

Have a seat under the stunning chandelier by Tacoma artist Dale Chihuly in Tulalip Bay's private dining room



Dine at Blackfish



Relax at T Spa



Test your luck at 2,000 slot and video poker machines

DAY TRIP TO Tulalip

Destination: Tulalip Resort Casino, a two-hour drive from Vancouver, just a quick jaunt across the border. Purpose: fun **BY SHERI RADFORD**

GAMBLE You don't need to be a high roller to test your luck in the casino: 95 percent of the slots are one-cent machines. For a greater challenge, head to the championship poker room for Texas hold 'em, crazy pineapple or seven-card stud. Maybe keno is more your style, or a table game, such as blackjack, baccarat, roulette and craps.

RELAX Every element of T Spa—from the design to the music to the therapies—honors Native traditions. Indulge in massages, mud baths and facials in this sanctuary, filled with river rocks and bamboo floors.

EAT The resort caters to every palate, whether simple or refined. Get a cuppa joe and a pastry at Killer Coffee. Grab a quick bite in Canoes Carvery or Cedars Cafe. Take your time wandering between the food stations—seafood, Mongolian grill and decadent desserts, to name a few—in Eagles Buffet. Sample Pacific Northwest food, wines and microbrews in Blackfish. Or feast on culinary masterpieces paired with award-winning wines in Tulalip Bay.

LISTEN Every summer, the 2,600-seat outdoor amphitheatre hosts a stellar line-up

of musical acts:

- Boyz II Men and En Vogue with Salt-n-Pepa (Jul. 7)
- Gary Allan (Jul. 21)
- Spike and the Impalers (Jul. 28)
- Darius Rucker (Aug. 5)
- Buddy Guy and Jonny Lang (Aug. 16)
- Foreigner (Aug. 25)
- Joe Walsh (Aug. 30)

SHOP Give your credit cards a workout at nearby Seattle Premium Outlets, which has 110 designer outlet stores, everything from Adidas to Zumiez. Fashionista females get their fix at Coach, Burberry and Michael Kors. Men tend to gravitate toward Oakley, Tommy Hilfiger and Nike—or skip the mall entirely and head straight to Cabela's. Since opening a few months ago, the gargantuan store has welcomed a steady stream of hunters, fishers, boaters and campers.

GET THERE Pack your passport, then head across the Canada-U.S. border in a rental car or a Quick Shuttle (www.quickcoach.com). This luxury bus has a bathroom on board, as well as free wireless Internet.

For more info, visit www.tulalipresort.com.

