Welcome to Seattle

We want to help make your visit as pleasant and productive as possible. This guide will give you the basic information that you need while you are in Seattle. We look forward to meeting you at the conference and we hope you will have an enjoyable stay!

Seattle is 83.78 square miles, surrounded by forests, water, and mountains. It is the home of Microsoft and Amazon headquarters within its metropolitan area, and houses the Space Needle from the 1962 World's Fair. From various parks and local attractions, Seattle has both urban and architectural marvels that will satisfy all of your tourist needs.

This website provides an overview of things to do: food, lodging, entertainment in addition to the information listed within this packet. visitseattle.org

Voice and Speech Trainer Association (VASTA) Mission Statement:
VASTA is an international organization whose mission is to advance the art, research, and visibility of the voice and speech profession.

Pan American Vocology Association (PAVA) Mission Statement:
...to advance the scientific study of vocalization across species toward improvement of professional and recreational voice use.
Conference Venue - Cornish Playhouse

The VASTA/PAVA 2018 Joint Conference will be held at the Cornish Playhouse, a high-profile entertainment venue maintained and administered by Cornish College of the Arts. The Cornish Playhouse is aptly located in the arts, educational, tourist, and entertainment area known as “Seattle Center.” In addition to the Space Needle, the 74-acre Seattle Center boasts public gathering spaces, museums, landmarks, theatres, and conference centers. The Cornish Playhouse was originally built for the 1962 World’s Fair, and houses a 440-seat main auditorium, a black-box theatre, and an expansive forecourt and lobby. The architecturally unique Playhouse-- located next door to the Seattle Repertory Theatre-- offers quality arts productions in theatre, dance, music, and visual arts. It is the main theatre space for Cornish College of the Arts.

The Cornish Playhouse is located at 201 Mercer Street, Seattle, WA.

For more information on the Cornish Playhouse including location, parking, public transportation, and accessibility, click on this link:  http://www.cornish.edu/playhouse/
Maps and Directions
Seattle - University District

Coming from I-5
Take the 50th Street exit and head east towards 15th Ave NE. Turn left on Brooklyn Ave NE or University Way NE (the Ave). Park in any of the on-site spaces (free and first come first served) or on street (free after 6pm).

Coming from SR-520
Depending on traffic it might be faster to take the Montlake exit and head up Pacific to 15th Ave NE. Make a left on 50th and a right on University Way. Taking I-5 is usually faster, but not always.

Traveling and Getting to the Venue
Border, visa, and passport information for Seattle HERE
More visa information for non-US citizens traveling to the United States HERE
More information regarding passports, visas, etc for International travelers to the United States HERE

Google Maps
Seattle

Traveling by Air
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport: Is approximately 30 minutes from the venue. Ground transportation is provided to and from the airport via light rail and bus. The airport also partners with Uber and Lyft. More information is available HERE

*Map from Pacific Science Center
Getting Around Seattle

Seattle Parking
Paid parking is in effect Monday through Saturday and is generally limited to 2, 4 or 10 hours, depending on the location. You may pay one of two ways: via Pay Stations or by PayByPhone. To use PayByPhone, please download the app on your smartphone to register. If you do not have a car, there are many other transportation options available in the city. More information on this as well as downloadable walking maps of three different Seattle areas can be can be found HERE.

Washington State Department of Transportation
The ferries are another unique, enjoyable way to travel around Seattle. Details on routes and schedules can be found HERE.

Rail:
Link Light Rail goes between UW station and Sea-Tac airport, making stops in downtown Seattle. Service runs every 6, 10 or 15 minutes depending on the time of day. Service times on Monday-Saturday: 5am-1am, Sundays: 6am-midnight.

Monorail:
This connects Seattle Center to Westlake Center. Seattle Center monorail departs every 10 minutes from two stations: Seattle Center Station (adjacent to the Space needle) and Westlake Center Mall station (at 5th Ave and Pine St.) One-way fares begin at $2.50. ORCA Cards are NOT accepted as a form of payment. For schedules and route information please visit www.seattlemonorail.com.

