

25 must-see buildings in Washington State

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In 2017, USA TODAY Travel and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) are teaming up to help travelers find the best buildings in America. We asked AIA chapters nationwide to name 25 structures visitors to their state should see. These architects and design professionals also share their perspective on why these buildings, monuments and gardens are so significant.

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Smith Tower, 1911-1914 (Architect: Gaggin & Gaggin): Seattle's oldest skyscraper, this 38-story Neoclassical tower was the tallest building west of the Mississippi at the time of construction, and remained the tallest building on the West Coast for nearly half a century until it was surpassed by the Space Needle in 1962. Visitors today can ride the original elevators to the 35th-floor Observatory and enjoy the panoramic views from the open deck or indulge at the speakeasy-style bar. The building is a Designated Seattle Landmark. *Joe Mabel*