

Seattle Southside Guide for Families – Fun for any Season



SEATTLE SOUTHSIDE GUIDE

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If you're wanting a fun family adventure weekend or staycation, especially as the weather starts to turn more dreary outside, Seattle Southside is a great place to head to for a wide variety of fun for all ages from little kiddos to teens. There are over 200 restaurants, Plus, it's a great central location south of Seattle for those who are traveling to Seattle for a vacation. Everything is so centrally located, so you don't have to travel too far or deal with the infamous Seattle traffic too much either. I love that there is now a Light Rail train station right in Tukwila, just a few minutes away, too, so if you want to spend the day in Seattle, you can just hop on the light rail to cruise into downtown & avoid all the traffic on the highways.

Where to Stay: Hotel Interurban –



If you have driven around the Southcenter area recently, then you have seen a large new hotel that is just a few blocks away from Southcenter Mall. This new hotel opened last May 2018 & is called the Hotel Interurban. It is 19 stories high & the tallest building in Tukwila; in fact, it's the tallest building between Tukwila & Seattle. It is in a central location as you can avoid some of the Seattle traffic staying in the Tukwila area, but the light rail transit that heads north up to Seattle is just one mile away if you want to head into the city. The hotel is just under 4 miles to the airport, if you are wanting to stay overnight before your early morning flight (they do have "Stay & Fly packages") or if you are traveling to Seattle & want a central, close location to the airport & shopping, restaurants & entertainment without going into downtown Seattle.

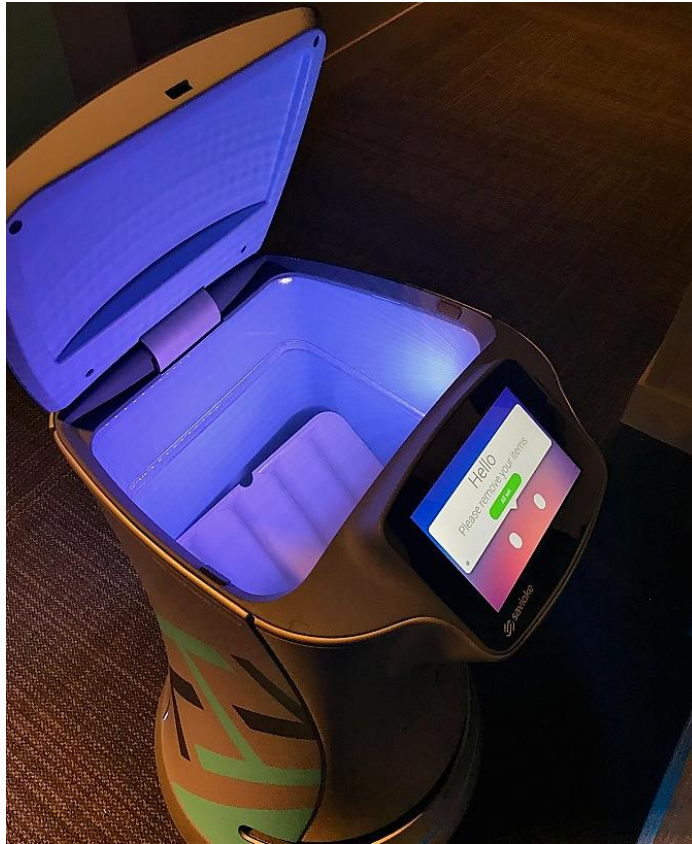


I love the chic, modern look of this hotel; when we entered the two story lobby, we were immediately drawn to the gorgeous glass art work by local artist, Bryan Rubino. The hotel guest rooms are bright & airy with comfortable pillow-top mattresses & 49" HDTV's. The kids will love that there is an indoor saline pool & right next door is an exercise room for mom & dad.

For weekend travel, this is definitely a family-friendly location as they often offer lower rates & packages as their busiest times are weekdays with business travelers & conferences. Bring your pooch along as well as it is also dog-friendly. Kids will love the location as it is so close to so many entertainment centers, perfect for rainy Seattle weekends (check out all of the indoor nearby activities below). And if you are wanting a couples' getaway or girls' weekend, there are so many dining options within blocks as well (along with the entertainment options that are fun for the adults in the evenings).



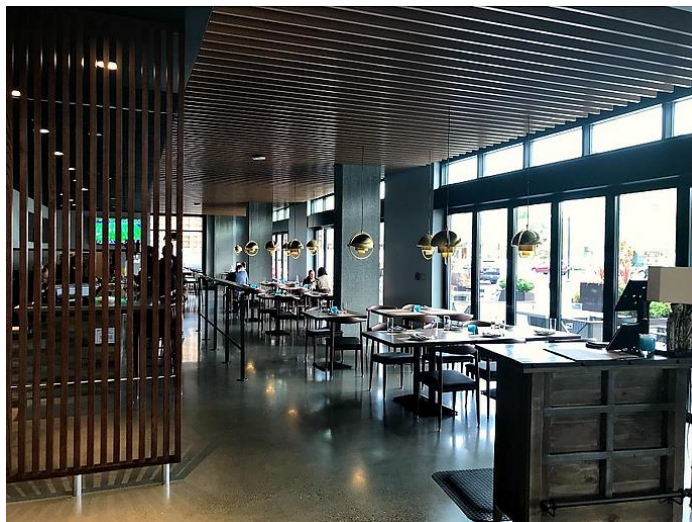
The unusual aspect of this hotel, though & the absolute highlight for my girls was the fact that the Hotel Interurban offers the first hotel robot in the state of Washington. Hazel is the hotel robot who makes deliveries around the hotel – whenever you call to request anything such as toiletries, towels or even to order small items of food or drink (that will fit) , she will make the delivery to you. My girls had fun ordering some toiletries we'd forgotten & following her from the hotel lobby thru the elevator & up to our hotel room.



Once she arrives in front of your door, she then calls your room so you can come to the door & she can make her delivery. Seriously, the coolest thing ever! She hangs out in the downstairs lobby next to the elevators, so you can check her out. This will no doubt be a highlight for your kids as well (& I have to admit I had fun trailing her on her adventure, too, as she even did a little dance when the elevator arrived). Make sure to check out our [Instagram highlights "Seattle Southside"](#) to see video of Hazel in action.

Where to Eat:

Waterleaf Restaurant –



If you are looking for a restaurant with live entertainment, we really enjoyed the Waterleaf restaurant in the Hotel Interurban. They offer a menu of food that's locally sourced and a variety of options, everything from Chicken Curry to Dim Sum, Bacon Cheeseburgers & more. In the warmer months, the doors all slide open so there is indoor & outdoor seating, complete with fire pits.



Every Friday & Saturday evening, they offer live entertainment & they also offer their Happy Hour specials during that time as well. So, happy hour is available Monday – Fridays, but also till later evening on Friday & Saturday nights, when they have live entertainment. Just make sure to ask for their happy hour menu. We enjoyed listening to the band while we ate as a family. It was nice to have a nice night out & listen to music while not worrying about having our kids with us as there were definitely families there as well as couples & groups.