Seattle Streetcar:
The Seattle Streetcar offers two lines, the South Lake Union Line and the First Hill Line. A single ride is $2.25 or you may purchase a day-pass at $4.50. For more schedule and route information, visit www.seattlestreetcar.org.

Streetcar Services Maps and Schedule

Pierce Transit:
Buses via Pierce Transit are another transportation option. A single fare is $2 or an all-day pass for $5. For details on routes, click HERE.

Water Taxi:
There is also a water taxi which connects Seattle with West Seattle at $5.25 for a one-way fare. You may pay via cash, a ticket or your ORCA card.
GETTING AROUND SEATTLE
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CONTINUED

ORCA Card:
The ORCA card is a refillable card which allows you to add money to it and it automatically deducts the correct amount whenever you tap it against the card reader before entering the bus or train. The card itself costs $5.00 and after that you can load whatever amount you choose. You may get an ORCA card at www.orcacard.com or at ticket vending machines. Provides Bus, Rail, and Water Taxi Services

Bus:
Metro Transit bus service connects King County. In order to plan a trip from door to door, go to: www.tripplanner.kingcounty.gov.

Special Features of Seattle bus service:

Night Owl:
This bus service which consists of 18 metro routes between midnight and 5am if you are out late. More info HERE

RapidRide:
Functioning much like a train, RapidRide buses follow the exact same route coming and going and arrive every 10 minutes during peak commute times and every 15 minutes during off-peak times. This eliminates the need to check bus schedules as you know there’s a bus on its way every few minutes. All buses are wheelchair accessible. More info HERE

More information regarding King County Transportation can be found HERE

For maps and schedules, please visit: http://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/schedules-maps.aspx - tab-routes
Accommodations

Airbnb Seattle:
Rental information HERE

Hotel Maxwell:
$249/night
PROMO CODE: PAVA-TMH
Your online booking link

To book, please follow the directions below. Note that the online booking code and link will only work for contracted room nights.

1. Go to http://www.themaxwellhotel.com/
2. Click Reservations
3. Enter the check in and check out date
4. Click Book Now
5. Click Special Code tab
6. Put PAVA-TMH in group code section
7. Click Check Availability

If a guest would like to come in early or stay a day later please call: 866-866-7977 or email: reservations@staypineapple.com

Mediterranean Inn:
Room blocks and rates for VASTA and PAVA members will be available in January. Please check conference website for details. It is important to note that the room rate will be comparable to the Hotel Maxwell. (Yes, Seattle is pretty darn expensive...)
http://www.mediterranean-inn.com

The Dorms at the Cornish College of the Arts:
Shared room rates vary between $30 an $50/night

We are unable to secure room blocks at this time, due to the College stating requisite student preference through the New Year.

Please check back with us in January for an update regarding availability.
Places to Eat Near the Venue

Walk west along Mercer (past the Seattle Repertory Theatre) and you will find a variety of restaurants, bars, and cafes that service the area between Mercer and W. Republican St (to the south of Mercer). Check out 1st Ave N and Queen Anne Ave N in this area for seafood, Thai, Indian, and Cajun, among other cuisines. See a selected list of cafes and restaurants below:

Coffee (it IS Seattle after all...):
• Caffe Zingaro, 127 Mercer St.
• Starbucks, 425 Queen Anne Ave N.
• Uptown Espresso, 525 Queen Ave N.

The Seattle Center Armory:
• Offers many options for food and drinks, 305 Harrison Street

Seafood:
• Taylor Shellfish Oyster Bar, 124 Republican St.

Indian:
• Roti Cuisine of India, 530 Queen Ave N.
• Chutney’s Queen Anne, 519 1st Ave N.

Thai:
• Racha Noodles & Thai Cuisine, 23 Mercer St.

Cajun:
• Toulouse Petit Kitchen & Lounge, 601 Queen Anne Ave N.

Diner:
• The Mecca Cafe & Bar, 526 Queen Anne Ave N.

Mexican:
• Blue Water Taco Grill, 515 Queen Anne Ave N.
• Agave Cocina and Tequilas, 100 Republican St.

