

Just Back from: The Northwest (Part 1)

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My husband, our daughter Clara, and I just got back from two weeks in Washington, Idaho, and Montana, where we logged a whopping 1,933 miles on the rental car. Over the next few weeks, I'll fill you in on some of our favorite spots. This week: Tacoma, Washington. The 'tac' part of Sea-Tac Airport, Tacoma isn't the best-known destination in the state, but it's very much worth a visit. First off, on a clear day, you can see Mount Ranier from most parts of it. Plus, it's on the water and easy to navigate—and it has both trains and ships for kids to ogle, and good, cheap antiquing for parents.



Clara at Hotel Murano

Where to Stay: The Hotel Murano (above) is really world-class, a little surprising for this small of a city. Its rooms and public spaces are filled with art—both glass works (Tacoma is the home of famous glass artist Dale Chihuly) and Native American pieces—but the place is anything but stuffy. We loved breakfast at the in-house restaurant, Bite, and the staff is super-knowledgeable about what to do and where to eat in the neighborhood.