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HOTEL, AIR & TRAVEL NEWS







New International Arrivals Facility (IAF) Opens at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) - The Port of Seattle announces the opening of a brand-new state-of-the-art facility that will reinvent the customer experience, advance the Puget Sound region as a leading tourism and business gateway, and allow the airport to serve the traveling public with sustainable design well into the future. The IAF will serve the airport's 37 international routes, including new service expected to launch this year to Tahiti and Istanbul. SEA is also a hub for both Alaska Airlines and Delta Airlines.

2022 Cruise Season for the Port of Seattle - This year's cruise season promises to be a busy one, with 315 ships sailing from Seattle to Alaska on seven major cruise lines, with departures from April through October 2022, and bringing an estimated 1.3 million in revenue. The seven major brands homeporting in Seattle will be sailing 15 vessels, up from 11 during most seasons. The Port of Seattle owns two cruise terminals: the Bell Harbor Cruise Terminal, located in the heart of downtown Seattle at Pier 66, and Smith Cove Cruise Terminal at Pier 90/91, 20 minutes north of downtown.

Port of Seattle - The Port of Seattle, City and Borough of Juneau, Port of Vancouver, global cruise leaders, and experts in decarbonization announce an exploratory mission to determine the feasibility of a cruise-led green corridor to accelerate the deployment of zero greenhouse gas emission ships and operations between Alaska, British Columbia, and Washington state. Cruise partners include Carnival Corporation and its cruise brands including Princess Cruises, Holland America Line, Carnival Cruise Line, Seabourn and Cunard; Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings and its cruise brands including Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises; Royal Caribbean Group including its brands Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises, and Silversea Cruises and Cruise Lines International Association, the world's largest cruise industry trade association. Decarbonization partners include experts Global Maritime Forum, Blue Sky Maritime Coalition, and Washington Maritime Blue.

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State Parks - Looking for things to do outside? Backpacking, hiking, camping, boating, fishing, swimming, hang gliding, nature workshops, trail tours, adventure labs, arts and culture immersions, geocaching, metal detecting, , and seashore conservation are just some of the outdoor adventures visitors can have across Washington's 100 state parks, encompassing approximately 120,000 acres. Visit Parks.wa.gov and click on the events calendar for exciting options all summer long!

The Seattle Convention Center prepares for January 2023 Grand Opening of The Summit - The Seattle Convention Center's newest addition, The Summit, continues to build progress toward its 2023 grand opening. The Summit will double the capacity of the Washington State Convention Center's offerings with 148,450 sq. ft. of heavy-load exhibit space with direct drive-in access and 99,620 sq. ft. of carpeted meeting space, divisible into 62 meeting rooms.

The Tri-Cities Offers New Direct Flights - The Tri-Cities Airport added new direct flights from LA and Reno/ Tahoe, making travel to Eastern Washington more convenient and accessible.

Bellingham International Airport's Seven Direct

Flights - Last fall, Southwest Airlines began operations with flights to/from Bellingham International Airport (BLI) located in Northern Washington. It marked the launch of their new nonstop service to Las Vegas and Oakland while providing connections to a variety of destinations. Southwest currently offers service to Bellingham with three flights a day with the hopes of adding additional flights in 2022.

Spokane International Airport - With the latest addition of aha!, a leisure brand of ExpressJet Airlines, Spokane International Airport offers 22 nonstop flights around the nation, and a new nonstop flight to Spokane-Reno for 2022.

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Vancouver - Vancouver's first boutique hotels will be opening this summer, right on the north shore of the Columbia River. Both are about a seven-minute walk from the downtown Vancouver Convention Center:

- AC Hotel by Marriott will be opening its doors June 15 with 150 hotel rooms, 5,871 square feet of adjustable meeting space (across seven rooms), and breakfast, lunch, and happy hour in the AC Kitchen and Lounge. It will also be a LEED Certified Gold property.
- Hotel Indigo will open late June or early July with 138 hotel rooms, 8,551 square feet of adjustable meeting space (across six rooms) and two full-service restaurants: El Gaucho and 13 Coins. Evoke Winery will be located on the ground floor, and the Witness Tree Lounge will be Vancouver's first rooftop bar overlooking the Columbia River.

