Seattle, Washington Cruise Port Guide

Pier 66 and Pier 91, parking, SEA airport, hotels, restaurants, attractions, shopping, and Alaska cruise planning

Information reviewed August 1, 2026. Cruise schedules, terminals, parking prices, hotel packages, store hours, and transportation options can change. Verify current details before travel.

Cruise Port Overview

Seattle is a major Alaska cruise gateway with two terminals on Elliott Bay. Pier 66 is directly on the downtown waterfront, while Pier 91 is north of downtown at Smith Cove. The city is an excellent pre- or post-cruise destination for food, markets, museums, and Puget Sound scenery.

Terminal 1	Bell Street Cruise Terminal at Pier 66, 2225 Alaskan Way
Terminal 2	Smith Cove Cruise Terminal at Pier 91, 2001 West Garfield Street
Primary airport	Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)
Cruise season	Primarily spring through fall for Alaska, with occasional special sailings
Special service	Port Valet may transfer eligible checked bags from ship to participating airlines after the cruise.

Cruise Lines Sailing From This Port

Norwegian Cruise Line

Regularly uses Pier 66 for Alaska sailings.

Oceania Cruises

Uses Pier 66 for selected itineraries.

Holland America Line

Regular Alaska departures from Pier 91.

Princess Cruises

Regular Alaska departures from Pier 91.

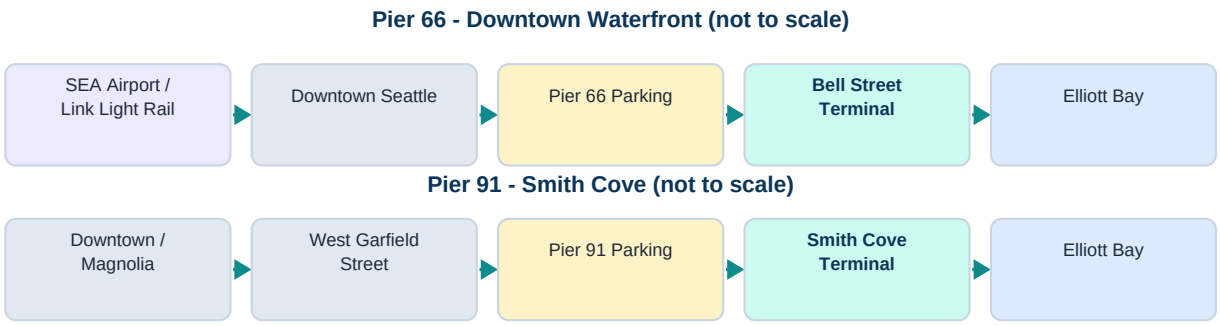
Royal Caribbean, Celebrity and Carnival

Seasonal Alaska service, generally from Pier 91.

MSC, Cunard, Virgin Voyages, Silversea and others

Selected 2026 sailings or calls; verify the ship and terminal schedule.

Cruise Terminals and Orientation Map



Pier 66 is within walking distance of Pike Place Market, the Seattle Aquarium, and downtown hotels. Pier 91 is about 10 minutes north of the retail core by vehicle. Use the Port of Seattle ship-and-terminal lookup because cruise-line assignments can change.

Parking Options and Costs

Pier 66	$33 per day through the current parking operator, subject to change.
Pier 91	Rates start around $27 per day including fees and taxes, with shuttle and luggage assistance.
Reservations	Advance reservation is strongly recommended for both terminals.
Drop-off	Both terminals have passenger and luggage drop-off zones.
Pier 66 luggage storage	Same-day luggage storage has been listed at $6 per bag, with pickup deadlines and late fees.
Port Valet	Eligible disembarking guests can check bags from ship to participating airlines without carrying them through the city.

Airport Transportation

SEA Airport

The main airport. Allow about 35 minutes or more by road depending on traffic.

Link light rail

Economical from SEA to downtown. From Westlake or another central station, use taxi/rideshare for Pier 66 or Pier 91 with luggage.

Taxi or rideshare

Direct and practical, especially for Pier 91 or families.

Private transfer

Useful for groups, mobility needs, or hotel-to-terminal coordination.

Return flight timing

Allow enough time for ship clearance, transportation, airport security, and Seattle traffic.

Cruise-Friendly Hotels and Parking Packages

Hotel cruise-parking packages and shuttle schedules change frequently. Verify parking duration, transfer fees, vehicle access, and package restrictions directly with the hotel before booking.

Seattle Marriott Waterfront

Across from the downtown waterfront and very convenient to Pier 66; parking is separate unless specially packaged.

The Edgewater Hotel

Waterfront property between Pier 66 and Seattle Center; verify current parking and cruise offers.

Mediterranean Inn

Near Seattle Center and reasonably positioned for Pier 91.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Seattle Downtown

Suite-style option between downtown and Pier 91.

Stay+Cruise+Play partners

The Port of Seattle publishes seasonal cruise-and-stay partners and visitor discounts.

Airport hotels

Often offer lower rates or park-and-fly packages, but require a longer transfer to either pier.

