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Life-Changing
Chocolate

The Cozy
Sweater Cocktail

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A scenic photograph of the Salish Lodge, a large resort building with a brown roof and white trim, situated on a rocky cliffside. The lodge is surrounded by lush green trees and a dense forest. In the background, blue mountains are visible under a cloudy sky. The foreground shows the rugged, dark rock face of the cliff.

Salish Lodge sits at the edge
of Snoqualmie Falls.

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO FAR TO GET AWAY—WHETHER YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR A MOUNTAIN RETREAT OR A SPA SPLURGE,
WASHINGTON HAS A RESORT FOR EVERY ITINERARY**

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ONE OF THE great joys about the state of Washington is its variety. You can start in a big city in the morning and feel far away by late afternoon.

The same can be said for Washington's resorts. They are many and varied, just like this gorgeous place. We can't pick favorites—it wouldn't be right. Instead, we curated a list of spots you might want to check out depending on what you're looking for. Maybe the goal is to watch the snow settle on the mountains, or to hear the water lapping at your feet. Whether ritzy or rustic (or a little bit of both), these resorts will set the right mood.

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Salt & Spa



Semiahmoo Resort

↓ **On the Water**

Washington is that lucky state with water in all its forms, from thrashing waves to glassy stillness. By extension, the state also has resorts up against many of those great bodies of water. We benefit from the state's beautiful diversity.

Semiahmoo Resort Golf & Spa is a resort in the grandest sense. This place is huge—300 acres at the tip of the Semiahmoo Spit in Blaine. Just south of the Canadian border, this spot offers whale-watching tours or fishing boat charters that leave straight from the resort. Rent a bike, paddleboard or other outdoor gear from the beach activities center, or just hang close to home with great dining and a spa.

On Orcas Island, Rosario Resort & Spa gleams on the shores of the East Sound. This

40-acre retreat feels luxurious, even though its pricing is very reasonable. Some of that may come from the excellent restaurant on site—The Mansion Restaurant offers local food that is

all about creativity. Indoor and outdoor pools, plenty of room to wander, and a slow pace make this place a must see. The mansion on the property has a museum worth a look, too.

And don't forget Alderbrook Resort & Spa, which is only two hours from Seattle and strikes a subtle and stylish pose along the Hood Canal.

The scenery is beautiful, there's a nearby golf course, and the on-site restaurant is the epitome of fine dining. Add in comfortable rooms and sixteen cottages that are perfect for family getaways, and you have the makings of a great getaway.

QUICK HIT

Semiahmoo Resort
Blaine
\$169+

Rosario Resort & Spa
Orcas Island
\$119+

Alderbrook Resort & Spa
Union
\$159+



Spend Your Clams at These Casinos

With twenty-eight tribe-operated casinos around the state, you can try your luck from Tulalip to Toppenish and Chewelah to Shelton. We picked a few of our favorites.

**LITTLE CREEK CASINO RESORT
SHELTON**

Many of the rooms here were just renovated, and while not as extravagant as some of the other casinos in the state, this spot has a cigar bar, a spa and a game room for the kids. The hotel also includes a tribal art collection.

www.little-creek.com

**ANGEL OF THE WINDS CASINO RESORT
ARLINGTON**

This big and beautiful casino and hotel is growing. An expansion started last year will add slots and gaming tables, as well as an enclosed parking garage and new restaurants (including a 60-seat steakhouse!) and bars. Plus, there will be a bowling alley and a new 8,500-square-foot entertainment facility for concerts and other events.

www.angelofthewinds.com

**ILANI
LA CENTER**

ilani caused quite a stir when it opened in April 2017, and that's for good reason—this spot was developed by the Cowlitz Tribe in conjunction with the Salishan-Mohegan and partners with the Mohegan Sun, the famous casino in Connecticut. The casino is more than 100,000 square feet and has fifteen restaurants, bars and stores.

www.ilaniresort.com

**SUQUAMISH CLEARWATER
CASINO RESORT
POULSBO**

This hotspot recently got a facelift, and the rooms are even more beautiful than before. The waterfront property has beach access, is popular for weddings and other events, and has a golf course.

www.clearwatercasino.com

**NORTHERN QUEST RESORT & CASINO
AIRWAY HEIGHTS**

Just outside Spokane, Northern Quest has a huge casino that's open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, but it's also known for offering big-name entertainment and having a full-service spa that looks like something right out of a movie.

www.northernquest.com