

HOTEL NOTES FOR CASCADIA

This is a short list of hotels most-convenient to the Latvian Center. We have no personal guest experience with any of these properties, but we are familiar with their settings, and with the local traffic patterns. These are informal notes with no guarantee of accuracy; so please do your own research.

Hampton Inn & Suites Northgate – New! – opened late 2016

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/washington/hampton-inn-and-suites-by-hilton-seattle-northgate-SEANGHX/index.html>

This property is due south of the Latvian Center, just south of the Northgate Mall / transit-center/ multiplex theater, and a few blocks west of 5th Avenue. It has been getting 4.5+ reviews despite the proximity to I-5 and the on-going construction in the area. Current basic rate for Cascadia dates is \$169. The door-to-door route is very simple and is just over 1.5 miles.

Holiday Inn Express Shoreline <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/seattle/seaau/hoteldetail>

This property is north and west of the Latvian Center, on Route 99 (west of I-5). Reviews are 4+. There is apparently a 24hr indoor pool. Current basic rate for Cascadia dates is \$130. The door-to-door route is simple, but does involve busy roads. Just under 3 miles to the hall.

Hotel Nexus Seattle <http://www.hotelnexusseattle.com/>

This property is just west of the Northgate Mall (north end), on the west side of I-5. It gets 3.5+ reviews. It is the closest property to the Latvian Center, but the traffic near the I-5/Northgate interchange can get gnarly. On the other hand, it is adjacent to an Indian restaurant that is a favorite with local dancers. The rooms all face exterior-access walkways. Current basic rate for Cascadia dates is \$135. The door-to-door drive is less than one mile.

Other Route99 hotels. There are other brand-name lower-priced (and lower-rated) hotels over on Route 99 near the Holiday Inn. But Route 99 is an old commercial route (and looks it), and many of the 99-corridor hotels are not recommended. Still, there may be great deals.

No car? Because of the way it is situated with respect to I-5 and 5th Ave, the Hampton Inn is the most convenient property for hitching hotel->hall rides with local dancers. They do also have a free local shuttle service. Nexus could be reasonable as well for getting dancer rides, but does not seem to have a shuttle. The area is a busy population center; so Uber service should be ok.

Public transit enthusiast? The route from SEATAC to the Northgate Transit Center requires one Light Rail ride to downtown and one express-bus ride from there.