Irish Pub
• T.S. McHugh’s, 21 Mercer St.
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CityPASS: Save up to 49% on five top Seattle attractions with the purchase of a CityPASS. $79 for adults and $59 for children, the CityPASS is an economical way to explore Seattle attractions. The CityPASS is valid for nine consecutive days and attractions can be visited in any order. A fantastic deal for anyone wanting the get the most out of Seattle’s most popular attractions!

Included in CityPASS admission: 1) Space Needle; 2) Seattle Aquarium; 3) Argosy Cruises Harbor Tour; 4) Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) or Woodland Park Zoo; and 5) Chihuly Garden and Glass or Pacific Science Center.

Pike Place Market (downtown Seattle, east of the waterfront): Open year-round, this is Seattle’s most iconic attraction — and it’s filled with tasty treats. There’s so much to love about Pike Place Market. Aisles of gleaming fruits and vegetables, tables overflowing with fresh floral bouquets, and booth after booth selling all manner of locally made jewelry, clothing and gifts. It’s also a great place to enjoy many fantastic eateries serving prepared dishes. When you’re not sure what kind of food you’re in the mood to eat, just head to Pike Place Market and sample a little of everything or hop on one of several market tours that focus on food, history, or a little of both. There’s also the whole fish-throwing thing, too.

Seattle Center (305 Harrison Street): An arts, educational, entertainment and major tourist site, the Seattle Center is a 74-acre public space in the heart of the city. Built for the 1962 World's Fair, the Center boasts numerous popular attractions including the Space Needle, the Museum of Pop Culture, the Chihuly Garden and Glass, and the Pacific Science Center. A hubbub of theatre, the Center houses the Seattle Repertory Theatre, Seattle Children's Theatre, and the Cornish Playhouse, among others. Enjoy a variety of restaurants, bars, and entertainment in the area.

Original Starbucks Store (1912 Pike Place): How about a cappuccino in the place where it all started? Head to Pike’s Place Market in downtown Seattle to see the first Starbucks store, established in 1971. Enjoy historic decor as you sip a beverage of your choice at this popular tourist attraction. Starbucks Tour

Museum of History and Industry (860 Terry Ave. N): Learn about the rich history and culture of the Puget Sound region at Seattle’s premier regional history museum. State-of-the-art exhibits, family activities, hands-on interactive.

Open daily 10am-5pm and until 8pm every Thurs. Ticket Prices: Adults: $19.95; Seniors (62+): $15.95; Students & Military: $13.95; Youth (14 & under): Free.
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**Seattle Aquarium** (1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59): The Seattle Aquarium’s mission is “Inspiring Conservation of Our Marine Environment.” Explore their six major exhibits and enjoy learning about the life of the Pacific Northwest’s waters. Popular attractions include the dive show in the 120,000-gallon “Window on Washington Waters,” petting sea creatures from Puget Sound tide pools, sea otter and seal feedings in the Marine Mammals exhibit, and experiencing life under the sea in the 360-degree Underwater Sea Dome.

Open daily, 9:30 am-5:00 pm. Last entry at 5:00 pm, exhibits close at 6:00 pm.
Ticket prices: $29.95 (adult, 13 years + older), $19.95 (ages 4-12), Free (children 3 years and under). Additional discounts for seniors, persons with disabilities, and active military. Save on admission prices with a CityPASS.

**Woodland Park Zoo** (5500 Phinney Ave. N): “Woodland Park Zoo saves animals and their habitats through conservation leadership and engaging experiences, inspiring people to learn, care, and act.” (Mission). Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, and Humane Certified from the American Humane Conservation program, the Woodland Zoo is active in environmental and ecological conservation, working to save and provide quality care for species. Housed on 92 acres, the zoo’s 1,100 animals and 300 species are spread across ten exhibits. Among these exhibits are the African Savanna, Australasia, Tropical Rainforest, Molbak’s Butterfly Garden, and the Temperate Forest.

Open daily, 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Ticket prices: $14.95 (ages 13-64), $9.95 (ages 3-12), Free (0-2). Discounts for seniors (65+) and persons with disabilities. Use your CityPASS to save on admission prices.

