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SLEEPING

If sleeping near the hill is your thing, Seattle resorts offer few choices. While both Crystal Mountain and The Summit at Snoqualmie offer on-hill lodging at a single motel (check its Web site for info), unless you're into sleeping in your own RV, you're straight out of luck at both Baker and Stevens Pass. There are some cabins available for rent near Mt. Baker in the small town of Glacier, though.

Seattle locals do the day-trip drive for a reason, and if you want to do anything at night, we suggest that you do, too.

THE GREEN TORTOISE HOSTEL

This is definitely the cheapest place to stay downtown if you can handle its mildly sketchy location. Walk a block in any direction, however, and you're on top of Seattle's finest attractions. Dorm rooms start at 23 dollars a night.
1525 Second Avenue

THE ACE HOTEL

Located in a historic brick building in Seattle's Belltown district, The Ace offers 28 Euro-style rooms in a tight modern package. Within walking distance of bars, restaurants, and the Pike's Place Market, the rooms start under a hundred dollars—cheap for its central location.
2423 First Avenue
theacehotel.com

HOTEL MAX

This place is a bit of an art-lover's dream, but it's got swank beds and plasma TVs, too. The fully remodeled hotel features different artists' works in every room. Though it's a bit pricier than The Ace, it'll still keep you under two bills downtown.
620 Steward Street

GOGGLE TANS

WITH ALL THE SNOW SEATTLE-AREA MOUNTAINS RECEIVE, THERE AREN'T A LOT OF SUNNY BLUEBIRD DAYS—SO LEAVE THOSE DARK MIRRORED LENSES AT HOME. YES, YOU'LL HAVE AN OCCASIONAL BLUE ONE, BUT MORE LIKELY YOU'LL MAKE PEACE WITH THE GRAYBIRD BECAUSE IT MEANS THE POW IS DEEP. A USEFUL LENS MIX WOULD BE CLEAR, YELLOW, AND ORANGE.

(Above)
Justin Heath keeps it very real during the Holy Oly at Snoqualmie. Holyoly.com
PHOTO: Josh Thompson
(Right)
Caffeine makes the Northwest go 'round.
PHOTO: Sean Sullivan