Walla Walla

- The Royal Block Hotel The new Waitsburg hotel, opening mid-June 2022, is best described by owners Tiina Jaatinen and Joe Roberts as "American bones with Nordic skin." It will offer a wine and art bar, open three days a week, featuring an extensive private art collection and serving Walla Walla wine, beer, ciders, etc.
- The Green Gables Inn Built in 1909, Walla Walla's Green Gables Inn has entered a new era. Owned and operated by Connie Blumenthal and Karrie Blumenthal Dutton, twin sisters who purchased the property in 2021, it provides uncompromising accommodations with refurbished guest rooms, a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen and an in-house chef.

ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE









Long Beach Peninsula Centennial Celebration, *Pacific County* - Located in Southwest Washington, Long Beach Peninsula is known as the West Coast's first public beach! Long Beach celebrated its centennial this past spring, marking 100 years of fun in the sun: 1922–2022.

The Space Needle, Seattle - The Space Needle celebrates 60 years in 2022! April 21 marked 60 years since the Space Needle's grand opening for the Seattle's Worlds Fair. To kick off the year-long anniversary celebration, the Space Needle's roof was painted its original color — Galaxy Gold!

Hibulb Cultural Center & Natural History Preserve, Snohomish County - Approximately 23,000 square feet with a 50-acre natural history preserve, the Hibulb Cultural Center & Natural History Preserve's mission is to revive, protect, and enhance the history, traditional cultural values and spiritual beliefs of the Tulalip Tribes—successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie and Skykomish tribes as well as other tribes and bands signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott.

The Capitol Building, *Olympia* - Newly reopened for free guided daily tours, the Capitol Building is a mustvisit attraction in Thurston County. With the tallest freestanding masonry dome in North America and the world's largest Tiffany chandelier, this awe-inspiring seat of government is an architectural marvel for all ages.

The Waitsburg Revival, Walla Walla - The charming small town of Waitsburg, 20 minutes north of Walla Walla, is finally coming into its own with several new and notable destinations on its Main Street.

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Japanese Commemorative Ceremony, Bainbridge Island

- 2022 marks the 80th year since the issuance of the Japanese Civilian Exclusion Order in 1942, which first targeted the Bainbridge Island community. This piece of history will be commemorated throughout 2022 at the national park and Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, alongside the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art and the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum.

Suquamish Tribal Museum & Chief Sealth's Grave,

Bainbridge Island - This incredible community opens its doors year-round to visitors who want to discover more about First Peoples and the Coast Salish tribes as well as learn about the history and present-day lives of these important stewards of the Salish Sea.

Nimiipuu/Nez Perce Culture and Tours, *Lewis County* -Immerse your senses, heart and soul in the rich history and culture of the Nez Perce, or Nimiipuu (The People). Join Nimiipuu guides and spend time in the Nimiipuu homeland, interact with local tribal people and see life from a new perspective.

Spokane: DreamWorks Animation Exhibit "From Sketch to Screen" - Spokane will be the first stop in the U.S. tour of this fun and unique exhibit, which will take place at the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture, April–September. Learn more.

Olympic Peninsula: Reopening of Neah Bay on the Makah Reservation Announced - As of March 15, the Makah Tribe has officially reopened Neah Bay to locals and visitors. After a tour of the museum, visitors can enjoy the surrounding beaches, the rainforest or the ocean by surfing, hiking or fishing. <u>Learn more.</u>

FAMILY FUN



Washington State Fair, *Puyallup* - Every September, more than one million fair-goers enjoy rides, food and entertainment at one of the largest fairs in the country.

Harvest Celebrations and Pumpkin Patches, Snohomish County - An annual rite of fall in the Puget Sound region, Seattle NorthCountry is home to some of the country's biggest and most widely acclaimed pumpkin patches and festivals, including Craven Farm Fall Festival and Stocker Farms Fall Days. Throughout the fall, these farms come alive with the sights of pumpkins, corn stalks and hay bales and the smells of cider, kettle corn and caramel apples.

