

# Things to do

We dare you to whine there's nothing to do around here. Whether you want to be entertained from the sidelines of a sporting event or a theater seat, or like to be inspired by arts and crafts, or need to join the fray of competition, or take in a multi-cultural event, we've got you covered.

The Best of Broadway brings touring Broadway shows to the INB Performing Arts Center and live theater is staged at the Spokane Civic Theatre and Interplayers. The Spokane Symphony presents more than 60 concerts annually, an eclectic mix of entertainment fills the seats at Bing Crosby Theatre and Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox, and big names in country and rock music perform at the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena and Northern Quest Resort & Casino every year. Cozy community theaters in Liberty Lake, Spokane, Spokane Valley and Coeur d'Alene, bring a variety of talent and productions to their stages and

the Blue Door theatre hosts comedy improv every Friday night.

Here's a list of some – but not all – of the region's must-experience annual events:

## January through March

- Spokane International Film Festival – screenings of unreleased, feature-length movies, documentaries and shorts
- Northwest Bach Festival – a musical legacy with international and local performers
- Spokane Golf & Travel Show – more than 100 exhibitors show off the latest gear and travel packages
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day – speakers and events including the Unity March through downtown

## April and May

- Get Lit! – the Inland Northwest's premier literary festival features authors, readings and workshops
- Custer's Spring Antique & Collectors Sale – the region's largest vintage and collectible sale
- Spokane Lilac Festival – honors our

military, young people and the region, and is highlighted by the Armed Forces Torchlight Parade

- Bloomsday – the world's largest timed road race draws more than 50,000 people, including elite runners from around the world
- Volume – The Inlander's music festival features more than 80 bands from across the Northwest and beyond
- Farmer's Markets – fresh produce, flowers and locally raised meats are available from spring through fall

## June through August

- ArtFest – one of the Northwest's largest juried art shows and sales
- Elk Fest – Spokane's only free, outdoor, true indie music fest
- Green Bluff – from spring through the holidays, more than 30 growers and merchants sell produce, handmade goods and gifts
- Pride Parade – annual GLBTQA parade through the streets of downtown Spokane
- The Farm Chicks Antiques Show – more than 200 vendors sell antiques, vintage

- items, crafts and handmade goods
- Hoopfest – 456 basketball courts span 42 downtown blocks each June when the world's largest 3-on-3 street basketball tournament brings 7,000 teams and 250,000 players and fans to Spokane
- Julyamsh Coeur d'Alene Tribal Encampment and Powwow – more than 800 drummers, dancers, arts and crafts
- Spokane Highland Games – bagpipes, highland dancing, sheepdog exhibitions, athletic events and clan reunions
- Unity in the Community – showcases the region's cultural diversity through international song and dance

## September through November

- Pig Out in the Park – downtown Spokane's annual food and music fest in 100-acre Riverfront Park
- Spokane County Interstate Fair – ten days of music, food, rides, and games
- Candlelight Tour of Homes – area residents open their homes to support the Spokane Preservation Advocates
- Festival of Fair Trade – handicrafts for



Horse carriage rides in downtown Spokane

sale from Mexico, Nepal, Vietnam, Kenya, Chile and beyond

- Campbell House Holidays – the Victorian-era mansion is decked out in traditional holiday style

## Holiday Season

- Christmas Arts & Crafts Show – 300 artisans, craftspeople and vendors sell specialty foods, gifts and décor
- Christmas Evermore – Singing Nuns wearing traditional blue habits perform Christmas favorites in an annual holiday concert
- Christmas Tree Elegance – elaborately decorated trees are auctioned off in this fundraiser for the Spokane Symphony

## New Year's Eve

- First Night Spokane – bonfires, fireworks, song and dance performers fill downtown for a New Year's Eve celebration for all ages

## There's so much more!

For dates, times, admission and more information on events held throughout the region, go to [visitspokane.com](http://visitspokane.com). For sporting events, visit [spokanesports.org](http://spokanesports.org).



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