You’ll find expansive views of the Olympic Mountains, postcard-perfect sunsets, ferry traffic, and kiteboarders sailing through the air. Everywhere you turn in this town there is something marvelous, from the scenery to the public art.
Treat Yourself to Edmonds
With a deeply embedded love of the arts and views to match, Edmonds will leave you breathless

Art is woven into every fiber of Edmonds, so much so that it was declared Washington State’s first Creative District. From the culinary and liquid arts to the visual, performance, musical and literary arts, the energy here is hopped up on creativity and beauty.

Some speculate that it’s due to the incredibly beautiful location just north of Seattle on the Salish Sea. The downtown drinks in views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains.

Locals and visitors alike walk the waterfront trail just to take in the sunsets over the Olympics, or pose for a selfie in front of one of the public art sculptures. Maybe their evening will include a show in the 1939 Art Deco high school-turned Edmonds Center for the Arts, a 700-stage theater that regularly boasts national acts. These days, many of them have been virtual, so grab a hotel or a room in a bed and breakfast (there are plenty with views), and stop in at Kelnero, the hippest new cocktail joint in town, for a cocktail crate to go. Cozy up in your room, cocktail in hand, and catch a (virtual) show.

Edmonds gives you so many reasons to visit that, once you’re here, you won’t want to leave.

Enjoy.

Love,

Edmonds
The wellspring of talent and commitment to art in Edmonds is evident on every street and park. Wander the beach by the ferry and watch the Whales beside the “Seeing Whales” sculpture by Richard Beyer. Nearby seals clamber to shore while a child on his father’s shoulders looks on (“Locals” by Georgia Gerber). There are many, many more.

With 35 permanent sculptural installations plus 27 smaller sculptures on flower basket poles, and over 100 indoor two- and three-dimensional artworks in public spaces, as well as a great many privately owned and publicly viewable art pieces, Edmonds’ dedication to creativity and community is noteworthy.

Mural Project Edmonds continually commissions juried mural work downtown, where the iconic fountain is part of a larger art piece, “Cedar Dreams” by Benson Shaw. There are so many sculptures that you can spend more than a full day finding them all.

Edmonds’ iconic fountain (TOP) at the core of Downtown’s 5th and Main Street intersection is part of a larger art piece, “Cedar Dreams” by Benson Shaw. Watch the Whales (BOTTOM) is by Richard Beyer.

Murals to Galleries to Museums
The visual arts are just non-stop here. There are nearly a dozen galleries downtown and public art installations such as Luminous Forest by Iole Alessandrini (TOP), a display of 177 LED’s embedded in 4th Avenue North. Even the humblest of walls may hold a mural commissioned by Mural Project Edmonds, (BOTTOM LEFT) while the Cascadia Art Museum (BOTTOM RIGHT) – a gem of a space that gives shape to the history of Northwest art and artists – celebrates the rich tradition of Northwest art from 1860-1970. Also, look to the Edmonds Historical Museum for the history of Edmonds through its exhibits and commissioned artworks.
Joe McIalwain, Executive Director of the Edmonds Center for the Arts (ECA), recently reflected back on the acts that have held the stage in Edmonds. “We have been so lucky to have this happen to us,” he said, scanning the list of past performers. “I mean... look at this list. It’s just awesome: Aaron Neville. Arlo Guthrie. Bruce Hornsby. Cowboy Junkies. Indigo Girls. Joan Baez. Lily Tomlin. Lyle Lovett. John Hiatt. Marc Cohn. Ricky Skaggs. Buddy Guy,” he said with awe. “It’s just been a great, great ride.”

What a ride, indeed, with so much more to come! Since this community’s commitment to art is in its blood and soul, the ECA also provides arts education and outreach programs for children and seniors. The acts that cross their stage delight with comedy, poetry and spoken word events, as well as theatrical productions. They also host 130 events put on by groups like the Cascade Symphony Orchestra, Edmonds’ own since 1962, and the Olympic Ballet Theatre and School. Local theatrical groups Phoenix Theatre and Edmonds Driftwood Players put on performances in their own venues. Edmonds is doubly blessed to be one of the few communities with a historic theater for film movies.

Come along for the ride, won’t you?

MUSICAL & PERFORMING ARTS

“It’s been a great, great ride”

Edmonds’ own 700-seat theater hosts national acts, ballet company and symphony orchestra

Edmonds Center for the Arts

Photo courtesy of the Edmonds Center for the Arts

ECA, 700 SEATS FOR A MAGICAL LINE-UP OF ACTS

The Edmonds Center for the Arts (ECA) is center stage for the performing arts. A 700-stage theater and a line-up of national acts, the ECA curates a performing arts and concert series of approximately 30 artists each season, as well as hosting 130 events produced by local and regional performing arts organizations and community partners.

> Edmonds Center for the Arts
WRITE ON THE SOUND

“Write on the Sound” annual writing conference is thought-provoking, intimate and focused tightly on the craft of writing and publishing.

