



THE HISTORY



The first permanent settlers didn't arrive until 1851.

In November of that year, Denny Party from Illinois landed at **Alki Point**, where is now west Seattle.

After enduring a stormy winter at Alki, most of the settlers moved to a more protected site and named their new village Duwamps after the nearby river and the tribes of native Americans.

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Fortunately, in 1852. the town's first merchant and one of the Seattle's **primary founders**, **"Doc" Maynard**, persuaded the inhabitants to change the unmelodious name to Seattle in honor of **Chief Sealth** (also known as chief Seattle), a native American leader who had befriended the newcomers.

"Doc" Maynard is known as a friend to the Indians. During the Seattle Indian war he protected the natives and ensured that they didn't starve.

Chief Sealth



*David
Swinson
"Doc"
Maynard*



Photo of David Swinson 'Doc' Maynard, 1852

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A great fire of 1889 destroyed almost all the wooden structures in the downtown area, and Seattle was forced to start anew. The day after the fire there was a citizen's meeting and it was agreed that streets should be widened and 'fireproof' bricks be required.

Within a year Seattle's population jumped from 25,000 to 43,000. A city was born.



With all of Seattle's numerous
claims to fame
who cares about the rain?



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MICROSOFT COMPANY



Seattle soared into the information technology age when local school pals Bill Gates and Paul Allen established their computer software company, Microsoft in Seattle suburb in 1979.

Although the city was hard hit when many of the smaller high tech companies failed in the late 1990s, Seattle is still home to Microsoft. Now the world's dominant software company.

College Degrees



Despite such companies as Boeing, Microsoft, and Starbucks, the largest employer in Seattle is none of these. That honor belongs to 40,000-student **University of Washington (UW)**, the oldest public university of the West Coast. It is regarded as one of the finest institutions of higher learning in the world.

THE RAINY CITY



Seattle is located in the state of Washington in the northwest corner of the United States. It is the largest city in the Pacific Northwest region and a magnet for business and tourists from all over the world. But unlike eastern cities where the sky clears after the rain, Seattle remains cloudy and misty and drizzly an average of 200 days a year.

MUST-SEE PLACES



The most recognizable landmark on the Seattle skyline is the 605-foot-tall **Space Needle**, constructed as the symbol of the 1962 World's fair, which theme was Century 21.

Built to withstand winds of 200 miles per hour, it has weathered several earthquakes. Over the years it has hosted numerous weddings, 6 parachute jumps, and, tragically, a couple of suicides.