The Podium, Spokane - Opened in fall 2021, The Podium is an all-new destination sports venue. Overlooking downtown Spokane and connected to Riverfront Park as well as within walking distance of the Spokane Convention Center and Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena, it's the perfect setting for sporting events. The main feature? A 200m, six-lane indoor hydraulically banked indoor track.

Leavenworth - This popular Alpine village welcomes visitors all year long with unique restaurants, shops, lodging, and outdoor recreation. Annual celebrations include Maifest and Christmastown: Village of Lights.

Lake Chelan: Lakeside Surf - Opened on April 1, Citywave® is a next-generation wave pool that creates the perfect deep-water wave, ensuring a stable and controlled surf experience for beginning surfers, advanced surfers and everyone in between. Learn more.

Vancouver: Pearson Air Museum, Waterfront Park, and New Dinosaur-Themed Park - A visit to outdoor Fort Vancouver National Historic Site is both educational and fun and right next door to the Pearson Air Museum with WWII plane replicas. Plus, enjoy a new dinosaur-themed park and the Vancouver Waterfront Park, whose fountains are turned on during warm days. Learn more.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE & NATURAL BEAUTY







Wings Over Willapa, *Long Beach Peninsula* - This September birding festival at the start of the fall migration shows off the various ecosystems that have made the Long Beach Peninsula and the Willapa Basin one of the best birding destinations on the continent. Bird-watching events include multiple free and paid activities and excursions throughout the region.

Rock Climbing, Rapids and Cycling, Yakima Valley - The Yakima Valley offers a perpetually sunny environment for adventure of all levels. Brave the rapids, scale a rock, bike the canyon or hook a trout in Washington Wine Country. The mountains west of Yakima offer excellent rock climbing and the Yakima Canyon offers bikers a wide-open scenic ride.

Thurston Bountiful Byway, Olympia - This 60-mile scenic byway is for outdoor adventurers eager for an authentic cultural and culinary experience. Perfect for an ideal bike ride or weekend adventure.

River Activities, *Tri-Cities* - Known for great weather year-round, and with three rivers for paddling, fishing or floating and miles of trails, for biking, hiking or strolling, you will never run out of things to do outdoors in the Tri-Cities.

Bloedel Reserve, *Bainbridge Island* - One of the best botanical gardens in the nation sits on Bainbridge Island.

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The Olympic Discovery Trail, *Olympic Peninsula* - This trail spans 135 miles from Port Townsend on the eastern side of the Olympic Peninsula to La Push at the western edge. More than 75% of the trail is finished and offers paved or well-groomed trail segments with clear, directional markers.

Winter Skiing and Snowshoeing, *Manson* - Less than 10 miles from Lake Chelan, the Echo Ridge Nordic Ski Area offers 25 miles of groomed and backcountry trails for snowshoers as well as cross-country, single-track and skate skiers of all levels.

Whitewater Rafting, *Leavenworth* - One of the most popular places to experience this one-of-a-kind whitewater rafting adventure due to its ease of accessibility and the typically sunny, warm weather throughout the spring and summer months.

Nimiipuu & Nez Perce Culture and Tours, Lewis-Clark

Valley - Join some of the most adventurous guided tours in Washington, where legends are told and ancient villages come alive. Visitors will spend time in the Nimiipuu homeland and interact with local tribal people. Choose from a jet boat tour, whitewater rafting, sip and paint culture class and horse-riding experiences.

The Humpback Comeback, San Juan Islands - The humpbacks are the largest of the Salish Sea and migrate biannually, heading north toward Alaska in the spring from more tropical climes and returning south in the fall. San Juan sightings are a regular occurrence—a record 21 humpback whale calves accompanied their mothers to the Salish Sea last year, nearly doubling 2020's count of 11.







