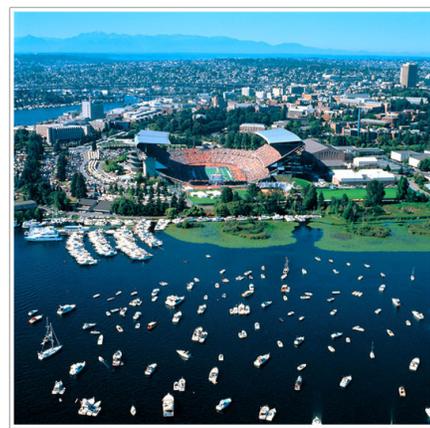


## Seattle – Goin’ to the Big Game in Style!

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A visit to Seattle, Washington, can be a great short vacation. A beautiful urban mere, Lake Washington and surrounding waterways are a unique experience for travelers. I have [previously written](#) on how to take a car up to Anacortes for the day trip by ferry to Friday Harbor, transiting en route through the scenic San Juan Islands. I lived in Seattle and attended University of Washington, but now only visit from the desert of California.



Game Day at Husky Stadium, Seattle, WA (photo by Mary Levin, UW Columns Magazine)

One thing to do is enjoy a game of college football. Husky Stadium in Seattle, home of the Washington Huskies, is one of the best locations for football in the fall season. When a home game is televised expect a camera pan and sportscaster comment because of the breathtaking view of the lake.



"Champagne Lady" on Lake Washington, Seattle, WA | Photo courtesy of Argosy Cruises

The television sportscasters never fail to show and talk about the moored boats having pre-game parties, and people coming ashore to attend the game. No parking hassles, walking with your seat cushion, etc. Just step on the dock and enter the stadium. I learned how to weave this special experience into a Seattle trip. It doesn't matter the alma matter, just enjoy something new.

Husky home game tickets are at [gohuskies.com](http://gohuskies.com) and separately book a game cruise at:

- 9/3 – UW vs E. Washington [huskycruiseeasternwa.eventbrite.com](http://huskycruiseeasternwa.eventbrite.com)
- 9/10 – UW vs Hawaii [huskycruisehawaii.eventbrite.com](http://huskycruisehawaii.eventbrite.com)
- 9/24 – UW vs Cal [huskycruisecal.eventbrite.com](http://huskycruisecal.eventbrite.com)
- 10/15 – UW vs Colorado [huskycruisecolorado.eventbrite.com](http://huskycruisecolorado.eventbrite.com)
- 10/29 – UW vs Arizona [huskycruisearizona.eventbrite.com](http://huskycruisearizona.eventbrite.com)
- 11/5 - UW vs Oregon [huskycruiseoregon.eventbrite.com](http://huskycruiseoregon.eventbrite.com)

The cruise is aboard the M/V Champagne Lady. The boat leaves from the marina across the lake in Kirkland, Washington. There at the marina is the [Woodmark Hotel, Yacht Club & Spa](#) offering scenic view rooms and evening dining on the lakefront at the Beach Café. Currently, the Woodmark offers a 20% discount on package participants.

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I stayed at the Woodmark Hotel on a recent trip to Seattle and enjoyed petting their hotel mascot dog, [Woody](#). To see the sights, I chartered the Woody II cabin cruiser, a 1950's era luxury boat (captain included). Cruise the lake shorefront to see notable estates (yes, Bill Gates lives nearby) and take the cut past UW to Lake Union for reservations at famous [Ivar's](#) Salmon House.

From Sea-Tac airport either rent a car (as I have in the past) or take the [EastSide Town Car & Limousine](#) to the hotel. This town car service to the hotel is about the same price as the group shuttle bus. When downtown, I once again toured the [Pike Place Market](#) (ship home a fresh salmon) and had a great lunch at [Mama's Mexican Kitchen](#). Nearby are the cruise ships and ferry service to Victoria, B.C, and Puget Sound stops (Port Townsend and Bainbridge Island, to name a few).

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