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## DIVERSITY DISPLAYED

**W**ith diverse denizens and globally inspired neighborhoods, Seattle's multicultural draws are educational, thought provoking, and moving.

For a better understanding of the city's first peoples, visit the **Burke Museum** (\*1413 NE 45th St; burkemuseum.org) on the University of Washington campus. The *Pacific Voices* exhibit features woven baskets, carved totems, and other art from 17 tribes and communities. Explore more Native art in the permanent galleries at **Seattle Art Museum** (\*1300 First Ave; seattleartmuseum.org).

Throughout the city, cultural museums provide a glimpse into Seattle's immigrant roots. In the Chinatown-International District, visitors can explore **Wing Luke Museum** (\*719 S King St; wingluke.org), which features exhibits about the Asian American community, legendary local Bruce Lee, and even how the Japanese internment affected residents. Columbia City's **Northwest African American Museum** (\*2300 S Massachusetts St; naamnw.org) showcases work from black artists that focus on emotionally resonant cultural issues, while Ballard's **Nordic Heritage Museum** (\*3014 NW 67th St; nordicmuseum.org) tells the story of how immigrants from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, and Denmark made new lives in the United States and eventually created the thriving neighborhood seen today.

Another way to explore Seattle's various cultures is at the variety of annual events that populate the calendar. Seattle Center plays host to 24 cultural festivals every year—from Arab Festival to Pagdiriwang Philippine Festival—as part of its **Festál** (\*seattlecenter.com/festal) series. And throughout the year, the city rolls out the red carpet for multicultural cinematic extravaganzas, spanning the **Nordic Lights Film Festival** (nordicmuseum.org/nlff) and **Seattle Asian American Film Festival** (seattleaaff.org) in winter to **Seattle Jewish Film Festival** (seattlejewishfilmfestival.org) and **Langston Hughes African American Film Festival** (langstonseattle.org/lhaaff) in spring. —Seth Sommerfeld

Pioneer Square circa 1895



## History Trip

Dive into Seattle's storied past, from pioneers and gold rushers to trailblazing inventions and the Boeing boom.

### MUSEUM OF HISTORY & INDUSTRY (MOHAI)

Local innovation and hands-on fun reign supreme at this South Lake Union establishment. *True Northwest: The Seattle Journey* chronicles the city's rich history from the 1790s to present day, while the museum's Bezos Center for Innovation celebrates the spirit of ingenuity in the city. \*860 Terry Ave N; mohai.org

### KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Head back to 1897, when thousands of fortune seekers passed through the city on their way to the Yukon gold fields. This national historical park in the Pioneer Square neighborhood details the lasting impact of the Gold Rush era on the city. \*319 Second Ave S; nps.gov/klse

### GET CULTURED

For more about Seattle's diverse experiences, download a Visit Seattle cultural heritage guide. [visitseattle.org/culturalheritage](http://visitseattle.org/culturalheritage)

### SMITH TOWER

Get a glimpse of Seattle circa 1914 through the exhibits at Seattle's first skyscraper. The building today still features stunning 360-degree views from its open-air observation deck and, thanks to a recent renovation, also houses a speakeasy-style bar with Prohibition-themed cocktails. \*506 Second Ave; smithtower.com

### MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Discover how aviation giant Boeing came to be through *The Boeing Story* at this Georgetown museum. Among the museum's immense display of eye-popping aircraft are several Boeing planes, including the first 727, 737, and 747 ever built, plus the Red Barn, Boeing's original factory. \*9404 E Marginal Way S; museumofflight.org

—Taryn Zier