INDEPENDENT BOOKSHOPS

Two independent bookshops are the focal point for community gathering and conversation.

> visitedmonds.com Literary Arts
LIQUID & CULINARY ARTS

Edmonds’ distillery and breweries can’t curb the creativity, creating fresh new spirits and collaborating with the local restaurants and cocktail bars for new creations.

As a culinary scene, Edmonds is the West Coast’s best kept secret.
DREAMY COCKTAILS & BITES

Kelnerococktailbar makes a cocktail crate (TOP) – the perfect solution during pandemic restrictions. Locals love the cocktails-to-go for sharing with friends on the patio. Their premium cocktails include spirits from Scratch Distillery, where “Gin Equals Love”. (BELOW), Scratch holds tastings of their gin, vodka and whiskey, all made from non-GMO, organic ingredients from Washington State.

Scratch Distillery's master distiller and owner Kim Karrick has found an insatiable demand for her spirits.
Destination-Worthy Ethnic Eats

In the mood for something different? Caribbean? Mexican? Thai? Asian? Fusion Anything? Just show up in Edmonds – It’s all here. In the Ethnic Eats department, many are setting trends in the diverse culinary arts, with an exciting mix of the known and unknown.

Sushi master Ryuichi Nakano disappointed his fans in Seattle when he left to open a new shop in Edmonds: San Kai. Trust the Chef with his Omakase.

In the Five Corners District, Bar Dojo is the neighborhood gem, serving up Chino Latino Cuisine, a melting pot of Asian comfort foods. Hand crafted cocktails with Asian inspired fruits and spices. Organic tofu. Wild Fish. They even serve up ‘the best chicken deal in the Sound,’ according to Seattle Times food writer. Bar Dojo’s Sunday Fried Chicken special is available pre-order only. The sides take it up a notch with mashed potatoes and grilled sweet green onions; mac and cheese cut with the “zing and pop of kimchi,” adds the Times food critic, Tan Vinh.

Speaking of chicken – how about trying it Caribbean style? Calypso Edmonds makes jerk chicken wings and jerk chicken fettuccine, along with peppered beef stew, curried goat and coconut curried lentils. See you soon.

Supporting Minority-Owned

Speaking out and acting up to promote social justice is more important than ever and can take many forms. When you are in the mood for a little take-out, supporting a local minority-owned restaurant is one way to support your neighbors.

Edmonds has been blessed with an incredible diversity of restaurants, and the diversity among our Asian restaurants is a Dim Sum of options for the palate – especially in the International District. So if you’re in the mood for some amazing Dim Sum, noodles, hot pots, poke, dumplings, Thai, Indonesian or Filipino food – the options are nearly endless in Edmonds.

Look to our website for some amazing restaurants of all varieties. With a bustling International District and a top-notch destination foodie scene, you will find a great many satisfying ways to do good and eat great.

San Kai
Seattle sushi master
Ryuichi Nakano makes sushi that is lovely to behold and lovelier to eat. His Omakase defies the ordinary.

Bar Dojo
Chef de Cuisine Luis Brambila conducts an East/West symphony in his fusion of upscale delights.

Maize & Barley
This café/bistro and taproom rotates a small seasonal menu of heavenly bites. Try the Trinidad Fish sandwich & Packless Mule.

Caravan Kebab
Try Pakistani Chef Raja Shahzad’s eggplant stuffed with walnuts and caramelized onions, served Georgian style.

Qin
Biang-biang noodles, the ultimate elevated peasant food, is a spicy option at this restaurant in the International District.

Barkada
A Filipino-Hawaiian restaurant where Chef Brian Madayag combines his heritage with PNW style & local ingredients.
The Edmonds food scene is rising to an astonishing level of achievement as chefs play with local ingredients in bold ways. There isn’t any town or city in this county that can boast more restaurants, more upscale eateries, or more ethnic diversity in its culinary scene. Edmonds is all over it!

Foodies delight in the fact that Edmonds is continually opening new eateries — even during the pandemic!

Edmonds is fast becoming a worldly culinary destination and is “the best kept secret on the West Coast,” according to Edmonds restaurateur Shubert Ho. He says Seattle is in the top ten of culinary scenes in the nation, and Edmonds is keeping up in its diversity and quality of cuisine. He owns Bar Dojo, Salt and Iron, The Mar-Ket, San Kai, and the newest kid on the block, Fire and the Feast, where someone is always making fresh pasta in front of the Main Street window. Ho opened Bar Dojo to introduce upscale Asian fusion; Salt and Iron was created to bring a destination-worthy steak and oyster house; and the Mar•Ket brought the fishmonger service with a sidewalk-fronting take-out window for ordering up the best lobster roll you’ll find in the state.

Calypso, Epulo Bistro, Chanterelle’s Maize & Barley, Barkada and more in the downtown core delight with finely crafted fare.

