



Snohomish County, Washington

Storyline

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Seattle's Playground - Located just 12 miles north of downtown Seattle.



Discover the Perfect Olympic Escapes in Snohomish County, Washington

Whether traveling to the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics or fleeing the crowds and fervor, Snohomish County in Washington State offers plenty of options for visitors seeking memorable yet affordable experiences during their Olympic travels.

"All Aboard" the Olympic Express

Whether you're heading to or escaping Vancouver, British Columbia, you can leave the traffic far behind by taking the Amtrak Cascades train. Enjoy the gentle sway of the train rolling along tracks paralleling Puget Sound through Snohomish County. But before arriving at your final destination, schedule a stop over in one or more of these communities. A variety of adventures are just steps away from the train station:

- **Edmonds** – Edmonds Center of the Arts' "Imani Winds," Sunday, Feb. 21; art galleries and fashion boutiques; eateries like Edmonds Bakery and Chanterelle; and picturesque town square fountain in Old Town.
- **Everett** – Everett Symphony's "Viva Vivaldi," Friday, Feb. 19 and Paine Field's aviation attractions: Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing Tour, Flying Heritage Collection, Historic Flight Restoration Hangar, and Museum of Flight Restoration Center.
- **Stanwood** – Port Susan Snow Goose & Birding Festival Feb. 20 & 21; Snow Goose Bookstore and Cotton Pickin's quilts; and Scandinavian heritage at Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center and D.O. Pearson House Museum.

Get a free Amtrak Companion Fare coupon by booking a room at www.RoomsAtPar.com or by calling 1-888-557-2889 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.

Canadian travelers won't believe how far their lodging dollars* will go at these Snohomish County hotels:

Hotel Partners	Regular	You Pay
Best Western Navigator, Everett	\$109 US	\$79 US
Inn at Port Gardner, Everett	\$89 US	\$80 US
La Quinta Inn, Lynnwood	\$89 US	\$80 US
Comfort Inn, Marysville	\$95 US	\$85 US
Courtyard by Marriott, Lynnwood	\$106 US	\$95 US
Holiday Inn Downtown, Everett	\$107 US	\$97 US
Hampton Inn & Suites, Lynnwood	\$110 US	\$99 US
Holiday Inn Express, Everett	\$129 US	\$99 US
Residence Inn by Marriott, Lynnwood	\$119 US	\$107 US
Holiday Inn Express, Marysville	\$119 US	\$107 US
Medallion Inn & Suites, Arlington	\$128 US	\$115 US

*U.S.-Canadian dollar exchange rate varies daily so actual rates may vary.

Many hotels offer transportation to local attractions as well as to the transit stations. For reservations visit www.RoomsAtPar.com or call 1-888-557-2889 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.

Gold Medal Accommodations

Want to catch every moment of Olympic glory and action but from the comfort of your very own luxurious room? Or would you rather create your own experience by exploring the wonders of Snohomish County and beyond?

By choosing one of these two great offers, you can choose your own unique experience!

Tulalip Resort Casino, Snohomish County's only AAA Four Diamond resort destination, has three levels of Olympic getaway packages that offer guests the chance to enjoy the property's luxurious accommodations at an amazing value and at their own pace.

Each of the getaways include entry to Tulalip Resort Casino's Olympic Village where guests can enjoy daily continental breakfast, continuous coverage of Olympic events on big screens and happy hour cocktails and hors d' oeuvres.

The 2010 Winter Olympic Getaways are offered at three different levels, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

The *Gold Getaway* package includes:

- Deluxe accommodations for the entire Olympic time frame (17-nights)
- Daily entry to Tulalip's Olympic Village viewing party

Rates start at \$2,010, a value of \$118 per night. Package is available Friday, Feb. 12 through Sunday, Feb. 28.

The *Silver Getaway* includes:

- 14-night (minimum) deluxe accommodations
- Daily entry to Tulalip's Olympic Village viewing party

Rates start at \$2,010 a value of \$144 per night. Package is valid for arrival between Friday, Feb. 12 and Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The *Bronze Getaway* includes:

- Stay four nights and receive the fifth night free in deluxe accommodations
- Daily entry to Tulalip's Olympic Village viewing party

Rates start at \$201 per night, based on four nights; five night average value is \$161 per night. Package is valid for arrival between Friday, Feb. 12 and Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Non-refundable deposits are required at time of booking and vary per package. Rates are exclusive of tax and cancellation restrictions apply.

In addition to its 2010 Winter Olympic Getaways, Tulalip Resort Casino offers short-term accommodations with entry to the Olympic Village viewing party starting at \$210 plus tax, without a required deposit.

Tulalip Resort Casino is located at 10200 Quil Ceda Blvd, Tulalip. For information or to make reservations call (866) 716-7162 or visit www.tulalipresort.com.

Embassy Suites Seattle North/Lynnwood is conveniently located off I-15 and an easy 100 miles south from the Canadian Border and 12 miles north from downtown Seattle.

Enjoy a two-room suite, plus a complimentary full, hot, cooked-to-order breakfast and a two-hour evening reception daily. Included in this package are two popular Seattle City Passes for six popular Seattle attractions including the Space Needle, the Seattle Aquarium, Pacific Science Center, and the Woodland Park Zoo – a \$140 value – as well as a special travel memento.

Rates start at \$250 per night for up to two adults with additional nights available at \$149 for a king suite and \$160 for a two double bed suite. Reservations must be made a minimum of seven days in advance; cancellation 72 hours prior. Additional City Passes are available. Olympics Special package available from February 1 through March 15, 2010. Embassy Suites Seattle North is located at 20610 44th Avenue West, Lynnwood (425) 775-2500.

Choose Your Own Games to Play in Snohomish County

1. **Shop** for antiques in the town of Snohomish
2. **Snowboard** the moguls at Stevens Pass
3. **Snowshoe** the Foss/Tonga trails in Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest
4. **Ice skate** at Comcast Arena in Everett
5. **Snowmobile** the groomed trails near Darrington
6. **Fish** for rainbow trout at Panther Lake near Snohomish
7. **Kayak** the Snohomish River Estuary in Everett
8. **Sample** honey wine at Sky River Meadery in Sultan
9. **Hit the links** at Harbour Point Golf Course in Mukilteo
10. **Wander** through Alderwood's history at Heritage Park in Lynnwood
11. **Find** fashion bargains at the Seattle Premium Outlets in Tulalip
12. **Relax** with a proper afternoon tea at Piccadilly Circus in the town of Snohomish
13. **Try your luck** at Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip
14. **Frolic** like a kid at the Imagine Children's Museum in Everett
15. **Satisfy** your sweet tooth with freshly-made, premium ice cream, gelato and custard at Snoqualmie Ice Cream in Maltby
16. **See** slithery snakes and reptiles at the Washington Serpentarium near Monroe
17. **Catch** a movie and a meal at Alderwood in Lynnwood
18. **Fly** in a hot air balloon over Snohomish County farm fields, rivers and forested trees
19. **Skydive** solo, with friends or in a group over Snohomish County
20. **Toast** marshmallows and barbecue some hot dogs after beachcombing at Mukilteo State Park in Mukilteo

For information on these and other things to do in Snohomish County during the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics, contact Julie Gangler, Media Relations, at 206-789-6647 or j.gangler@q.com.

For additional information regarding the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, BC, such as transportation options, schedule of events, maps and additional packages, go to our website at http://www.snohomish.org/index.php?page_id=630

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