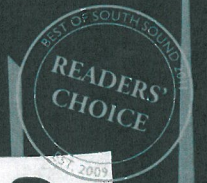


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BEST *of* 2011



An Adorable
Beach House

Olympia's Tasty
Bread Peddler

Tacoma's Historic
Little Theatre

Mount Rainier
Sunrise Hike

Inside Auburn's
Emerald Downs



Best Day Trip
MOUNT RAINIER
NATIONAL PARK

nps.gov/mora

There are few places in the world as spectacular as Mount Rainier National Park. At just a little more than an hour away from Tacoma, the trip up to this beautiful park is worth the drive. Mount Rainier is truly a magical place where South Sounders escape for a peaceful day.

Runners Up:
*Gig Harbor;
Point Defiance
Park, Tacoma*

Best Hotel
HOTEL MURANO
*1320 Broadway
Plaza, Tacoma
hotelmuranotacoma.com*

Hotel Murano is a Tacoma staple that embraces the city's personality with its unique glass and other artwork. Whether you're visiting the area or a local, Hotel Murano is a great escape. With a 24-hour fitness center, 24-hour business center, spiritual menu and wireless high-speed Internet you can tune in or tune out of your

San Juan Islands

The San Juan Islands are the perfect travel destination for an outdoorsy South Sounder. The islands are known for sea kayaking and whale watching. You might see some Orcas traveling by during one of your adventures.

Runners Up: *Ocean Shores; Leavenworth*

busy life as you wish.
Runners Up:
*Cedarbrook Lodge,
Seattle; Alderbrook
Resort & Spa, Union*

**Best Bed and
Breakfast**
HEDMAN HOUSE
B&B, PUYALLUP
*502 Ninth St.
S.W. Puyallup
hedmanhouse.com*

Hedman House is a 1907 farmhouse that keeps things comfortable, simple and patriotic. Located in the heart of Puyallup near the fairgrounds, we hear the breakfast they serve is just one of the delicious reasons people keep coming back.
Runners Up: *The Villa, Tacoma;*

*Branch Colonial
House, Tacoma*

**Best Kid-Friendly
Destination**
POINT DEFIANCE
ZOO & AQUARIUM
*5400 N. Pearl
St., Tacoma
pdza.org*

Visit the sea otters at Rocky Shores, head to the Arctic Tundra for the polar bears then say hello to the red wolves at Point Defiance Zoo. Also, be sure to check out the Kids' Zone, an area where children can learn about wildlife through touch, exploration and movement.
Runners Up: *Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound; Harbor History Museum, Gig Harbor*