Adventure to the Emerald City

Seven intrepid Adventurers from our Fellowship journeyed to the Emerald City on September 19th by utilizing Public Transportation. The Strait Shot, otherwise known as Clallam 123, brought us in luxurious comfort to the Bainbridge Ferry Terminal for the ridiculous price of $5 (with the Reduced Fare Senior Card, otherwise $10 American).

We boarded the *Wenatchee* for **FREE** as foot passengers traveling east. Pretty cool, eh? In just thirty-five minutes, there we were in Seattle!

First Impressions

The Seattle Ferry Terminal is an architectural masterpiece. But we had a full day ahead, so with necks craning we looked up at the skyscrapers and headed first south to Pioneer Park. We checked out the Smith Tower, once the tallest building west of the Rockies.

Exploring the Waterfront

From there, we walked north along beautiful Waterfront Park. Deep in September, we couldn't help asking, *"Where did all these people come from?"* We observed the bustling tourist attractions including the Great Wheel and the renovated Aquarium.

(And it would be remiss not to mention the nicest and most modern public restroom this side of Connecticut!)

Pike Place & Beyond

We continued through Pike Place Market. Alas, because no one in the crowd bought a salmon, we missed out on the famous "flying fish" experience. Drats!

Next, we sauntered to the Monorail—a fabulous carry-over from the 1962 World's Fair. Then came the highlight: up, up, up to the top of the Space Needle. Wow!!

Homeward Bound

After our adventures, we beat feet back to the Terminal to secure passage on the 6:30pm ferry to Bainbridge. A few of us made a stop at the flagship Town and Country grocery store to purchase delicious food selections for the trip home.

The Strait Shot bus pulled in just as we returned, and the courteous driver welcomed us aboard. We concluded the outing at either Sequim or Port Angeles.

Reflections

The weather was extraordinarily beautiful and the experience truly memorable. Here are some of us rubbing the Pike Pig's nose for "good luck."

Adventurers included: Jim, Susan, Neva, Jere, Emily, Jolie, and George.