

A Whole Story

STAYCATION AT SEMIAHMOO RESORT!

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After the 20 minute drive from our front porch to the resort we unlocked the door to our room and I grinned at the view. The girls took to the beds and jumped with abandon, and Charlie gave me a huge squeeze. I felt my body relax, and we all took what felt like a collective deep breath. We'd done it. We'd made it through my teacher training, and done so together and thriving. But it was hard work and we were SO ready for a break. I can't imagine a softer place to land than [Semiahmoo Resort, Golf and Spa](#).



A few months ago we booked a two night stay at [Semiahmoo Resort, Golf and Spa](#). When I put those dates on the calendar it felt so, so, far away. I was in the thick of my teacher training, and booking this celebratory adventure for the weekend after I finished up seemed like a promise to myself, and my little family, that we would make it.

I knew that after my training ended we would ALL need something big, something to really reconnect and also to celebrate! But also, that none of us would be up for a long road trip. We needed somewhere kid friendly, relaxing, cozy, fine in any weather, and near by. And? We LOVE staycations. The feel of vacation, adventure, not cleaning your house. . . but you can grab stuff at home if you need to, not worry about getting lost, and not have to face a long trip home after. It's practically perfect.



Semiahmoo Resort, Golf and Spa is a gorgeous resort on the beach. There are endless trails to explore, and beach combing to be done and the building and restaurants have so much to offer. The beach here is one that we've come to every summer for years, it's always sunny and warm, one of the only sandy beaches in the area, and perfect for swimming. This vacation was a bit grey, but that still worked out great because there was so much *inside* the resort we'd never experienced before.

We tried out the two restaurants and were blown away by the food at both. The biggest hits were the kid's hamburgers (gorgeous and gourmet!) at Packer's, and the Grilled Peach and Honeycomb Dessert at Pierside. But the buckwheat pancakes and eggs benedict were a close second.

Pierside was overflowing with farm to table options, all coming from local vendors or made on-site. We had a blast looking at their list of local contributors and recognizing so many folks we buy from and love at home! It was also amazing to go to a restaurant that had all the meaty options my husband wants, a stellar kids' menu, AND a whole portion with dairy/gluten/nut free options. Recently I've been avoiding dairy and gluten because my eczema has been acting up, so having these easy options was SUCH a huge relief. And the waitstaff wasn't at all weird about me asking for almond milk for my coffee – win/win!





Another big highlight of our trip was the movie theater. YUP. Inside the resort they have a 50 person movie theater! During the week you can call the front desk and reserve the space for your family/party and they have a HUGE selection of movies (new releases too!) to choose from. On the weekends you can do the same, but they also show movies at regular intervals. So, basically, I never (ever) want to see a movie with other people in attendance again. We brought in snacks, moved around, had a mini-dance party during a good song, and were able to answer all the 100(thousand)questions that Eliza had throughout the film without disturbing anyone and having a great time.

We also made time to beach explore (they had full chest of beach toys to snag to take out too!), and walk, as well as play around the gorgeous grounds. There is a big sitting room/ library that overlooks the water and has a huge cache of games to choose from, so we spent some time there learning the in's and out's of Sorry! for the first time, while looking out over the water, watching the seals play and heron fish for their dinner.



Finally, the number one, OMG PLEASE CAN WE GO AGAIN MOM, part of our trip. . . the pool.

It's a gigantic, heated, indoor/outdoor facility with toys and life vests on hand. We swam every day, twice a day, no joke. Jumping, splashing, hot-tubbing, and practicing their every stroke. Every parent knows that a hotel is only worth the quality of their pool when you have kiddos along for the ride. And this pool passed with flying colors.



Our two nights flew by and we didn't even get a chance to rent any of the kayaks/paddle boards, or take advantage of the free hour of biking you get every day (they even have little bikes for kids!) because we were so busy adventuring! So, we have both of those on our list for our next trip. We swam so much, and so hard, that I never even made it to the gym. But I toured the space the it has an indoor track even (what?!) and yoga classes you can attend daily.

If it sounds like I'm gushing. . . it's because I'm gushing. Our family was in desperate need of some time to just play together. Games, beach, restaurant adventures, and swimming till our arms and legs were noodles. We needed to take a break from cleaning up, writing sequences, studying, stressing, and feeling tied to the work at home that was just piled up.

This is the first vacation in a long, long, time that I've taken where we came home and I didn't feel like I needed a vacation after my vacation. We slept. . . and slept SO much. After all the beaching and swimming we were asleep before 9 and up at 7. Charlie and I were baffled at how much we slept. And realized, that when you don't have a million things on your to-do list, you can really *feel* tired. And then . . . sleep. Guiltlessly.



We're already scheming when we can make it back to [Semiahmoo Resort, Golf and Spa](#). This year our little family is going to do an experience instead of gifts for each other for Christmas. We've toyed with this in the past (heh heh) but the girls weren't into it. But after this stay. . . they're SO on board. We're thinking another little staycation might be in our future as a holiday adventure. Stormy beaches are my favorite, and I can only imagine how cozy and amazing it would be there with the big lodge fire lit, and some fun movies in the theater!

Did I leave anything out? Do you have an other questions about the resort, kiddo friendly travel, or how to make the switch from gifts to experiences? If so, drop them here or on my Facebook [page](#) and I'll be sure to answer!

Thanks for all the fun [Semiahmoo Resort, Golf and Spa](#), we'll be back soon for SURE. Our stay was partially hosted by Semiahmoo, but all words, opinions, and images are my own.