



Seattle stop for the zoo, museum of flight and more

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Our “home” base for two nights was a Suite Studio room at the Watertown, a comfortable, clean and affordable hotel located in the city’s vibrant U District. Once settled, the young ones enjoyed the “Kids Cart,” loaded with games, books and craft-y stuff, and we all loved the free breakfast, served daily. The Watertown (on Roosevelt Way, on web at watertownseattle.com) is centrally located for a daylong adventure at Woodland Park Zoo — full of active creatures on the day we visited — and other family-friendly sites in the city, such as Seattle Aquarium (on the downtown waterfront, near Pike Place Market, and the Space Needle/Experience Music Project. Further afield, south of downtown near Boeing Field, is the wonderful Museum of Flight, with its old Air Force One and Concorde planes there for the exploring. All these attractions, plus a couple more, are covered by a City Pass booklet, priced at \$59 for an adult but valued at more than \$111. Details online at citypass.com.

Wherever you may roam in Seattle, make time for lunch or dinner at Dick’s, an iconic drive-in burger joint; one is in the Wallingford area (111 N.E. 45th St.), not far from Woodland Park Zoo. The food is affordable and delicious — in a high-calorie kind of way. Order up, take it away or eat it there in, or on, your vehicle, because there are no tables or chairs.

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