



On the must-see list? The Space Needle and Chihuly Garden and Glass. (©Des Runyan/Flickr, Creative Commons)



Things to Do on a Rainy Fall Day in Seattle

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Fall brings cooler temperatures and wetter weather to the Seattle area. While weather can dictate activities this time of year, options for indoor events, activities, attractions and sites are still plentiful. Here is an autumn don't-miss list for the Emerald City.

Must-See Attractions

Seattle is a city of innovation, art, wackiness and history, and some of the area's attractions highlight its personality. If you've never been to the [Space Needle](#), consider a stop early in your visit. If it's been a few years, consider going again. The view from the Observation Deck is rapidly changing, as evidenced by the number of construction cranes dotting the skyline, and the Space Needle has added features like the SkyPad — a wall of interactive video screens that outline the building's history — and plenty of photography. While at [Seattle Center](#), stop in to [Chihuly Garden and Glass](#). Located near the base of the Space Needle, this beautiful spot is home to a long-term exhibition from Dale Chihuly, local glass artist extraordinaire. Even on an overcast day, the glass house with its 1,400 Chihuly Persians installation is stunning.

A few miles away, where the city got its start, you'll find the **Underground Tour**. A humorous look at Seattle's history, the tour takes you beneath Seattle's sidewalks to the original streets of the Emerald City. After the Great Fire of 1889, Seattle rebuilt atop itself, creating the underground. The 75-minute tours happen every hour on the hour, 10 am-6 pm.

For anyone 21 or older, the **Underworld Tour** takes you through the old red-light district in an adult-only look at Seattle's history. These tours happen at 7 and 8 pm Thur.-Sat. and admission includes a cocktail. While in the neighborhood, visit the **Smith Tower**, Seattle's first skyscraper and what was once the tallest building west of the Mississippi River. The 1914 building recently received a renovation, including the addition of a bar to the observation deck. A visit to the building includes historical exhibits and Temperance, a speakeasy-inspired bar and café. Grab a cocktail while taking in views of the city. On the ground floor, visit the new Smith Tower Provisions, a general store with a soda fountain, deli counter and a few gifts and souvenirs.