

## About Spokane

Spokane, "Children of the Sun" in Salishan, is the second largest city in Washington state and known for the Spokane Falls that flow through the heart of downtown. This area is the ancestral and current home of the Spokane Tribe of Indians. The City of Spokane was incorporated in 1881, the same year President Hayes formally established the Spokane Indian Reservation. The Northern Pacific Railway brought settlers to the area and established the city as a major trading post for fur, timber, and mining. In the 20th century, the population of the city continued to climb with settlers, and the city became a hub for agriculture and manufacturing. Spokane hosted the first environmentally themed World's Fair in 1974 and held its inaugural Bloomsday Run in 1977. The city continues to make the transition to a more service-oriented economy, and today boasts many beautiful parks, universities, and amazing architecture, while also facing challenges such as scarcity of high-paying jobs, homelessness, and areas of high crime. One out of every 5.2 residents of Spokane lives in poverty.

Spokane is a beautiful home to many, and we welcome you into its rich history and current context.



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## Joys of Spokane

Spokane is a four-season destination, locally nicknamed the "Lilac City" for the abundant lilac flowers that bloom each spring. Outdoor recreation is abundant with nearby lakes, rivers, mountains, and parks to explore. The city's slogan is "Near Nature, Near Perfect." Spokane is known as the birthplace of Father's Day, home of Bing Crosby, and for hosting the world's largest basketball tournament each summer. JVs often explore the local art scene, festivals, and cheap eats and entertainment in the city. Gonzaga University, a Jesuit institution near the JV house, can be a great resource for the community in addition to the local network of support people.