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EASTSIDE.



BEST OF 425 2011

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The annual Best of 425 issue, now in its third year, is full of local picks. This comprehensive list includes readers' choices of everything from favorite restaurants and places to shop to pet stores, parks and more. Need a remodeler? How about a place to buy furniture? Or a hot new restaurant to take someone from out of town? Use this list as a resource, or as a topic of conversation amongst friends ("What are *your* favorites on the Eastside?" "I can't believe *they* won this year." "They have the *best* sushi on the Eastside, hands down.") Did your favorite make the list? If not, be sure to champion their cause and vote for them in next year's Best of 425. Without further ado, we present to you the Best of 425. Enjoy! »

XOXO ROMANCE

Best Place to Celebrate an Anniversary

SALISH LODGE AT SNOQUALMIE FALLS

6501 Railroad Ave., Snoqualmie
salishlodge.com

Cocoon in every room beside a burning fire place or in a jetted tub for two. Unwind together with couples massages and treatments in the Fireside Treatment Room. The "Romance Atop the Falls" signature overnight experience is complete with sparkling wine, a bed covered in rose petals and a country breakfast for two.

RUNNERS UP: *Canlis, Seattle; Daniel's Broiler, multiple locations*



TRAVEL



XOXO

Best Place to Kiss

SNOQUALMIE FALLS

snoqualmiefalls.com

The classic northwest view of the 268-foot-tall Snoqualmie Falls, the Salish Lodge overlooking the falls and the swirling dance of mist, water, shimmers and occasional rainbow beneath are well worth the drive. Spring and summer are best, but if you dress for the weather and avoid winter fog, the falls are spectacular year-round.

RUNNERS UP: *Waverly Beach Park, Kirkland; Kirkland Waterfront, Kirkland*

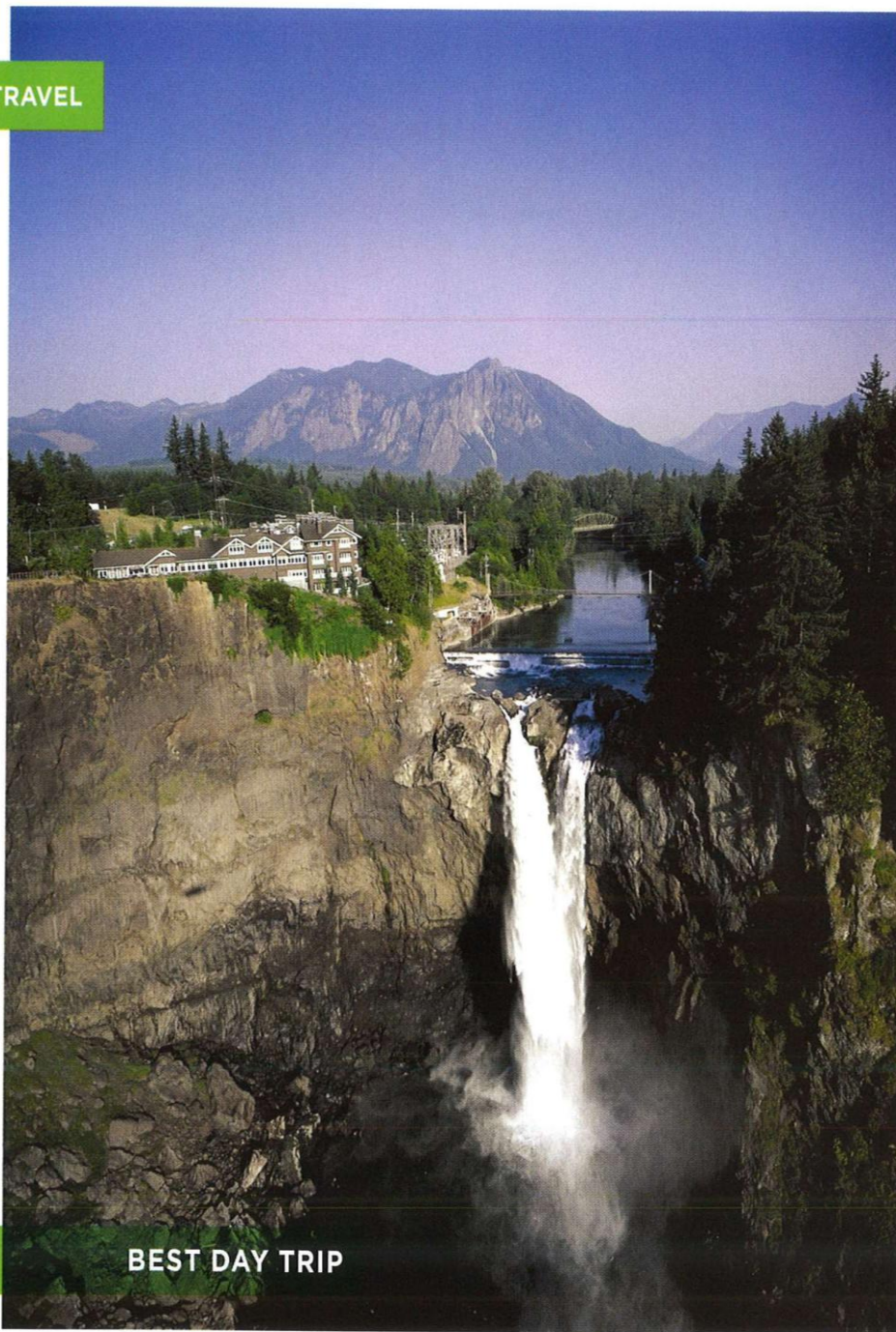
Best Place to Propose

SNOQUALMIE FALLS

snoqualmiefalls.com

This timeless Northwest scene of a rushing white waterfall below, solid evergreen trees around and singing birds above is where many couples start their new lives. Or step inside the Salish Lodge's dining room, where an intimate, private nook overlooking Snoqualmie Falls has earned the nickname "the proposal table." Cheers.

RUNNERS UP: *Kirkland Waterfront, Kirkland; Terra Vista at Snoqualmie Casino, Snoqualmie*



BEST DAY TRIP

Snoqualmie Falls

snoqualmiefalls.com

Snoqualmie Falls is a year-round playground. Guided outdoor summer adventures — fly-fishing, hiking and mountain biking — can be booked at the Salish Lodge. In the winter, snowfall brings skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and sledding. Take a spin at the DirtFish Rally School, a high-performance racing school set on 315 acres, minutes from the lodge.

Runners Up: *Whidbey Island; Leavenworth*