

Grab Your Appetite and Take a Big Bite out of Belltown

Several restaurants to check out in this charming neighborhood of the Emerald City

Near downtown Seattle's waterfront lays an area where quintessential old-world charm meets a hip urban vibe. The revitalized neighborhood of Belltown is conveniently located near boutique shops, local bars, and restaurants, making its walkability score in the 90th percentile: a fact that is not lost on the convivial residents of this jewel nestled within the Seattle metropolis, and a haven in which tourists will find equally as enchanting.

The swanky gastropub Black Bottle offers reasonably priced hearty menu items perfect for sharing along with a variety of wine that won't make a dent in your pocketbook. Since 2005, this popular locale has been serving up "unfussy" food in a rustic atmosphere, where the mantra is to enjoy their creations in an unstructured manner.

After dinner, satisfy your sweet tooth by taking a short two-minute jaunt down 1st Avenue to Macrina Bakery. A haven for those into delectable delights, this café serves an assortment of pastries, breads, cakes and more.

If you, by chance, happen to wander into Some Random Bar, I assure you, it was by no accident. Just blame the gravitational pull of their relaxed and unpretentious atmosphere juxtaposed with their boldly seasoned local fare and a wide variety of Sipping Spirits with prices guaranteed to keep the merriment going. And speaking of spirits, they are sure to stay lifted by a friendly staff as well as the area locals who frequent this venue quite regularly.

And if you have ever dreamt of traveling to Morocco, but haven't quite been able to make the trip, there is a way to experience the taste of the North African country while avoiding the eleven-and-a-half-hour flight and subsequent jetlag. Marrakesh is not only the fourth largest city in Morocco, but it is also home to one of Belltown's finest locales for authentic Moroccan cuisine. The menu boasts a variety of flavorful chicken, beef, and seafood dishes, as well as tasty vegetarian offerings and scrumptious desserts. The ambiance evokes a traditional flair replete with ornate furnishings in vibrant colors, costumed waitstaff, and belly dancing beauties to keep the festive mood elevated. You'll begin to wonder if you're still in Seattle anymore.