Washington Wine Commission News

- Washington State launched the first statewide sustainable wine program, 20 years in the making.
- Washington State just launched their first-ever farmer ambassador program, Breaking Ground, which aims to amplify the voices of the state's winegrowing community.
- August is WA Wine Month, celebrating local food and winemakers. During this month, Washington hosts all kinds of amazing experiences, from winemaker dinners at local restaurants, to featured food and wine pairings at wineries.

James Beard Nominees for the State of Washington -

Three Washington chefs and/or restaurants were nominated for the prestigious James Beard awards, including Seattle-based Joule's Rachel Yang and Seif Chirci for Outstanding Chef, Seattle-based The Walrus and the Carpenter for Outstanding Restaurant, and Seattle-based Kamonegi's Mutsuko Soma for Best Chef: Northwest and Pacific.

Wine and Cider Tasting, *San Juan Islands* - Wine lovers have plenty to taste on San Juan and Orca Island, from Madrone Cellars and Cider and Archipelago Beverage Company to Orcas Island Winery and Roots.

New Sip & Stay Passport to Woodinville Wineries,

Bothell - Wine lovers will receive a complimentary Passport to Taste through charming Woodinville wine country if they book a one- or two-night stay in participating Bothell area hotels. Package offers discounted hotel rates, plus up to two passports to use for complimentary tastings at participating wineries.







The Taste Northwest - Since 1986, this culinary experience celebrates the tastes of Tacoma and the South Sound with 40+ food vendors, live entertainment, competitions and more (July 1-3.)

Hop Country and Craft Beer, Yakima Valley - With 18 breweries and distilleries across the region, Yakima growers produce more than 75% of the United States hop crop, which means they are single-handedly responsible for keeping the craft beer industry brewing. Every October, Yakima hosts the Fresh Hop Ale Festival, one of the "Top Ten Beer Festivals in the Nation," where 65 brewers from around the U.S. compete with fresh hop ales crafted specifically for the festival using only freshly harvested hops.

Olympic Culinary Loop, *Olympic National Park* - Visitors are invited to travel the Olympic Culinary Loop, taking several days to explore and taste their way around the world-famous Olympic National Park. Visitors can taste artisan cider makers, award-winning dairy, delightful distilled spirits and outstanding shellfish and seafood.

Feast World Kitchen, Spokane - A nonprofit restaurant that serves Spokane's immigrant and former refugee community by featuring a rotating group of chefentrepreneurs who share flavor and culture from around the world. Spokane recently welcomed 300 Afghan refugees to their new brick-and-mortar eatery. Plus, more than seven new restaurants are opening in Spokane in 2022.

Farm-Fresh Fun, *Yakima Valley* - Surrounded by farms and orchards, Yakima Valley brings 3,000 farms that grow more than 40 commercial crops in the Yakima Valley and farm-fresh produce within reach almost year-round, from asparagus in April to apples and potatoes in October. Summer brings apricots, green beans, blueberries, corn, nectarines and squash. Many farms offer seasonal U-pick experiences, specialty foods and festivals.







Dog-Friendly Wineries, Lake Chelan - Many of Lake Chelan's most celebrated wineries welcome dogs: Tunnel Hill Winery, Mellisoni Vineyards, Vin du Lac Winery, Karma Vineyards, Lake Chelan Winery, Cairdeas Winery, Succession Wines, Hard Row to Hoe Vineyards, Tildio Winery, One Wines Inc., Amos Rome Vineyards and Rio Vista Wines on the River.

Craft Brew Scene + New Breweries, *Bellingham* - A place for beer lovers, Bellingham is home to many popular craft breweries, including some of the most decorated and highly respected in the nation. There are a total of 19 breweries in the Whatcom County region, not to mention cideries, wineries, distilleries, kombucha and even wild fermented yeast ginger beer.

