



Scintillating Seattle September 24 - 27, 2024

Join the Society for Asian Art for a fun-filled tour to Seattle this fall! Seattle owes its place in the pantheon of Asian art destinations in the U.S. to Richard E. Fuller, a collector of Asian art who founded the **Seattle Art Museum** in 1933. Sixty-one years later, in 1994, that museum opened the **Seattle Asian Art Museum**, which houses a stunning collection of Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Indian, Himalayan, and Southeast Asian art. The museum continues to grow its collection of art centered around historic, modern, and contemporary Asian Pacific Islander as well as Southeast Asian art, specifically collecting different works created by local Asian Pacific Islander artists within the Seattle area. But dazzling collections in both museums are only part of the draw.

Other Tour Highlights

- Guided walking tour of **Pike Place Market**, including eight tastings from local purveyors
- Private tour of **The Boathouse**, the studio of internationally renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly, rarely opened and filled with his own private collection, where we will see glassblowers at work
- Visit to the home of a **major collector** with an outstanding Asian art collection
- Ferry ride to **Bainbridge Island** for a walking tour of the **Bloedel Reserve** gardens with the Director of Horticulture and her design team
- Stay at **Inn at the Market**, a classic four-star hotel hovering over Seattle's open-air public market, which is famous for its excellent restaurants and artisan stalls

September is one of the best times to visit Seattle, when temperatures average from the low 50s at night to the high 60s at mid-day, and rainfall is minimal, averaging only .28 inches for the month. We hope you will join us!

Itinerary in Brief

Tuesday, September 24th - Reception

- Arrive in **Seattle** no later than today by mid-day
- Check-in to the **Inn at the Market**, located on a cobblestone street inside Pike Place Market
- **Guided tour of Pike Place Market** including delicious tastings from eight Market purveyors
- **Welcome reception and orientation** at the hotel

Wednesday, September 25th - Breakfast

- Visit to **The Boathouse**, the studio and workshop of world-renowned **glass artist Dale Chihuly** (not open to the public), to see the artist's personal collection and glassblowers at work
- No-host lunch at Ivars Salmon House, next door to the Boathouse
- Docent-led tour of highlights at **Seattle Art Museum (SAM)**, which contains over 25,000 works of art from around the world
- Visit a **private collection**
- Dinner and the evening on your own

Thursday, September 26th – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- Take the ferry from Seattle to **Bainbridge Island** (35 min.) for a tour of the **Bloedel Reserve** with the Director of Horticulture and her design team. This extraordinary 140-acre public garden and forest reserve features 23 distinct landscapes including a Japanese Garden, created under the influence of the conservation movement and Asian aesthetics.
- Bánh Mi sandwich box lunches from Ba Sa in the island village of Winslow
- Return to Seattle by ferry with free time this afternoon
- **Farewell dinner at Café Campagne**, a Pike Place brasserie well-regarded for its dedication to classic Parisian fare

Friday, September 27th - Breakfast

- Guided visit at the recently renovated **Seattle Asian Art Museum (SAAM)** in Volunteer Park focusing on highlights of historical and contemporary artworks from China, Korea, Japan, India, and Southeast Asia
- Lunch on your own
- Transfer on your own to SeaTac for your return flights home or extend your stay

The trip is limited to 20 SAA members. Registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON (based on a minimum of 16 participants)

Tour Cost, based on double	\$1,900
Tour Cost, based on single	\$2,495 including a single supplement of \$595

EXTRA NIGHT(S) AT INN AT THE MARKET

(for up to two pre- and post-tour nights, subject to availability)

City View King or Two Queen-Beds, double or single \$350 per night including tax

TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE AND MAKE A PAYMENT:

1. Have your photo ID and medical insurance card handy, as you will need to enter this information on the Registration Form.
2. Click on this link to open the Registration Form: <https://tri.ps/2PYCg>.

Or simply call Travel Muse to register over the phone.

Trip insurance is not required but is strongly encouraged to protect your trip investment should you cancel or need to interrupt your trip. To preview coverage provided by USI Travel Insurance Services, a flyer is attached for your review.

An e-brochure with the detailed tour program and the Participant Travel Agreement including the cancellation policy may be downloaded from the Registration link.

For questions or assistance to register, please contact Meg MacDonald, Travel Muse Inc., at meg@travelmuse.net or (617) 480-0250.

IMAGES ABOVE:

Left: Inn at the Market in the iconic Pike Place Market (photo in the public domain)

Right: Japanese Maple in fall splendor (photo courtesy of Bloedel Reserve)

IMAGE TO THE RIGHT

Dale Chihuly, Blue Baskets, The Northwest Room, The Boathouse, Seattle, 2017

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What's Included

Accommodations	Three nights at Inn at the Market in Pike Place Market, including taxes
Meals	Breakfast daily, one lunch on Bainbridge Island, one welcome reception with two glasses of wine or beer per person and a cheese-and-charcuterie platter, and one farewell dinner including wine
Transportation	Private coach and public ferry services on Thursday, September 26 th , to and from Bainbridge Island; including gratuity for the coach driver and bottled water on board the coach
Curator and Docent Tours	As indicated in the itinerary
Other Tours	Food tour of Pike Place Market
Entrance Fees to Museums	As indicated in the itinerary
WiFi	Complimentary WiFi internet access at the hotel

What's Not Included

Arrival/Departure Expenses	To and from Seattle
Airport transfers	To and from the hotel
Meals	Meals not otherwise included
Transportation	From and between sites by taxi or ride-share services, as indicated in the itinerary, unless otherwise noted.

Payment Terms

Tour Cost

\$1,900 per person, based on double occupancy
\$2,495 per person, single occupancy (\$595 supplement)

Registrations and Payment Schedule

- Full payment due upon registration by major credit card, ACH, or check

Cancellation Policy

When a participant cancels, the following schedule of per person charges is incurred:

Written Notice of Cancellation received:	Refund / Cancellation Fees (Per Person): *
On or before July 25 th , 2024 (60 days prior)	Refund all monies minus \$500 non-refundable fee
After July 25 th , 2024	No refund

** Travel insurance is the best way to protect your tour investment. Information will be sent to you upon receipt of your Registration.*

A complete Itinerary is provided on the Registration weblink (powered by WeTravel). The complete Terms and Cancellation Policy are stipulated in the Participant Tour Agreement, which is posted on the Registration weblink and which you will need to provide a signature indicating that you have read and understand the Agreement.