

A panoramic view of the Seattle skyline, featuring a mix of modern glass skyscrapers and older brick buildings. The city is set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there's a waterfront area with a wooden pier, a white railing, and several spherical street lamps. The water is visible at the bottom of the frame.

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TUESDAY, MAY 20

OPENING RECEPTION AT THE H. H. DEARBORN HOUSE

5:00 P.M. DEPART FROM HOTEL

6:30 P.M. OPENING RECEPTION AT THE H. H. DEARBORN HOUSE

Meet in the hotel lobby to travel a short distance to the First Hill neighborhood. Stop to see the Fireside Lounge in the Sorrento Hotel (1909) and the Hofius House (1902). Arrive at the H. H. Dearborn House (1907) for drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres and an introduction to Seattle architecture by Jeffrey Ochsner, our keynote lecturer and a professor in the Department of Architecture at the University of Washington.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

DOWNTOWN SEATTLE, PIONEER SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT, SEATTLE ART MUSEUM

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

8:45 A.M. DEPART FROM HOTEL ON FOOT

LUNCH INCLUDED

4:00 P.M. RETURN TO HOTEL

DINNER & EVENING ON YOUR OWN

Seattle is consistently praised as one of the most livable cities in the United States, and for good reasons—in-city lakes, an active waterfront, backdrops of snow-capped mountains within an easy drive define the city and a compact downtown retail district. While it has grown dramatically in the last few decades, Seattle has managed to preserve substantial vestiges of its heritage in historic districts of late 19th and early 20th century residential and commercial buildings and many significant architectural landmarks.

Through walking and driving tours, participants will experience the best of Seattle's built heritage and learn about its successes and challenges in the preservation arena.

Today we'll be on foot, exploring **Downtown Seattle** with our architectural historian guides, Larry Kreisman and Dennis Andersen. This morning we walk the **Pioneer Square Historic District** and the city's early **Beaux Arts skyscraper district**.

*The city's first neighborhood was **Pioneer Square**, established in 1852. For settlers – entrepreneurs like Arthur Denny, "Doc" Maynard, and Henry Yesler – this was a land of unbelievably large trees adjacent to a magnificent harbor, Elliott Bay. Seattle was incorporated in 1869 with more than 2,000 residents. After the Great Seattle Fire of 1889, Pioneer Square was rebuilt to shine, and showcases that living history in the beautiful Victorian Romanesque buildings and fascinating underground spaces that are found throughout the neighborhood. Today, the history of Pioneer Square's Coast Salish people is honored through storytelling and native-made Indigenous art in the neighborhood. Native Works and Chief Seattle Club work to provide a sacred space for urban native people, honor native tradition, and the contribution of Indigenous people.*

Highlights include: Union Station; King Street Station; Cadillac Hotel/Klondike Gold Rush Historic Park; Pioneer Building (1889-90) and Pergola; Smith Tower (1912); Alaska Building (1904); Hoge Building (1908); Arctic Club (1916) Northern Lights domed dining room; Rainier Club (1904; 1929); Seattle Public Library (2004).

After lunch at the **Women's University Club** (1922), our walking tour continues around the **commercial and retail district**. Stops will include the Metropolitan

Center; 5th Avenue Theatre; Olympic Hotel; Cobb Building and exterior and lobby of the Seattle Tower (1928); Benaroya Hall (1998) and Garden of Remembrance.

The tour concludes at the Seattle Art Museum, where you may opt to stay and visit on your own (open until 5 p.m.; Thursdays until 8 p.m.), or continue to the Pike Place Market, where you will be free to explore and may opt to have dinner on your own.



BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
9:00 A.M. DEPART FROM HOTEL BY COACH
LUNCH INCLUDED
4:30 P.M. RETURN TO HOTEL
DINNER & EVENING ON YOUR OWN

Tacoma has gained attention for the redevelopment of its 19th century brick warehouse district into a campus for the University of Washington and for the adaptive reuse of its train station for courts and the Washington State History Museum.

On this day-long visit, our guide Michael Sullivan will show us the city's distinguished theaters and office buildings of varied styles, Cram, Goodhue & Ferguson's exquisite **First Presbyterian Church**, the French chateau-inspired

Stadium High School, the handsome residential districts in North Tacoma, and historic structures in **Point Defiance Park**.

