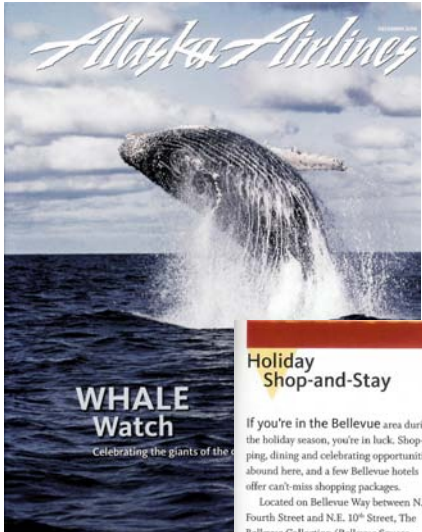




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Located on Bellevue Way between N.E. Fourth Street and N.E. 10th Street, The Bellevue Collection (Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square and Bellevue Place) boasts 250 shops and 18 sit-down restaurants. Check items off your list at Abercrombie & Fitch, Brooks Brothers, Coach, J. Crew, Lush, Macy's, Movado, Nordstrom, the new ExOfficio travel apparel store and more. Refresh with a spa stop at Obadiah Salon, which gets rave reviews from locals, or freshen your locks at the chic, hip 7 Salon, also a strong local favorite. While you're in the area, stop by The Museum Store at Bellevue Arts Museum (510 Bellevue Way N.E., 425-519-0722), also a perfect spot to holiday shop, with exquisite hand-dyed silk scarves; fine, textured Japanese washi, a paper made from noncultivated plants, such as mulberry; and one-of-a-kind jewelry from designers around the world.

Main Street—the heart of “Old Bellevue,” just south of the current happenings downtown—is also worth a stop. In particular, don't miss new-shop-on-the-block Posh on Main (10245 Main St., Ste. 103, 425-454-2022), opened in March by Seattle-born-and-raised Angela Rose Self. Catering to the literally well-heeled crowd, the shop features esteemed designers such as Tory Burch (think: flats for \$215, heels for \$325). Even if you're not in the market for new shoes, be sure to stop by—the boudoir-style interior is a work of art, with Self's wares displayed in little cubbyholes bordered by picture frames. Shoppers enjoy complimentary bottled water and chocolates from chocolatier Amore Chocolates & Gifts (10149th Main St., 425-453-4553), just

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