

# BEST PLACES NORTHWEST

17TH EDITION

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MANZANITA,  
SPOKANE,  
2 VANCOUVERS,  
PDX AND  
329 OTHER LOCALES  
TO EXPLORE  
THE **BEST** IN  
EATING, GOING,  
GETTING, AND SEEING  
188 DESTINATION  
**RESTAURANTS**  
209 SCENIC PLACES  
TO DISCOVER  
**178 UNIQUE**  
PLACES TO SHOP



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## Hotel Murano / ★★★

1320 BROADWAY PLAZA, TACOMA; 253/572-3200 OR 877/986-8083



Designed to celebrate the city's growing art reputation—particularly art glass, thanks to Dale Chihuly—this downtown boutique hotel is an experience unto itself. A world-class art collection, including more than 45 pieces of international glass art, greets you as you enter the lobby as well as on every floor as you step off the elevator. Even the rooms display sketches of the artists' inspirations. The entire space is enveloped in a chic, ultra-modern design, though creature comforts are not missed in any of the 320 rooms. Amenities include iPod docking stations, flat panel television, and premium bedding with high thread counts. Even the phone's "Help Me" button responds to any whim. Pet-friendly rooms are available. Bite, the hotel's dining room, features a luminescent glass counter and its own stunning collection of art, though the restaurant hasn't quite yet found its own creative groove. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$; AE, DC, E, MC, V; checks OK, [www.hotelmuranotacoma.com](http://www.hotelmuranotacoma.com); between Broadway and Commerce St.