**Pacific Science Center** (200 2nd Ave N): “Ignite your Curiosity!” Designed for the 1962 World’s Fair by renowned architect Minoru Yamasaki, the Pacific Science Center boasts eight buildings, including two IMAX theatres, a Laser Dome theatre, a butterfly garden, a planetarium, and a variety of hands-on exhibits, both permanent and traveling.

Pacific Science Center is open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon-Fri, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sat-Sun, holidays. Prices vary depending on selected events and exhibits; use your CityPASS to save on admission prices.

**Seattle Waterfront**: Tons of ferries, gift shops, piers, water taxis, and tours
Explore the Seattle Waterfront, featuring ferries, gift shops, piers, restaurants, water taxis, and tours. Sample fresh seafood, ride one of the largest ferris wheels in United States (the Seattle Great Wheel), or enjoy a cruise along Elliot Bay via Argosy Cruises.

**Seattle Great Wheel**

**Argosy Cruises**: Save on ticket prices for Argosy Cruises with a CityPASS.
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**Ferry to Victoria:** Experience nearby Victoria, British Columbia! Passenger ferries from Seattle to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada are available at the downtown waterfront below Pike’s Place Market. Take the three-hour cruise through Puget Sound on the Victoria Clipper, a popular high-speed ferry that travels between downtown Seattle and downtown Victoria. Plan your trip; tickets must be purchased ahead of time.

**Seattle Art Museum/Asian Art Museum/Olympic Sculpture Park** (1300 First Ave): With over 25,000 pieces, “SAM” (as it is affectionately called) houses a vast array of pieces, from ancient to modern and from African to American. Highlights include the Porcelain Room, Art and Life Along the Northwest Coast, and Emblems of Encounter: Europe and Africa over 500 Years. The Asian Art Museum boasts an impressive collection of Asian Art; it is closed for renovation until 2019. Head to the Olympic Sculpture Park on Seattle’s central waterfront to enjoy green space, outdoor art installations, and beach. This iconic and unconventional Seattle attraction opened in 2007 and continues to draw both tourists and locals alike.

Hours: Mon-Tues: Closed; Wed: 10AM-5PM; Thurs: 10AM-9PM; Fri-Sun: 10AM-5PM
Ticket prices: $19.95 for Adults. Seniors and Military: $17.95. Students and Teens: $12.95. Children 12 & under: free. See website for free and discounted days.
Asian Art Museum: Closed during renovation; expected re-opening is 2019.
Olympic Sculpture Park: 2901 Western Avenue
Olympic Sculpture Park Hours: Open 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Free. Open 365 days/year.

**Chinatown International District:** Seattle is home to a significant Asian American population that has helped shape the history and make-up of the city. Explore the vibrant heritage of Chinatown and the International District as evidenced by cultural architecture, stores, markets, and restaurants. Highlights include Hing Hay Park (a public square featuring an exquisite Chinese Pavilion), Kobo at Higo (a gallery and shop featuring Japanese and Northwest design and art), Uwajimaya (an Asian specialty market), and the Panama Hotel & Tea House (a National Historic Landmark offering a look into Seattle’s Japanese American History). Seattle also boasts numerous Asian American Heritage sites throughout the city, including gardens, parks, museums, and actor Bruce Lee’s gravesite.

**Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP)** (325 5th Avenue N): Immerse yourself in contemporary popular culture via collections, installations, and interactive technologies. Capitalizing on Seattle’s historic music scene, MoPOP entices rock ‘n’ roll lovers and pop culture fanatics alike with its intriguing architecture, compelling exhibitions, and participatory events.

Hours: 10 AM-5PM
Ticket prices vary depending on exhibits, type, and method of purchase.
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**Space Needle** (400 Broad St): Visit Seattle’s most iconic landmark and tourist attraction! Enjoy a breathtaking 360-degree view of downtown Seattle, Mt. Rainer, and Elliot Bay from the Observation Deck, 520 feet above the city. The Space Needle-- built for the 1962 World’s Fair-- is conveniently located in the Seattle Center. No visit to Seattle would be complete without a journey skywards!

