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Bruce Lee Heritage Tour Seattle’s Martial Arts Legend

5 hrs 30 min · Shared · from Seattle

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At a glance

Start	6:00 AM, 6:30 AM, 7:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 8:30 AM
Duration	5 hrs 30 min
Pickup	Hotel / home pickup is included — tell us your address when you book. Pickup is up to 45 minutes before the start time; we confirm your exact pickup time before the tour.
Cancellation	Free cancellation up to 24 hours before the tour starts.

Itinerary

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Pickup from your hotel or home

Anywhere in the Seattle area – tell us your address when you book.
Starts at 6:00 AM, 6:30 AM, 7:00 AM, 7:30 AM · pickup up to 45 min earlier

1

Wing Luke Museum

Step into the vibrant historic heart of Seattle's Chinatown-International District. Enjoy entry into the Wing Luke Museum, home to the only exhibition outside of Hong Kong to present such an in-depth look into Bruce Lee's life, created with the full support of the Lee family. Housed in the beautifully restored 1910 East Kong Yick Building, the museum represents over 26 different ethnic groups and holds more than 18,000 artifacts, photographs, and oral histories, offering a rich look into Asian Pacific American history beyond the Bruce Lee exhibit alone.
Inside, explore rare personal items including handwritten poems, boxing gloves, headgear, and original press kit materials from his films. Afterward, take a guided stroll through the neighborhood to see his early training spaces and local hangouts, including Tai Tung, his favorite restaurant just down the street from the museum.

2

Seattle Chinatown-International District

Immerse yourself in the historic heart of Seattle's Asian-American community, a neighborhood central to Bruce Lee's life in America. This is where he lived, worked, and opened his earliest martial arts schools — teaching not only in Chinatown, but in people's homes, public garages, parks, and even Ruby Chow's restaurant. Your guide will lead you through these historic streets, sharing stories of his early days in Seattle, his deep community ties, and how this vibrant district shaped his journey from a young immigrant to a global icon. As you walk past historic brick buildings and vibrant storefronts, you'll walk through his first practice space, his first martial arts studio, and his local hangouts, discovering the very spaces where he first trained and helped shape modern martial arts. It's an unforgettable look at the neighborhood that embraced a young visionary long before the rest of the world knew his name.

3

Tai Tung Restaurant

Step inside Seattle's oldest surviving Chinese restaurant, in continuous operation since 1935. Tai Tung Restaurant was Bruce Lee's absolute favorite neighborhood eatery and a home away from home during his Seattle years. Today his favorite corner booth is kept as a small memorial, complete with a life-sized cutout of the legend himself. A Tai Tung regular, Bruce Lee would always sit at the same back table and order his two favorite dishes: Oyster Sauce Beef and Garlic Shrimp. The restaurant has hosted a long list of high-profile guests over the decades, from mayors and athletes to celebrity chefs like Anthony Bourdain and Tom Douglas. You'll discover how the booth has become a pilgrimage site, attracting guests from around the world who want to sit where the "Little Dragon" once did.

4

University of Washington Campus

Head to the incredibly scenic University of Washington Campus, where a young Bruce Lee enrolled in 1961 as a drama and philosophy student, and where he met his future wife, Linda Emery, who joined his kung fu class. Your guide will take you across the gorgeous, historic grounds to explore the very settings where Bruce's philosophical ideas took root and where he frequently held informal martial arts practices with his Gung Fu group on the lawns.

5

Sylvan Grove Theater and Columns

Tucked away in a quiet corner of the University of Washington campus lies the historic Sylvan Grove Theatre. This beautiful, secluded outdoor clearing — framed by four 24-foot-tall Ionic columns salvaged from the university's original 1861 downtown building, among the oldest-standing architectural pieces in Seattle — was a meaningful gathering space for Bruce Lee. Your guide will show you exactly where Bruce's Gung-Fu group trained on the grass surrounded by the towering white columns, and where, during one of his classes here, Bruce first asked his future wife Linda Emery on a date — to the Seattle Space Needle. You'll discover how this serene, history-rich setting became the backdrop for both his martial arts practice and one of the most pivotal personal moments of his life.

6

Pine Box

Visit Capitol Hill to explore a unique, history-rich building that now houses a popular craft beer bar. Long before it became The Pine Box, this striking, classic structure served as a historic funeral chapel. It is deeply significant to the Bruce Lee story as the location that hosted his deeply moving funeral service in 1973. Your guide will share stories about that poignant day, which brought together martial arts luminaries and close friends — including pallbearers Steve McQueen, James Coburn, and Chuck Norris — to bid farewell to the global icon before his burial.Afterward, relax and unwind with a craft beer or cocktail in the very space where history was made — a fitting way to toast to the legend's enduring legacy.

7

Lake View Cemetery

Conclude your heritage tour with a peaceful stop at Capitol Hill's beautiful Lake View Cemetery. Pay your respects at the final resting place of Bruce Lee and his son, Brandon Lee. Located near a giant red sequoia tree, this quiet gravesite has become a global pilgrimage spot, drawing about 10,000 visitors a year from around the world who come to honor his enduring legacy, philosophy, and impact on martial arts. Take a moment to reflect amidst the serene surroundings, which offer sweeping views east toward Lake Washington and the Cascade Mountains

8

Seattle

After diving deep into the incredible life, philosophy, and local legacy of Bruce Lee, relax as we comfortably transport you back to our original departure point in Seattle. Reflect on an unforgettable journey through the spaces that shaped a global icon, leaving you with a profound appreciation for the martial arts legend and the historic Pacific Northwest neighborhoods he called home.

Drop-off
Back in Seattle
About 5 hrs 30 min in total

For reference only – the order and timings can change on the day. Your confirmed details come with your booking.

What’s included

+ Expert Guide
+ Pick up and Drop off
+ Bottled water
+ Air-conditioned vehicle

Not included

- Foods & drinks
- Tips & Gratuities

Know before you go

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- Public transportation is nearby
- Infant seats available

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