Yakima Valley Wine Country, Yakima Valley - The Yakima Valley is home to five American Viticultural Areas, more than 120 wineries and over one-third of the state's vineyards. The most widely planted varieties are Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Syrah and Riesling. Yakima Valley just launched the Yakima Valley Wine Pass, a tasting passport that includes winery specials and discounts, plus a chance to earn great rewards. The Craft Beer Trail passport will follow, along with the debut of The Grapevine, a new tour from Yakima's Little Hopper.

Top Spots for Seafood, Bellingham - Just a 17-minute drive from Downtown Blaine in Semiahmoo, Drayton Harbor Oyster Co. is known for having some of the best tasting oysters in the world, found less than a mile from their store and restaurant. Out-of-towners love to experience Bellingham Dockside Market, originally started as an extension of Bellingham Seafeast, a two-day celebration of Bellingham's maritime heritage.





Whidbey and Camano Islands Experiences Baking

Boom - A new crop of bakeries have popped up on the islands. The new Seabiscuit Bakery has transformed from a pop-up in 2020 to a permanent resident, inside its sister restaurant, The Saltwater Fish House and Oyster Bar. The Greenbank Store, which has quietly become famous for its sandwiches, recently opened Dolce, a bakery led by its longtime baker extraordinaire. Also new and noteworthy, the legendary Whidbey Pies restaurant has been lovingly transformed into Old Spots Bistro but is still selling Whidbey Pies, now adding soups, sandwiches and other desserts.

Kirkland Urban Slated with Several New Restaurants in

2022 - Plenty of exciting Kirkland eateries have recently opened with more on the way, including: Serious Pie celebrated Seattle chef and James Beard award-winning restaurateur Tom Douglas is opening an outpost at The Village at Totem Lake; Hanoon - the Mama Restaurant Group just opened, featuring modern Levantine cuisine; Arleana's Kirkland - the sister restaurant of Island Soul Rum Bar & Soul Shack, serving Caribbean and southern dishes; Evergreen Blendz - the much-anticipated coffee house serving locally sourced organic food including vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options; RareTea and Sugo Sushi; Cafe Juanita - this popular Kirkland hot spot is looking to expand to outdoor seating; Midnight Cookie Co.; and Pop! Culture Champagne Bar. Learn more.





Bainbridge Island

This popular destination off the coast of Seattle offers a 28-square-mile isle with picturesque harbors, 53 miles of rocky shoreline and family-friend fun. Bainbridge Island is home to seven wineries, two distilleries, one brewery and two amazing coffee roasters.

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Bellingham

Consistently rated one of the best places to visit in the country, Bellingham offers exhilaration and relaxation in the uppermost western corner of Washington. About an hour north of Seattle, this cool college city offers easy access to art, activity and action.

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Greater Seattle Region

Seattle has earned its nickname, "Emerald City," by drawing visitors from far and wide to its plentiful parks and evergreen forest surroundings—not to mention the waters of Puget Sound, the famous Space Needle, Pike Place Market and Fremont Troll historic sites as well as its sophisticated culinary scene.

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Kittitas County

Located in Central Washington State, Kittitas County spans from the lush forested Cascade Mountains to the upper Yakima River Valley plains and the Columbia River. Kittitas County is a premier destination for outdoor adventure, sunshine and unique cultural offerings. There's boating in the Columbia River near Vantage, snowmobile trails near Cle Elum and Roslyn and all kinds of offerings at Suncadia Resort. There are also plenty of places for horseback riding, hunting and shopping.

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Lake Chelan

Lake Chelan sits on the eastern side of the Cascade Mountains range in a glacial valley boasting 300 days of annual sunshine and offering an abundance of activities, including water sports, wine tastings, snowy adventures and more.

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Leavenworth

A Bavarian-themed mountain town nestled at the base of Washington's north central Cascade Mountains, famous for holiday celebrations. And it's all just a scenic 2.5-hour drive from Seattle.

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Lewis County

With miles of open road, waterways and beautiful trails, Lewis County is a paradise for outdoor adventures. - Contact: Michelle Witthaus, michelle@unleashedmarketingdesign.com

Long Beach Peninsula

The Long Beach Peninsula, in beautiful Pacific County, is located in the very southwest corner of Washington State. Long Beach is known as the Northwest's first beach destination.

