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For a guys' weekend, hang out in Seattle

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Seattle is a great place to visit for both genders. But when a group of guys goes looking for a destination for a long weekend of hanging out, you can't beat the northwestern-most point of the continental United States, the birthplace of Jimi Hendrix, Bill Gates and Starbucks coffee, where Bruce Lee once broke boards and Pearl Jam still jams.

You could make a whole getaway out of wandering the Pike Place Market area, or venture into the neighborhoods crammed with funky eateries and groovy music venues. Crave the outdoors? There are plenty of options, from the waters of Puget Sound to 14,411-foot-high Mount Rainier.

Get around: Metro Transit buses are free downtown and about \$2 through the greater Seattle area. Trolleys run along Pier 70, the waterfront and around the International District. Sound Transit will get you to Tacoma, and the monorail runs between downtown and the Space Needle (\$2 each way). If you want to get across Puget Sound, take a ferry.

Stay: Hotel Max (620 Stewart St., 866-986-8087, [hotelmakseattle.com](#)) is hip and comfortable without being froufrou. Located downtown, Max is within walking distance of restaurants and museums, theaters and galleries, and it also sports a cool Asian fusion eatery. Rates start at \$130.

Browse: Elliott Bay Book Co. (1521 10th Ave., 206-624-6600, [elliottbaybook.com](#)) is one of those hard-to-leave bookstores that has plenty of spots for lounging -- find the tables upstairs for a true escape --

and a good, independent vibe. The Capitol Hill locale puts it on the way to theater and music venues, and the little cafe inside does a great latte and sandwiches.

Dine: They sound girly, but then you try a crumpet, and the next thing you know, you're on your fourth one at the Crumpet Shop (1503 First Ave., 206-682-1598, www.thecrumpetshop.com). The shop tops them with jam and butter or Nutella and ricotta, or fills them like a sandwich with meats and cheeses. They start at about \$3, and they're addictive, as is the coffee. Check before you visit; the shop is undergoing earthquake-proofing repairs.

For heartier fare, check out Elliott's Oyster House (1201 Alaskan Way, Pier 56, 206-623-4340, elliottsoysterhouse.com). This tourist spot is also a local hangout, because Elliott's shucks the freshest oysters around. The chaotic and fun scene can't be beat, right on the Elliott Bay pier where you can watch the ferries and chat with the shuckers, who are astoundingly fast. Elliott's has a dozen beers on tap and unparalleled rum flights.

Amble: The 9-acre Pike Place Market (First and Pike, downtown, pikeplace.org) seems like such a tourist thing to do, but you'll run into locals here, too, because it's the freshest, and often the cheapest, stuff around. It's also fun for people-watching and souvenir-shopping -- not to mention that you never know when a band will set up and start to play -- and while the original Starbucks moved from its first location at 2000 Western Ave., it relocated in 1976 to 1912 Pike Place.

Play: Hike around Discovery Park, the 534-acre haven that overlooks Puget Sound and offers spectacular views of the Olympic and Cascade mountains. The best route is to go along the beach to the lighthouse and then along the bluff. (3801 W. Government Way, 206-386-4236, seattle.gov/parks).

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