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# Dive into an Aquarium Event

Combining the charm of an outdoor venue with the flexibility of an indoor facility, aquariums offer meeting and event facilities with a temperature-controlled view of natural beauty and the opportunity to add a special element to any gathering.



### MEET HERE Seattle's Southside

Planners will find just the right location in Seattle's back yard, including a wide range of hotels and a diverse selection of venues. **Page 32>**

### FEATURE Southeast Alaska

Modern venues set amid breathtaking scenic beauty make southeast Alaska an attractive choice for a memorable meeting or retreat. **Page 18>**



### + Lessons Learned from The Great American Eclipse

We discover what the region's communities did to prepare for last summer's solar eclipse and what they learned from the experience. **Page 36>**



# MEET HERE

## Seattle's Back Yard Attracts Meetings and Events

By Ron Engeldinger

*Located just 15 minutes south of downtown Seattle and 20 minutes north of Tacoma, the region known as Seattle Southside is an attractive alternative for meetings and events in the Seattle Metropolitan area. "We are an affordable and readily accessible region," says Jené Iceberg, regional meetings manager for the Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority.*

Iceberg adds, "Our area offers many cost-saving opportunities. Hotel rates are often 20 to 30 percent lower than comparable facilities in downtown Seattle. With lower taxes and expenses, we can offer many ways to keep your expenses in line."

Located at the convergence of I-5 and I-405, the area is

conveniently accessed by car from anywhere in the Northwest. The region is also the home of Sea-Tac International Airport, making it a non-stop plane ride away from nearly 100 cities across the globe, while the Link Light Rail System provides car-free access to and from downtown Seattle.

The region is home to the second largest collection of hotels in the state of Washington, so planners will be able to find just the right venue to host their gathering. In addition to the wide range of hotel offerings, the area has a diverse selection of unique venues. From historic waterfront auditorium to amazing museums. Venues offering fun and excitement abound, and the region has a wide



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meeting, a fundraising activity or to celebrate special occasion. The facility's high-performance go-karts are ready to test your group's competitive nature in an elimination tournament or a relay race where each team shares a kart.

## OUT AND ABOUT

The Seattle Southside region offers a rich variety of activities to enhance your meeting or event. On the shores of Puget Sound, the city of Des Moines has public beaches, a full-service marina and scenic public parks. Groups will enjoy an afternoon exploring the interesting boutiques, local restaurants and fun entertainment venues. For active visitors, boating, kayaking and even scuba diving opportunities await.

The city of Tukwila, home of one of the largest shopping centers in the Northwest, Westfield Southcenter Mall, is a renowned retail and entertainment community. For a fun group activity, tour the factory and sample the treats at Seattle Chocolate's flagship store, located near the Mall. Tukwila is also the home of Acme Bowling and Events and Sykart Indoor Racing, with the Museum of Flight only a few miles north.



## CONNECT

**Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority**  
Seattle Southside region has 8,000 guest rooms  
[seattlesouthside.com](http://seattlesouthside.com)

### Cedarbrook Lodge

- 167 guest rooms
  - 18,100 square feet of meeting and event space
  - 13 meeting rooms
  - 300 seated capacity in largest room
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### DoubleTree by Hilton Seattle Airport

- 850 guest rooms
  - 40,000 square feet of meeting and event space
  - 26 meeting rooms
  - 1,500 seated capacity on largest room
- Bruce Janzen, area director of sales and marketing  
206-246-8600  
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### Crowne Plaza Seattle Airport

- 260 guest rooms
  - 12,000 square feet of meeting and event space
  - Six meeting rooms
  - 400 seated capacity in largest room
- Linda Botts, director of sales and marketing  
206-248-1000  
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[ihg.com](http://ihg.com)

### Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center

- 396 guest rooms
  - 40,000 square feet of meeting and event space
  - 26 meeting rooms
  - 1,200 seated capacity in largest room
- Bruce Janzen, area director of sales and marketing  
206-244-4800  
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### DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Seattle Airport – Southcenter

- 219 guest rooms
  - 12,377 square feet of meeting and event space
  - 16 meeting rooms
  - 700 seated capacity in largest room
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### Four Points by Sheraton Seattle Airport South

- 225 guest rooms
  - 10,000 square feet of meeting and event space
  - Five meeting rooms
  - 320 seated capacity in largest room
- Courtney Antram, director of sales and marketing  
206-248-1000  
[fourpointssattleairportssouth.com](http://fourpointssattleairportssouth.com)

### Radisson Hotel Seattle Airport

- 204 guest rooms
  - 4,027 square feet of meeting and event space
  - Eight meeting rooms
  - 200 seated capacity in largest room
- Diana Braga, executive meeting manager  
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### Embassy Suites by Hilton Seattle-Tacoma

- 238 guest rooms
  - 5,004 square feet of meeting and event space
  - Nine meeting rooms
  - 300 seated capacity in largest room
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### The Museum of Flight

- 141,000 square feet of meeting and event space
  - 14 meeting rooms
  - 4,000 seated capacity in largest room
- Erika Callahan, vice president of marketing  
206-768-7104  
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[museumofflight.org](http://museumofflight.org)

### Des Moines Beach Park Event Center

- 5,700 square feet of meeting and event space
  - Four meeting rooms
  - 525 seated capacity in largest room
- Shannon Kirchberg, events and facilities coordinator  
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[beachparkeventcenter.com](http://beachparkeventcenter.com)

### Acme Bowling Billiards and Events

- 51,000 square feet of meeting and event space
  - Five meeting rooms
  - 1,000 seated capacity in largest room
- Tasha Wood, director of sales  
206-340-0202  
[acmebowl.com](http://acmebowl.com)

### iFly Seattle Indoor Sky Diving

- 6,500 square feet of meeting and event space
  - Three meeting rooms
  - 150 seated capacity in largest room
- James Beauchamp, sales director  
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### SyKart Indoor Racing

- 3,000 square feet of meeting and event space
  - One meeting room
  - 250 seated capacity in meeting room
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