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Travel Tip for Today

Have a good time, weather or not!

Think about weather, but do not allow it to determine the success of your trip! Be aware that hurricane season in the Caribbean is June – November. You may not be in a hurricane, but even on the west coast of Mexico you can have some pretty humid, wet weather in those months. Let me help you understand which part of a Hawaiian island is usually drier or less windy. Remember that the southern hemisphere has opposite seasons from us here in the north. Be flexible, have things in mind to do if it rains.

Destination of the Month

There's more to **Seattle** than the Space Needle and the Mariners baseball team! On a nice day the Space Needle gives you an *incredible* view! They even do an excellent brunch (get reservations). We went last weekend--\$45 (includes the ride up—ride only is \$16/adult). We did the complete circuit twice during brunch. I have loved the International Fountain at the Seattle Center since the World's Fair in 1962! Pike Place Market (try tea tasting at Vital Tea Leaf!) has changed over the years but it is no less fun! The Klondike Gold Rush Museum is educational, interesting and FREE! Keep in mind you will have to pay for parking everywhere and tax is added to all costs. You can take the train or drive. Both have advantages. Stay at least one night—you will have indelible memories, good tea and great coffee!

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Great Values!

Tahiti--Sail round-trip: Papeete to the Society Islands, Star Flyer clipper ship, 7 nts, free air from Los Angeles, from \$4450, plus port charges, taxes

Silverton, Oregon— Oregon Garden Resort Dinner Escape, \$159.90, room, dinner, bottle of wine, garden entrance. Limited offer, book now!
Price for the above is for 2 pp —some may vary based on availability at time of booking

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The World Through My Eyes

The air is filled with the smell of fresh fish and maybe incense. Our feet are tired after a day of seeing the sights of Seattle, but still we pause to glance at the colorful wares in the booths of Pike Place Market. Tomorrow morning we will return for a tasty breakfast at Lowell's and some real shopping. But now we are headed down the alley to the Sound View Café, looking for comfort food! We settle at a window table with a view of, yes, the Sound. They close at 6 pm, so we do not dawdle. A friendly waiter suggests the Salmon Chowder. Hot, creamy and zesty in flavor, a bowl fills the bill and the stomach. Add bread, a glass of pinot grigio, a Bud Light, and we have dinner for \$23.65!

If you can't go there, go here!

Local College Luaus! A fraction of the cost of a luau in Hawaii—go support the kids!

Pacific University: April 11, from \$17—tickets not sold at the door. Dinner 4:30–6pm, show: 6:30pm
503-352-2073 or luau@pacificu.edu .

Linfield College: April 24, from \$17--+ \$3 at the door. Dinner 5-7pm, show 7pm
503-883-2574 or btucker@linfield.edu.

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