“I think the Edmonds culinary scene ranks up in the top ten, I would say, in all of Washington,” said Ho.

> Visitedmonds.com Culinary Scene
On their annual migration through Puget Sound, squid are attracted to the lights of Edmonds’ fishing pier. It’s here that anglers fish for salmon, jiggers pull up squid, and crabbers drop crab pots in hopes of pulling up the delectable Northwest Dungeness Crab.
THE SALISH SEA ALWAYS DELIGHTS

Whale Watching cruises with Puget Sound Express, guided beach Rangers tours, a popular fishing pier, a ferry to ride, plus an Underwater Dive Park and Marine Sanctuary. Edmonds waterfront has it all.

Divers photo by Jonathan Schmidt. All others this page by Janine Harles.
Sandy Beaches for Long Walks

Over mile-long waterfront walkway comes with views of the Olympic Mountains and sandy beaches

Edmonds is a walker’s paradise, offering up plenty of opportunity for a good stretch of the legs and some fresh sea air in the lungs. With a very walkable downtown and 47 different parks and open space sites, many with wooded trails, walking is a favorite pastime of the locals. The crown jewel is the Edmonds Marine Walkway — a paved path just over a mile long that runs from the Edmonds Marina to the marine sanctuary, dotted with public art sculptures and opportunities to watch birds and wildlife.

You can also stroll around the marina, walk on the 944-foot public fishing pier, or dig your toes into the sandy beach while admiring the many art sculptures.

The Edmonds Marina is a 650-slip marina with all the amenities. From there you can rent a charter boat, join the boat club, or take a whale watching excursion.

> Visitedmonds.com Marine Walkway
> Visitedmonds.com Beaches
> Edmonds Marina

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Puget Sound Bird Fest

Nearly 200 species of birds are spotted annually in Edmonds. Puget Sound Bird Fest celebrates this by bringing in birders from across the nation.

Edmonds Acres of Parks Truly Have Something for Everyone

With five miles of shoreline, 47 park and open space sites and multiple athletic fields, we know how lucky we have it in Edmonds.

We revel in our beaches, from the off-leash dog park at its southern end to the Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Dive Park, where divers bob to the surface after exploring the considerable wildlife out of eye from the land lovers. Edmonds peeps do love their dogs. So they banded together to create the spacious off-leash park on the beach and they volunteer to keep it clean. Because dogs love the beach, just like we do.

Kids and adults enjoy tennis/pickleball and basketball courts, Pétanque and Sand Volleyball. Dog lovers walk the many miles of park trails.

The Edmonds Marsh is a 22.5-acre park preserving an urban remnant of the saltwater marshes that provide fish, bird and wildlife habitat. It’s the first stop on the National Audubon Society’s Cascade Loop bird trail.

There is no better time – or place – to get outside.

BEACHES

From the Marina on its southern point to Haines Wharf Park in the north, Edmonds has plenty of beaches to explore.

DOG PARKS

Off-Leash Area Edmonds gets Rover from woods to water for some off-leash romping on the beach. Dogs are also allowed on-leash in many other parks.

WALKING TRAILS

Visit the mile+ waterfront walking trail or Yost Memorial Park (great for walking and looking for wildlife that thrive in forest and near streams), Meadowdale Beach Park, Pine Ridge Park (24-urban acres with a pond), Yost Park, and more.

URBAN MARSH

22.5-acre rare urban saltwater estuary, the Edmonds Marsh is a bird watcher’s heaven.

PLAYGROUNDS

Let the kids play on the beach or the playground at Marina Beach Park, run through the spray park at Edmonds City Park, or find Yost Pool or one of the many ballfields in town.

> visitedmonds.com
Downtown Shopping

The shopping here is unreal. Your every wish is granted. Jewelry: from funky costume jewelry to antique settings and high art. Clothing: boutiques for the new baby or the trend-setting lady. Salons and spas: sugar, wax and lash your way to glam. Visit edmondsdowntown.org to learn more.

Stay With Us

www.visitedmonds.com/stay

With a hotel near the waterfront, vacation rentals and bed and breakfast locations – many with water and mountain views – you’ll enjoy the chance to stay longer and take in more of Edmonds.

Getting Here

visitedmonds.com/plan

Edmonds is just 15 minutes from both Seattle and Paine Field Regional Airport. Trains, buses, boats, and a ferry all serve Edmonds. Visit https://visitedmonds.com/plan to find your best option.

Festivals & Events

www.visitedmonds.com/events

Visit our website to know what’s happening when. Or go straight to the Edmonds Center for the Arts, or our theater groups, Phoenix Theatre, Edmonds Driftwood Players or the Cascadia Art Museum.

Resources

Edmondschamber.com
Edmondsdowntown.org
Edmondswa.gov

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Your Safety

The City of Edmonds takes your safety seriously and follows all pandemic-related protocols.

We appreciate your patience with local businesses as they follow the state and local guidelines, including masking when required.