

## Cocktails, couture and cutting-edge theatre in the Pacific Northwest



### 2 LULY YANG

For pure indulgence, step inside Luly Yang's boutique. This Seattle-based designer specialises in sculptural ready-to-wear cocktail dresses as well as award-winning bridal gowns. Seattle is great for shoe shopping generally, but you'll also want to take home Yang's elegant creations. 1218 4th Avenue (00 1 206 623 8200; [www.lulyyang.com](http://www.lulyyang.com)).



### 3 ACT THEATRE

For more than 40 years, ACT has brought contemporary voices to the US stage. A formidable showcase for new ideas, the venue focuses on pushing the envelope. With Tom Stoppard's *Rock'n'Roll* coming up this year, the quality speaks for itself. Great value, too. Kreielsheimer Place, 700 Union Street (00 1 206 292 7676; [www.acttheatre.org](http://www.acttheatre.org)).

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### 1 W SEATTLE

In the heart of downtown, the überstylish and luxurious W hotel is the ideal hub from which to explore the mix of hip venues nearby. A Seattle hotspot, the W Bar serves a deliciously good lychee martini. 1112 4th Avenue (00 1 206 264 6000; [www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com)).



### 4 THE PINK DOOR

Fresh flowers, artworks, tablecloths, velvet curtains and a hanging trapeze form the backdrop to this Italian-American restaurant famed for its cabaret. On Saturday nights, things turn a little more saucy in the lounge, when your hosts present post-dinner burlesque for your delight. With no front signage, your only clue is the pink door itself. 1919 Post Alley (00 1 206 443 3241; [www.thepinkdoor.net](http://www.thepinkdoor.net)).

British Airways flies from London Heathrow to Seattle from £417 return including taxes ([www.ba.com](http://www.ba.com))

### 6 FLYING FISH

The quintessential Seattle seafood restaurant, Flying Fish is where the young urbanites of Belltown district hang out. Its informality as a neighbourhood bistro belies a serious approach to foodie culture, serving locally caught fare from the Pacific Northwest's larder. Order a selection of the small plates or a sharing platter so you don't miss a thing. 2234 1st Avenue (00 1 206 728 8595; [www.flyingfishrestaurant.com](http://www.flyingfishrestaurant.com)).



### 5 WATSON KENNEDY

"Purveyor of fine goods" Watson Kennedy is a cornucopia of treats for the home. Owner Ted Kennedy sources vintage items from Europe to mix in with his select brands, and his passion for the art of display makes this Seattle original a browser's heaven. 86 Pine Street (00 1 206 443 6281; [www.watsonkennedy.com](http://www.watsonkennedy.com)).