Best Restaurants Nearby

Pike Place Chowder

Popular chowder near Pike Place Market.

The Pink Door

Italian-American dining and entertainment near Pike Place.

Matt's in the Market

Pacific Northwest cuisine overlooking Pike Place Market.

Elliott's Oyster House

Seafood on the downtown waterfront.

Anthony's Pier 66

Waterfront seafood close to the Bell Street terminal.

Ivar's Acres of Clams

Classic Seattle seafood on the waterfront.

Local Attractions

Pike Place Market
Food, crafts, fish vendors, flowers, and local history.

Space Needle and Seattle Center
Iconic observation tower plus museums and attractions.

Chihuly Garden and Glass
Colorful glass art beside the Space Needle.

Museum of Pop Culture
Music, film, science fiction, and popular culture exhibits.

Seattle Aquarium and Ocean Pavilion
Marine life and a newly expanded waterfront experience.

Pioneer Square and waterfront
Historic architecture, underground tours, ferries, and harbor views.

Shopping

Pike Place Market
Local foods, crafts, gifts, flowers, and specialty shops.

Westlake and downtown retail
Department stores, fashion, and convenient city-center shopping.

Seattle Center shops
Souvenirs and museum stores near major attractions.

Ballard and Fremont
Independent boutiques, markets, and neighborhood shopping.

Seattle Premium Outlets
Farther north and best for travelers with a car and extra time.

Grocery and Liquor Stores

Target Downtown Seattle
General essentials; verify current entrance and hours.

H Mart and Whole Foods
Groceries, prepared foods, and snacks in central Seattle.

Safeway and Metropolitan Market
Full grocery options near downtown and Queen Anne.

Washington liquor sales
Beer, wine, and spirits are available in many grocery and specialty stores.

Pharmacies
CVS, Walgreens, and local pharmacies for medicine and toiletries.

Weather by Season

Winter	Cool and wet, commonly 40s, with short daylight and occasional snow.
Spring	50s to 60s with showers and rapidly changing conditions.
Summer	Usually mild and relatively dry, often upper 60s to 70s; evenings can be cool.
Fall	50s to 60s with increasing rain and shorter daylight. Alaska-season layers remain important.

Embarkation Day Tips

Confirm Pier 66 or Pier 91
The two terminals are several miles apart.

Use layers and rain protection
Seattle mornings can be cool even on warm days.

Reserve parking
Cruise-season spaces fill, especially on multi-ship weekends.

Use early luggage drop only when authorized
Pier 66 has special options for selected Norwegian guests; follow current rules.

Keep Alaska essentials in carry-on
Medication, passport or ID, rain shell, warm layer, and valuables.

Explore after the cruise with Port Valet
Eligible guests can enjoy the city without checked luggage.

Frequently Asked Questions

Which lines use Pier 66?	Norwegian and Oceania are the principal homeport users.
Which lines use Pier 91?	Holland America, Princess, Royal Caribbean, Celebrity, Carnival, and others commonly use Smith Cove.
How much is parking?	Pier 66 is listed at $33 per day; Pier 91 starts around $27 per day, subject to change.
Can I take light rail to the ship?	Light rail reaches downtown, but neither terminal has a station at the door. Use a taxi or rideshare for the final segment.
What is Port Valet?	A complimentary post-cruise luggage service for eligible ships and airlines that sends checked bags to the airport system.

Money-Saving Tips

Use Link light rail from SEA
This can reduce airport transfer cost when luggage is manageable.

Stay near Pier 66 only when your ship uses it
A downtown waterfront hotel is less convenient for Pier 91 than it appears.

Use Port Valet
It can save luggage-storage and transportation hassle after the cruise.

Book Alaska season early
Hotels and parking are expensive on peak summer weekends.

Eat at markets and food halls
Pike Place offers many quick, lower-cost choices.

Let KalviTravel match terminal and hotel
Scott can prevent the common mistake of choosing a hotel convenient to the wrong pier.

Why Book With KalviTravel

Personal comparison
Scott helps compare cruise lines, ships, cabins, itineraries, ports, and travel dates instead of focusing on only one advertised price.

Complete trip planning
Cruise fare, hotel, parking, airport transportation, transfers, and protection decisions can be considered as one vacation plan.

Clear reminders

KalviTravel helps clients keep track of deposits, final payment dates, identification needs, and important preparation steps.

Support from a real advisor

You have a person to contact before and during your trip. Call Scott Kalvinek at (508) 769-3808 or visit KalviTravel.com.

Official and Planning Sources

Port of Seattle cruise passenger information
https://www.portseattle.org/page/cruise-passenger-information

Pier 66 terminal information
https://www.portseattle.org/places/bell-street-cruise-terminal-pier-66

Visit Seattle cruise lines
https://visitseattle.org/things-to-do/cruises/cruise-lines/

Visit Seattle cruise FAQ
https://visitseattle.org/things-to-do/cruises/cruise-faq/

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https://www.portseattle.org/file-documents/2026-cruise-stay

My Cruise Port Notes