parks): Bird-watch for some of the nearly 200 species that live in or visit the Kirkland park. Habitat areas range from wet meadow to open water to intermittent marsh; guided tours are available.

Lakewold Gardens (lakewoldgardens.org): Open for self-guided strolls, this 10-acre garden, located by Gravely Lake in the city of Lakewood, was already locally acclaimed by 1913.

Local Day Cruises: Among the many options, cruise Puget Sound on the Tillicum Excursion toBlake Island with Argosy Cruises (argosycruises.com) to enjoy the scenery, a Native storytelling show and a buffet meal with alder-fire-roasted fish.

Marymoor Park (kingcounty.gov/parks): The Redmond-area park is popular for its extensive lawn space, velodrome, climbing structure, off-leash dog area, and summer concert and movie series.

Museum of History & Industry (mohai.org): Seattle-area history is enlivened by interactive exhibits and intriguing objects. "Seattle Style: Fashion/Function" is on view May 4–Oct. 14, and spotlights local designers such as Luly Yang, whose work includes designing new uniforms for Alaska Airlines.

National Nordic Museum (nordicmuseum.org): The museum provides exhibits, programming and events related to Nordic countries and the Nordic-American experience.

Nightlife: Choose from numerous options, such as live music at The Crocodile, Dimitriou’s Jazz Alley, Neumos, The Showbox, The Triple Door and Tractor Tavern, and also at venues such as Muckleshoot Casino.
which is enhancing its entertainment
options with a 20,000-square-foot
event and conference center
expected to open in spring 2020.

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park
(nwtrek.org): Northwest Trek,
located in Eatonville but part of
Metro Parks Tacoma, has trams,
trails and premier tours that spot-
light approximately 40 Northwest
species, from grizzly bears to
caribou to trumpeter swans.

Pike Place Market (pikeplace-
market.org): One of the state’s top
attractions, the market showcases
produce and flowers from Washing-
ton farms; fresh Northwest seafood;
artisanal products, including art-
work and crafts; and many restau-
rants and takeout spots.

Port of Seattle Cruise Terminals
(portseattle.org): From the Bell
Street Cruise Terminal at Pier 66
and the Smith Cove Cruise Terminal
at Pier 91, take a cruise vacation
to Alaska, on cruiselines such as
Carnival, Celebrity, Holland
America, Norwegian, Oceania,
Princess and Royal Caribbean.
In addition, the port is exploring
development of a new cruise facility
at Terminal 46.

Seattle Art Museum (seattleart-
museum.org): Upcoming exhibitions
include “Victorian Radicals: From
the Pre-Raphaelites to the Arts and

Seattle Center (seattlecenter.
com): The numerous attractions
include the Seattle Center Armory
Food and Event Hall; Chihuly Garden
and Glass; International Fountain;
KEXP special events, including
musical performances; Museum of
Pop Culture; Pacific Science
Center; Seattle Children’s Museum;
the Space Needle; and ballet,
opera and theater performances.

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Seattle Waterfront (visitsa.
.org/neighborhoods/waterfront):
Attractions remain open during
waterfront renovation and include

The Seattle Great Wheel and
Wings Over Washington: A Flying
Ride; the Seattle Aquarium; and
the Olympic Sculpture Park.
Also: Enjoy water-view, seafood-
focused restaurants such as
Anthony’s Pier 66 & Bell Street
Diner, The Crab Pot, Elliott’s Oyster
House and Ivar’s.

Self-Guided Art Tours, with
online maps, are available for cities
such as Seattle (seattle.gov), Kirk-
eland (explorekirkland.com) and
Bellevue (visitbellevuewashington.
com).

Smith Tower (smithtower.com):
The “Legends of Smith Tower”
experience includes exhibits re-
lated to the iconic 1914 building—
Seattle’s first skyscraper—and a ride
on a modernized original Otis eleva-
tor to the 35th-floor observation
deck, where you can also enjoy
cocktails in a speakeasy-style space.
University of Washington
(uw.edu): Attractions and activities open to the public include Waterfront Activities Center, kayak, canoe and rowboat rentals; Meany Center for the Performing Arts; and the Burke Museum (expected to open this fall).

Washington State Ferries
(wsdot.wa.gov/ferries): Scenic routes include sailings to Bainbridge Island (museums, restaurants, wine-tasting rooms, Mora Iced Creamery) and Bremerton (USS Turner Joy naval-ship tours, fountain parks, and restaurants such as Anthony’s at Sinclair Inlet). Bremerton is also served by a 30-minute Kitsap Transit Fast Ferry on weekdays, plus on Saturdays from May 4–Sept. 28 (kitsaptransit.com).

Washington State History Museum
(washingtonhistory.org): “Horizon,” featuring 28 landscapes, with paintings from 1870 to 1966, is on view through June 30 at this Tacoma museum, whose permanent and special exhibits provide insight into the state’s past and present.

(winglukemuseum.org): View intriguing items such as a Chinese opera costume; interesting spaces such as a hotel from the early 1900s; and special exhibitions such as “Worlds Beyond Here: The Expanding Universe of APA Science Fiction,” through Sept. 15. Also: Guided food and cultural walking tours.

Woodinville Wine Country
(woodinvillewinecountry.com): Visit your choice of more than 120 wineries and tasting rooms, representing every Washington appellation. Also: More than a dozen breweries, distilleries and cideries.

Woodland Park Zoo
(zoo.org): The 1,200-plus animals, representing more than 300 species from around the world, include four North American river otter pups born in March. ZooTunes concerts take place June 16–Aug. 28.