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The Best Seattle Hotels



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Summer in Seattle, Washington (Photo: Getty) GETTY

The economic boom and ever-growing tech scene in Seattle have brought a parallel boom in hotel openings. As the Seattle-based author of *The Heart of Hospitality*, I've chosen seven superb properties for this list. These include the city's only Forbes Travel Guide-designated five-star hotel (The Four Seasons Hotel Seattle), two additional luxury properties (The Forbes Travel Guide four-star Fairmont Olympic Hotel and the Edgewater), and other hotels that reflect the area's legendary music scene and other unique attributes.

Each of these hotels is walking distance to Pike's Place Market and other central attractions, with one intentional exception: The final hotel, Cedarbrook Lodge, is listed for anyone who needs to stay near the airport but wants a more colorful experience than a generic airport hotel can provide.

Cedarbrook Lodge



Cedarbrook Lodge, an oasis near Seattle-Tacoma Airport (photo: Columbia Hospitality)

If you ever need to stay near the Seattle-Tacoma Airport the night before an early flight, Cedarbrook Lodge can turn that enforced-hospitality situation into an actual resort experience: something to look forward to rather than suffering through. Built on 18 acres, Cedarbrook Lodge has an airy Pacific Northwest feel throughout its rooms and public spaces. These include its Copperleaf Restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows that offer inspiring forest and meadow views, as well as a renowned spa. Cedarbrook Lodge is the kind of place that makes you want your flight to be canceled so you can stay another night—and not only because the free ice cream in the minibar is restocked daily.

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