***Stadium High School**, commonly referred to as the Brown Castle, was originally intended by its financiers, the Northern Pacific Railroad Company and Tacoma Land Company, to be one of the finest luxury hotels on the Pacific Coast. Construction began in 1891, but due to the railroad's financial failure, the hotel was never completed and was boarded up for a number of years before it was acquired by the Tacoma School District and opened as Tacoma High School in 1906.*

Lunch will be at **McMenamins Pub** in the iconic Elks Temple, which was built in the second Renaissance Revival style in 1915-16 when fraternal organizations were an important part of the community and had the money to build beautiful buildings such as this one.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON & SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOODS

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
9:00 A.M. DEPART FROM HOTEL BY COACH
LUNCH AND DINNER INCLUDED
7:30 P.M. RETURN TO HOTEL

***First Hill** is so named for being the first hill encountered while traveling east from downtown Seattle toward Lake Washington. As one of Seattle's oldest and most densely populated neighborhoods, First Hill is one of its most eclectic and historic neighborhoods, characterized by a diversity of building types, architectural styles and periods.*

We begin this morning with a visit to the C. D. Stimson mansion, home to the statewide preservation organization, The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. Then, continue to the Collegiate Gothic campus of the **University of Washington** on the site of the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Our first stop is the Burke Museum to see a magnificent 16-foot tall Tiffany stained glass window - *Peacock with Hollyhocks and Morning Glories* - originally installed in the

Leary Mansion on north Capitol Hill. A highlight of the Liberal Arts quadrangle is the Suzzallo Library reading room. We will also see selections from the outstanding architectural drawings collection in the Special Collections Division.

After lunch at **Ivar's Salmon House** on Lake Union, a cedar replica of a Northwest native longhouse filled with native art and historic photographs, we'll have a driving tour of **Lake Washington neighborhoods**, along one of the largest extant park and boulevard systems in the country designed by the Olmsted Brothers.

Then we discover Seattle's **Chinatown- International District**, stopping to tour the **Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience**, which focuses on the culture, art and history of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Established in 1967, the museum is a Smithsonian Institution affiliate and the only pan-Asian Pacific American community-based museum in the United States.

Enjoy a family style **Chinese Banquet Dinner at the Diamond Bay Restaurant** before returning to the hotel.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOODS

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
8:45 A.M. DEPART FROM HOTEL BY COACH
LUGGAGE ON BOARD IF FLYING TODAY
LUNCH INCLUDED
2:00 P.M. DROP AT SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

We return to First Hill this morning, to tour the English country Gothic **Trinity Episcopal Church** and Spanish Renaissance-inspired **St. James Cathedral**, then continue to the **Capitol Hill** neighborhood, where we'll drive through **Volunteer Park**, stopping to see the **Seattle Asian Art Museum**.

Volunteer Park is one of the highlights of Seattle's park and boulevard system. The Olmsted Brothers' Landscape Architects firm was hired in 1903 to design a park system which would provide open space and help guide development in the rapidly growing city. The Art Deco Seattle Art Museum was opened in 1933. It would serve as home to the Seattle Art Museum until 1991, when a

new building was constructed downtown. The Volunteer Park building became the new home of SAM's Asian art collections and was renamed Seattle Asian Art Museum.

Our four-day discovery of Seattle's rich heritage nears its conclusion in the **North Capitol Hill** neighborhood, with a visit to the **John and Eliza Ferry Leary House** and the **Pierre Ferry House** (1904-07), and the **Loveless Studio Building** (1930), designed by Arthur L. Loveless (1873-1971) as a place for Seattle artists to live and work. We'll see the preserved interior of one of the building's original tenants, the Russian Samovar Restaurant, which commissioned the brilliant muralist Vladimir Shkurkin (who had previously painted the inside of the Seattle Civic Auditorium) to decorate the walls.

