A look at Washington’s potential bowl game destinations

Pasadena, CA
(Rose Bowl)

Last appearance: Jan. 1, 2019 vs. Ohio State, L 28-23

The Huskies may not have fared so well in their first trip to Pasadena this year, but it’s safe to say they wouldn’t mind a return trip. College football’s most ceremonial tradition, the Rose Bowl, would be a welcome victory to any team, assuming they aren’t already selected for the College Football Playoff. UW’s conference status changing Friday, so a Pac-12 championship bid would require running the table and receiving some external help in the process. Still, as long as the faintest smell of roses can still be detected, the Huskies won’t give up on their serendipitous dreams.

San Diego, CA
(Holiday Bowl)

Last appearance: Dec. 30, 2010 vs. Nebraska, W 19-7

The Holiday Bowl has been around since 1978 and has undergone a host of changes since its partnership with SeaWorld. Now sponsored by the slightly-less-controversial San Diego County Credit Union, the Holiday Bowl is still an upper-tier bowl game, and Legoland is just 30 minutes away. The Huskies have an extensive history of their own in the longstanding game, with a 1-3 all-time record, and a sole victory coming in 2010 over Nebraska.

Las Vegas, NV
(Las Vegas Bowl)

Last appearance: Dec. 21, 2019 vs. Boise State, W 38-7

Well, a bowl game is played there in December, and it’s the most recent one the Huskies have played in, a resounding win in head coach Chris Peterson’s final game as the team’s leader. UW has enjoyed fourth-down gambles this season, so a Vegas bowl game may be fitting for the team.

Los Angeles, CA
(LA Bowl)

Last appearance: N/A

It’s also known as the “Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl,” but something about that doesn’t quite roll off the tongue. It’s the infant of bowl games, and Oregon State lost the inaugural game last year. The LA Bowl would be nothing to take for granted, but it didn’t have quite the same luster as its older brother just 20 miles north.

El Paso, TX
(Sun Bowl)

Last appearance: Dec. 31, 2002 vs. Purdue, L 34-24

Second to the Rose Bowl, the Sun Bowl is tied for the next-oldest bowl game, along with the Orange Bowl and Sugar Bowl. The Sun Bowl hasn’t lived up to its name for the Huskies, who are 1-3 all-time in the postseason bout. It may not be the most prestigious bowl game, but as far as sponsors go, Tony the Tiger is in the “S” tier.

San Antonio, TX
(Alamo Bowl)


Visiting San Antonio might not be on many people’s bucket lists, but the Alamo Bowl is a highly-regarded game and would likely pit UW against a high-quality opponent. It’s hard to forget when the Huskies ground the Aztecs down, scored 56 points, and yet somehow still lost to Robert Griffin III and Baylor.

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