Observation Deck Hours:  Sun-Thurs: 10 AM-8 PM; Fri-Sat: 10 AM-8:30 PM.
General Admission ticket prices:  Regular (13-64): $22; Senior (65+): $19; Youth (5-12): $14. Save on admission prices with CityPASS.

**Chihuly Garden and Glass** (305 Harrison St): See breathtaking works of glass art by renowned Northwest artist Dale Chihuly. Located in the Seattle Center, the Chihuly Garden and Glass includes eight galleries, the impressive Glasshouse (containing a 100 foot long suspended Chihuly sculpture) and an exhibition sculpture garden.

General Admission Prices:  Regular (13-64): $24; Senior (65+): $21; Youth (5-12): $14; Child (4 & under): free. Use your CityPASS to save on admission prices.

Hours:  Sun-Thurs: 11 AM-6 PM; Fri & Sat: 11 AM-7 PM. Last ticket sold one hour prior to closing time.
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**Seattle Underground** (614 1st Ave. in Pioneer Place Park): Visit one of Seattle’s most “underground” attractions! In 1889, the Great Seattle Fire destroyed 31 downtown blocks of the city. The area was built on a new street level, leaving an eventually deserted underground world below. Visitors today can take a guided 75-minute walking tour through the cavernous passageways of old-world Seattle.

Bill Speidel's Underground Tour: http://www.undergroundtour.com/
Tours are on the hour every hour. 9:00 AM-7:00 PM. Tickets are sold at the Box Office only, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM.
General Admission Prices: Adult: $22; Senior (60+): $20; Student: $20; Youth (7-12): $10.

**Washington Park Arboretum/University of Washington Botanic Gardens** (2300 Arboretum Drive E): Meander along trails in this 230-acre haven of nature to experience the captivating flora of the Northwest. Situated along the shores of Lake Washington, the Arboretum boasts varied plants, wetlands, and the Seattle Japanese Gardens.

Hours: Dawn to dusk everyday.
Free of charge.

**Japanese Gardens** (1075 Lake Washington Boulevard East, within the Washington Arboretum):
Set on 3.5 acres in the Washington Arboretum, the Seattle Japanese Gardens offer the perfect opportunity to unwind from the city. Enjoy the trees, stone bridges, koi, lanterns, and water lilies. Participation in a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony is available on select dates.

Hours: Mon: noon-7 pm; Tues-Sun: 10 AM-7 PM.
Tickets: Adults (18-64): $6; Youth (6-17), Senior (65+), Student (w/ID), and Disabled: $4. Children under 6 are free.

**Mt. Rainier National Park**: Have you ever seen an icy volcano? Enjoy a premier nature experience with a visit to Mt. Rainier National Park! The highest mountain in Washington and the Cascade Mountain Range, Mt. Rainier offers nature enthusiasts an opportunity to experience invigorating hiking, abundant wildlife, and glacial topography. Take some time to explore the Mt. Rainier National Park website so you can carefully plan for this exhilarating outdoor experience.

Check the website for dates and hours of operation as well as directions to the park.
Telecommunication Services and Rates
T-Mobile offers a reasonably priced 3-week plan for International visitors to the United States: https://prepaid-phones.t-mobile.com/prepaid-international-tourist-plan
Check with your cellular carrier for the most current information regarding telecommunication services and rates.

Wireless Internet Connection Services
Information on free Wi-Fi hotspots in Seattle via Wi-Fi Space: https://wifispc.com/united-states/washington/seattle.html

Emergency Contact Information (Police, Hospital, etc.)

Seattle Police Information: https://www.seattle.gov/police/need-help
Call 911 for a police, fire or medical emergency.

For non-emergency police calls: call (206) 625-5011

University of Washington Medical Center: http://www.uwmedicine.org/
Location: 1959 NE Pacific St
Phone: (206) 598-3300

Virginia Mason Hospital & Seattle Medical Center: https://www.virginiamason.org/Emergency
Location: 1100 9th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101
Phone: (888) 862-2737

Additional Seattle Hospital information: https://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/area/seattle-wa

Seattle Emergency Management: http://www.seattle.gov/emergency-management
medical assistance information.

Currency Exchange Rates

Information on live currency exchange rates: Here

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Looking forward to seeing you this August!