Farewell **Lunch** at the lovely Federalist-style Mt. Vernon replica mansion that serves as the **Rainier Chapter of the DAR Chapter House** (1925). After lunch, the coach will drop off at the hotel before continuing to SeaTac Airport.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SPACE IS LIMITED TO TWENTY-FIVE (25) PARTICIPANTS. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT MEMBERS REGISTER WITH THE SOCIETY AND MAKE THEIR HOTEL RESERVATIONS UPON RECEIPT OF THIS BROCHURE, AND BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF THE CUT-OFF DATE OF APRIL 20, AS THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF ROOMS BEING HELD.

Study Tour Package May 20 - 24, 2025

Includes site admission fees; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday lunches; Tuesday reception and Friday dinner. Transportation to and from Seattle and hotel accommodations are NOT included in the Study Tour Package. **Special Note: Bear in mind that there will be extensive walking so please bring comfortable shoes.** We regret that we cannot provide alternate means of transportation for those who have walking or endurance difficulties. (Public transportation or Uber or Lyft may be available in some areas, but participants will be responsible for the cost if they use them).

Getting There

Seattle is served by **Seattle-Tacoma International Airport** and there are flights from major U.S. cities. Depending on where you live, Seattle is also accessible by Amtrak and bus (various companies), as well as by car. Uber, Lyft and taxi service are available at the airport and train station for transportation to the hotel.

Weather & What to Wear

The typical average daytime temperature in Seattle in late May is 64.8°F, with a nighttime low of 44.8°F, and with an average humidity of 75%. It is advisable to check the local forecast before departure and pack accordingly. Layers are always practical.

Eating Out

Our headquarters hotel is downtown. Restaurants of various types and price points are within walking distance of the hotel. A list of local restaurants will be provided.

Hotel Information

Our headquarters hotel is the **Hotel Theodore, 1531 7th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101**. Please use this link to make your reservation, as rooms booked through a third party will NOT be credited to the Society: <https://tinyurl.com/3c4ks4bs>

It's important for guests to identify themselves as part of the Victorian Society group and to provide the following details:

- Guest name
- Requested type of room and bed type (e.g., king, double/double, queen, twin, or suite)
- Check-in and check-out dates

We reserved a block of rooms at a group discounted rate. A room with one king bed is \$219.00; a room with two double beds is \$234.00, plus 18% tax until **April 20, 2025**. After this date, the discounted rate will no longer be in effect and the rooms will be subject to availability. The discounted group rates will be available for 3 days pre- and 3 days post-meeting dates. Discounted overnight valet parking is available for \$30/night. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

MAKING RESERVATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HOTEL ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND AT YOUR EXPENSE. THE SOCIETY'S ONLY ROLE IS TO SECURE THE DISCOUNTED GROUP RATE.

How to Register

We recommend reserving as soon as possible, as **space is limited to 25 participants**. Registrations can be made via check (preferable), or credit card. Your spot in the program is secured only after we receive payment. Checks should be made payable to The Victorian Society in America and mailed to the address shown below.

Cancellations

Cancellations received on or before **April 20, 2025** will be refunded less a \$100 administrative fee. **There will be no refunds after April 20.** If you think that there is a chance that you will need to withdraw from this program, you may wish to consider purchasing trip insurance. Trip insurance protects you against any unforeseen need to cancel. Trip insurance can cover the Society's fee and your airfare and hotel costs. There are many providers of this type of insurance; one place to start looking is www.insuremytrip.com (phone 800-487-4722). The Society is providing this information purely as a service to you, and we do not receive any compensation from any insurance organization.

Disclaimer

The Victorian Society in America is not responsible for accidents, injury or loss of personal items during this program. The Victorian Society in America reserves the right to make such changes to the schedule, sites to be visited, or personnel as may become necessary or desirable. Anyone wishing to depart from the planned itinerary must notify one of the tour leaders of their plans before the day of the change. Unused or unattended parts of the trip will not be refunded.

	COST	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
Seattle Study Tour	\$1400	_____	= _____
Membership in the VSA (if not already a member)			
Individual	\$55	_____	= _____
Household	\$65	_____	= _____
<i>Non-members wishing to attend the Study Tour must join the VSA</i>			
			TOTAL \$ _____

There are several ways to pay:

1. By check made payable to the Victorian Society in America
2. Phone in your credit card reservation to the National Office, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m at **(856) 216-8124**

Name _____ Name tag _____
Additional Participant _____ Name tag _____
Your Address _____
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Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____
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