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Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon is a major civic center of Skagit Valley, known around the world for its annual tulip blooms and delicious Pacific Northwest wineries.

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Olympia and Beyond

The city of Olympia is the state of Washington's capital, located in Thurston County, a region that is home to many thriving and unique communities. From bike trails to brewing culture, there is so much to experience in Olympia and beyond.

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Olympic National Park

Located on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, Olympic National Park encompasses 922,651 acres of preserved wilderness with three distinct ecosystems: coastal, rainforest and subalpine. Almost 95% of the park is designated wilderness with 73 miles of Pacific coastline and is a designated International Biosphere Reserve. The Olympic National Park is also home to 26 endemic species and visited by over three million people every year, placing it among the top 10 most visited national parks in the U.S. Lake Crescent is a stunning 625-foot deep, glacier-carved crystal-clear lake with a stunning forested mountain range framing its magnificence. The Hoh Rain Forest is one of the largest temperate rain forests in the U.S. Ruby Beach is one of the most photographed beaches on the West Coast with its sea stacks, huge surf-tossed logs and bald eagles. - Contact: Christina Pivarnik, christina@pivarnik.com

Port of Seattle

The Port of Seattle is a leader in moving people and cargo across the country and around the world. - Contact: Patti Denny, denny.p@portseattle.org

San Juan Islands

There are 172 named islands and reefs in San Juan County. Three ferry-served islands, San Juan Island, Orcas Island and Lopez Island, are the most populous and host the vast majority of lodging and dining options as well as tourism activities, art, dining and whale watching.

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Seattle NorthCountry

Urban and outdoor cultures intersect here. Just north of Seattle in Snohomish County, where 2,000 square miles of mountains and rivers, farmlands and rugged coastlines mix with picturesque towns and family-friendly cities.

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Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

Also referred to as SEA, this is the primary commercial airport in the state of Washington, with flights to cities throughout North America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

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Spokane

The second-largest city in Washington, Spokane offers the perfect blend of unique attractions, proximity to the outdoors, fine arts, hip nightlife, world-class dining, shopping and big-name entertainment.

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Tacoma

Located south of Seattle, the Tacoma region offers incredible charm, top attractions and Point Defiance Park, one of the largest urban parks in the country. Home to the world-famous Mount Rainier, Gig Harbor, Puyallup, Crystal Mountain and more.

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The Tri-Cities

The Tri-Cities are three closely linked cities at the confluence of the Yakima, Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Columbia Basin of Eastern Washington, known for wine tasting and outdoor recreation.

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Vancouver

The fourth-largest city in Washington, Vancouver lies on the north bank of the Columbia River and is cradled by Mount St. Helens to the north and the Cascade Mountains to the east. Vancouver offers scenic beauty, recreational activities and cultural offerings for the whole family.

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Walla Walla

Recognized among the finest wine regions in the nation, Walla Walla features more than 120 wineries and 2,800 acres of grapes with scenic backdrops of Southern Washington.

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Washington State Wine Commission

Washington is the second-largest wine producing state in the U.S., with over 1,000 wineries, 400+ grape growers and 60,000+ acres of wine grapes. Washington winemakers produce more than 17M cases of wine, contributing more than \$8B in annual in-state economic impact. Washington is proud to produce over 80 varieties from our 19 American Viticultural Areas (AVAs), with the 20th AVA to be announced this year.

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Whidbey & Camano Islands

Coupeville and Central Whidbey Island offer peaceful landscapes and opportunities for biking, hiking, kayaking, sailing, or just breathing in the fresh sea air and relaxing in locally owned and operated restaurants and inns. - Contact: Sherrye Wyatt, sherrye@whidbey.com

Yakima Valley

One of Washington's major viticultural and agricultural regions, the Yakima Valley is home to five AVA's, more than 120 wineries and over one-third of the state's vineyards. Enjoy wine country, hop country, farm-fresh flavors and outdoor adventures 365 days a year.

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