

FODOR'S PACIFIC NORTHWEST, 18th EDITION: MUSEUMS AND LODGING

Must-See Museums

Although you'll discover a plethora of art and history museums, the Pacific Northwest continues to fascinate visitors with its diverse selection of museums, all of which complement the region's equally diverse culture.

- **Columbia River Maritime Museum**, Astoria, OR. A fully operational U.S. Coast Guard lightship and the personal belongings of the passengers of area shipwrecks are among the exhibits here.
- **Evergreen Aviation Museum**, McMinnville, OR. Engrossing facts about aviation complement an awesome assortment of flying machines at this expansive repository best known as the address of Howard Hughes's "flying boat," the *Spruce Goose*, which has a wingspan longer than a football field and its end zones.
- **High Desert Museum**, Bend, OR. Evocative and intricate walk-through dioramas and an indoor-outdoor zoo with creatures great and tiny convey the High Desert's past and present in a delightfully airy and family-friendly space.
- **Poulsbo Marine Science Center**, Poulsbo, WA. The creatures of Puget Sound squirm, swim, and squirt. You can have a first-hand experience (excuse the pun) with some of them thanks to the center's touch tanks.
- **Seattle Asian Art Museum**. Pick an Asian country—any Asian country—and you're likely to find its art or artifacts inside this stately art deco museum in leafy Volunteer Park.
- **Wing Luke Museum**, Seattle, WA. Costumes, crafts, and photographs of immigrants from Asia and the Pacific islands all under one roof.

Distinctive Lodging

Accommodations in the Northwest include urban boutique hotels, simple chain hotels in the suburbs, luxury mountain retreats, ski chalets, national park cabins, and local motels. Bed-and-breakfasts are especially popular with rooms in historic homes, sprawling log cabins amid the rain forest, and weathered cedar mansions beside a lake or bay.

- **Allison Inn & Spa**, Newberg, OR. Elegant yet refreshingly contemporary, this 80-room boutique resort and spa has finally given Oregon's scenic Willamette Valley an accommodation worthy of the region's ethereal pinot noirs.
- **Cave B Inn at Sagecliffe**, Quincy, WA. A stay here puts you on the edge of the Columbia Gorge in the middle of wine country. Opt for one of the secluded cliff houses, and be sure to dine at the superb regional Northwest restaurant, Tendrils.
- **Heceta House**, Heceta Head, OR. Occupying the same dramatic promontory as a working lighthouse, this Queen Anne-style B&B has views of the Pacific that inspire many a marriage proposal.
- **Hotel 1000**, Seattle, WA. The pride of the city's recent hotel boom, this chic beauty offers plenty of high-tech sensors and gadgets to fiddle with, along with the city's only state-of-the-art virtual driving range.
- **Shangri-la Hotel**, Vancouver, BC. The tallest building in Vancouver houses the very first North American outpost of the luxe Asian hotel brand. The sybaritic Chi Spa and sleekly understated Pan-Asian décor add up to a supremely relaxing stay.