

## FEARLESS EXPLORATION



PHOTOS FROM TOP: MUSEUM OF GLASS, PANTAGES THEATER, "I'VE GOT A LITTLE TWIST" PERFORMANCE

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# CULTURAL ARTS

Cultural arts are a vital part of Tacoma + Pierce County, Wash. With spectacular shows and stunning displays, you're sure to get your fill of cultural entertainment. The region offers an assortment of places and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past and present.

## TACOMA MUSEUM DISTRICT

Discover creative culture, exquisite glass and timeless history in Tacoma's Museum District. Six major museums form an impressive and distinct district: Tacoma Art Museum, Museum of Glass, Washington State History Museum, LeMay—America's Car Museum, Children's Museum of Tacoma and Foss Waterway Seaport.

## Tacoma Art Museum [TAM]

TAM is dedicated to connecting people through art and showcasing and collecting Pacific Northwest art. The museum features framed views of Mount Rainier and a series of elegant galleries that wrap around an open-air interior stone garden. TAM is host to a permanent display of remarkable glass art by Tacoma native and world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly and other traveling exhibits.

## Museum of Glass [MOG]

MOG dominates the Museum District skyline with its 90-foot tall, angled silver cone housing a working Hot Shop amphitheater. Watch skilled artisans create pieces with molten glass. The museum's three galleries feature rotating exhibits of many forms of glass and contemporary art.

## Washington State History Museum [WSHM]

WSHM tells the stories of the people, places and industries that have shaped the state— from the first Native Americans to the present. It features interactive exhibits, high-tech displays and historical artifacts, plus a fun History Lab just for kids.

## LeMay—America's Car Museum [ACM]

ACM spotlights America's love affair with the automobile. The museum explores how automobiles have fulfilled a distinctive role at the core of the American experience and shaped our society.

## Children's Museum of Tacoma

The Children's Museum of Tacoma features hands-on exhibits and an art studio for children of all ages to learn and play. The new 8,600-square foot facility features three sections: woods, water and voyager [the imagination].

## Foss Waterway Seaport

Foss Waterway Seaport is Tacoma's spectacular century-old restored shipping warehouse and maritime heritage educational center. This is the premier maritime education and recreation center where families, students and communities go to discover, explore, work and play.

## Chihuly Bridge of Glass

A 500-ft long pedestrian walkway connects the Museum of Glass to the Washington State History Museum's plaza. The bridge contains three displays of Chihuly glass art, creating a free outdoor "museum." Next door, is the historic restored Union Station which boasts a Chihuly glass display in its rotunda which is free to view, including a dramatic chandelier containing 600 glass forms.

## TACOMA THEATER DISTRICT

Theater and performing arts are alive and well in Tacoma's Theater District. The Broadway Center for the Performing Arts presents year-round, world-class artists at three Tacoma theaters. Each year, the theaters play host to ballets, symphonies, live comedy, musicals, concert bands, popular music and special events.

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## Pantages Theater

Opened in 1918 and is often regarded as the most beautiful in the chain of Pantages'. Today it is the oldest of the Pantages Theaters still in operation. Attend live productions, concerts, symphonies, ballets and more.

## Rialto Theater

Hailed as "the ultimate photoplay house," the Beaux-Arts style Rialto opened in 1918. Tacoma's Rialto was part of a national movie house chain with ornate plaster decoration and replicas of cupids and patriotic eagles that are still original and in good shape today. Attend regular concerts by Northwest Sinfonietta, Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, Tacoma Youth Symphony + other visiting artists.

## Theatre on the Square

The newest of the Broadway Center theaters, Theatre on the Square opened in 1993. The 302-seat theater and rehearsal hall sits adjacent to the Pantages. Catch films, entertainers, puppet shows and other performances.

## PIERCE COUNTY CULTURAL ARTS + ATTRACTIONS

Visit historic theaters and local playhouses or wander mesmerizing museums and glass displays. Enjoy year-round, world-class entertainment from live comedy to ballet, or cultivate your creative side by experiencing both art and history.

## Performing Arts:

- Tacoma Musical Playhouse
- Tacoma Comedy Club
- Lakewood Playhouse
- The Grand Cinema [Tacoma]

## Arts + Museums:

- Tacoma Glassblowing Studio
- Puyallup Arts Downtown Outdoor Gallery
- Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad [Elbe]
- Pioneer Farm Museum + Ohop Indian Village [Eatonville]
- Harbor History Museum [Gig Harbor]
- DuPont Historical Museum
- Lakewood Historical Society + Museum
- Children's Museum of Tacoma
- Foss Waterway Seaport [Tacoma]
- LeMay—America's Car Museum [Tacoma]
- LeMay Family Museum at Marymount [Tacoma]

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