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BEST WINTER VACATION GETAWAYS *in Washington State*



You made it through the holiday season, but you may be feeling like you need a vacation to catch your breath and regroup for the new year.

If you are looking for a quick and local weekend getaway, here are some favorite winter vacation destinations in Washington that we recommend you check out!



SEATTLE

There is a ton of stuff to enjoy in the big city during the winter season. Get out and explore Pike Place Market without the crowds. Sample the best winter ales by "brewery-crawling" your way through town. Catch a performance by the Pacific Northwest Ballet or a cabaret at Can Can Kitchen & Cabaret.

February kicks off Seattle Museum month, with most museums offering free or half price tickets to visitors staying in hotels downtown.



LEAVENWORTH

This is one of our personal favorites and a favorite to many Washingtonians. Enjoy the millions of Christmas lights this cute little German/Bavarian town has to offer. This is a great weekend getaway where you can street shop, catch a theater performance and have some good German food and beer. The town is also close to a ski resort and trails for snowshoeing and snowmobiling.



MT. BAKER

Known as one of the best ski areas in Washington, Mt. Baker holds a world record for annual snowfall! Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is a great ski area where on clear days visitors can see some of the most beautiful scenery in the country. If you are looking for lodging you will want to look for accommodations in the surrounding areas like Glacier, Maple Falls and Bellingham.



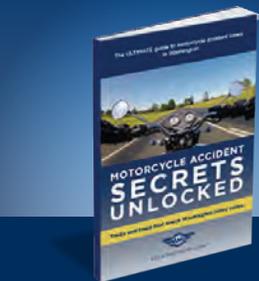
SUNCADIA

If you are more into the resort type of experience, Suncadia is just a short drive away. Enjoy trails where you can go snowshoeing or cross-country skiing right on the property. Other highlights include an ice-skating rink, sleigh rides, a tubing hill and more. If you want to stay indoors, enjoy some time at the spa, onsite restaurants, curl up by the fireplace in your room, or relax by the indoor pool. The Summit at Snoqualmie is just a short drive away for you skiers!



COUPEVILLE

Located on Whidbey Island, this town is one of the prettiest and quietest getaways in Washington. It is famous for its Penn Cove mussels. Visitors enjoy



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Winter Vacation Getaways cont.

the iconic wharf and little shops along Front street. Stroll the historic waterfront and check out the restaurants in town. We hear they are all wonderful!

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK



Enjoy views across the mountain range by doing a little snowshoeing in Olympic National Park. Kalaloch Lodge is set high on a bluff above the wild Pacific Northwest coastline, by Olympic National Park. Its cabins and lodge rooms are ideal for those not ready to commit to a winter camping trip. Guests can wander the driftwood beaches, hike, fish, or enjoy bird watching and whale watching.

Spend an evening in Port Angeles and experience a town that is seaside with a lot of spunk. Wine, dine, and enjoy a good cup of coffee at the local pubs, cafes and restaurants. Nearby are Lake Crescent, Salt Creek Beach and Dungeness Spit, which are all great scenic spots to check out.

SUN MOUNTAIN LODGE



This was recently voted one of the top ten cross country ski resorts in the USA. Nestled in the Methow Valley, the lodge offers access to over 40 miles of groomed trails. Enjoy snowshoeing, sleigh rides, and cross-country skiing all while staying at this upscale resort. Fine dining options are available, along with a wine cellar and spa treatments.

LONG BEACH



If you like being at the beach, check out The Inn at Discovery Coast in Long Beach. The oceanfront boutique hotel overlooks the beach on Washington's south coast. The rooms have gas fireplaces, jacuzzies and double showers. This is an adults-only hotel, ensuring you will have peace and quiet in your room and on the property. Enjoy miles of beaches, two lighthouses and the Discovery Trail, which has 8 miles of pathway for walking or biking.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS to Keep you Safe

Seattle winters are generally mild, but when the temperature falls below 32 degrees road conditions often deteriorate quickly. Knowing how to drive in the snow -- or scarier yet, icing conditions -- is vital to get where you need to go. These safe winter driving tips will help you keep the happy in holidays.

MAINTAIN YOUR CAR FOR WINTER DRIVING IN SEATTLE

You are probably aware that you should have your fluid levels checked before winter arrives to make sure your antifreeze and oil are at the proper level. Ask your mechanic to check your tire tread, as well. Having the proper tire tread can also prevent hydroplaning in rainy, wet conditions.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIRES

The majority of Seattle drivers should choose an all-season tire. If you make frequent trips into the mountains, you will need to look for a tire that is mud and snow rated. These tires are often required in the passes, depending on the weather conditions. In some cases, 2WD cars will also be required to have cable chains.

PLAN YOUR TRIPS CAREFULLY IF WINTER WEATHER IS POSSIBLE

Even if you drive safe in winter weather, many other area drivers do not. The safest thing to do is stay home when it snows in Seattle. If you must drive though, being prepared is key. This includes:

- Plan your route to avoid problem areas
- Leave early
- Let friends or family know your planned route
- Make sure your cell phone is charged
- Pack a flashlight, jumper cables, and a shovel
- Consider taking a blanket, food, and water for longer trips
- Travel with a bag of sand or kitty litter in case you get stuck

TAKE PRECAUTIONS WHEN DRIVING IN ICY CONDITIONS

Driving in wintery weather requires different techniques than dry conditions. When driving in snow or ice:



- Never slam on the brakes
- Lift from the accelerator gently
- Avoid any sudden turns
- Remember that stopping distance is much greater than on dry roads
- Do not use cruise control
- Look and steer in the direction you want to go

Driving when you are tired or distracted can be dangerous in any situation, but especially when road conditions are poor.

KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

If you are involved in an accident or have a mechanical issue, it is important to know what to do.

- Do not overexert yourself; working up a sweat will only make you colder.
- If you need to run your car for warmth, check to make sure the exhaust pipe is cleared first. Then, idle only for as long as it takes to get warm.
- At night, leaving your dome light on will use little battery but can help rescuers spot your vehicle.
- Bright fabric or other material tied to your antenna or hung out a window can help signal rescuers in the daytime.

Always remember to wear your seatbelt and never drink and drive. We represent clients who suffered injuries in a Washington auto accident in winter weather conditions.

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ZULU'S BOARD GAME CAFE

by Shelly Meyers



I'm a big board game fan. A newish place called **Zulu's Board Game Café** has opened in downtown **Bothell**. Max and I have been a couple times and it's so much fun. They have lots of board games you can try out for free. Plus, they have good beer on tap and pretty decent bar type food. It's an all ages place so lots of families go there for a little fun.

If you haven't noticed, board games have become popular again. With the rise of ComicCons, Cosplay and the resurgence of kids playing Dungeons & Dragons, board games of all types have seen a popularity surge. As a result, there are many fun new board games of all kinds out on the market. There are also board game cafés opening more and more. There may be one near you and you don't know it.

If you're looking for a date night or family outing, I highly recommend you check out Zulu's Board Game Café. www.zulusgames.com

Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

Vegan & Gluten Free Cream of Mushroom Soup



Compliments of thefoodleets.com

This is one of Dawn's favorite new soup recipes. This Cream of Mushroom soup is both vegan and gluten free. Super quick and simple to make!

Ingredients:

- 24 oz. baby bella mushrooms, diced
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. sea salt
- ½ tsp. black pepper
- 1 Tbsp. garlic, minced
- 3 cups soy milk or plain almond milk (I prefer almond milk)
- 2 tsp. onion powder
- ¼ cup cornstarch

Directions:

In a large saucepan add oil, mushrooms, garlic, salt, and pepper. Sauté over medium-high heat for 10-15 minutes, until mushrooms have released their juices and mostly evaporated.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl combine milk preference, onion powder, and cornstarch. Mix well, making sure there are no lumps.

Add milk mixture to mushrooms and reduce to medium-low heat. Cook until desired thickness is reached, usually about 5 minutes.

Enjoy this soup as a meal or refrigerate and use in your favorite casserole recipes!

January EVENTS

ART WALK JAN 2

Head to historic Pioneer Square for the January First Thursday Art Walk, when art galleries open their doors to introduce new exhibitions and artists. Free.

Visit www.pioneersquare.org/experiences/first-thursday-art-walk for more details.

PUYALLUP HOME & GARDEN SHOW JAN 3 - 5

Get help for your home and garden at Puyallup Home & Garden Show at the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup.

Visit www.puyalluphomeshow.net for more details.

MONSTER TRUCKS JAN 10 - 12

Big trucks with big wheels make big noise and excitement at Monster Jam in the Tacoma Dome.

Visit www.monsterjam.com/en-US/events/tacoma-wa-jan-10-2020-jan-12-2020 for details and schedule.

TACOMA RV SHOW JAN 16 - 19

Check out hundreds of recreational vehicles at the Tacoma RV Show in the Tacoma Dome. Children age 16 and younger are free. Repeats in Oct.

Visit www.tacomafallrvshow.com/show-information

ELLENSBURG BEER FESTIVAL JAN 18

WinterHop BrewFest includes a souvenir glass, five tastings from 20 microbreweries, and music in downtown Ellensburg for age 21+.

Visit www.ellensburgwinterhobbrewfest.com for details.

LEAVENWORTH ICE FESTIVAL JAN 18 - 19

Enjoy invigorating outdoor events like snow sculpture, ice-cube scramble, snowball tossing, and the famous smooching contest at Bavarian Icefest in Leavenworth.

Visit www.leavenworth.org/event/bavarian-icefest-2020/all for details.

FISHING, HUNTING & CAMPING SHOW JAN 22 - 26

Washington Sportsmen's Show has seminars and exhibitors at the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup.

Visit www.thesportshows.com/shows/washington/show-information.

STRANGE BEER FESTIVAL JAN 24 - 25

Enjoy beer in odd flavors from dozens of breweries and watch live music and entertainment at Strange Brewfest at American Legion Hall in Port Townsend.

Visit www.strangebrewfestpt.com for details.



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BLACK THURSDAY is January 16th at the Capitol in Olympia

Black Thursday is a yearly event in January where motorcycle enthusiasts across Washington state ride to Olympia and meet with legislators to discuss motorcycle riding issues. This event is a time for the motorcycle community to come together and protect the right to ride and fight for common ground motorcycling issues.

This event was originally organized by ABATE of Washington, which is a non-profit organization whose main purpose is upholding citizen's Rights as they apply to Motorcyclists. Black Thursday is a day where riders unite at the Washington State Capitol in Olympia to speak directly to our elected politicians regarding legislative issues pertaining to motorcyclists.

For more information about Black Thursday, please visit the ABATE of Washington website at www.abate-wa.org.

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