

Tacoma Historical Society invites you to our Historic Homes of Tacoma Tour, held annually on the first weekend in May.

The tour typically includes eight or nine private homes plus a reception center, usually a historic church. Ticket books, purchased in advance, contain a brief history of

each home and a map. Homes may be visited in any order during tour hours.

Tacoma Historical Society docents guide visitors through each home.

Restrooms,

refreshments and souvenirs are available at the Reception Center.

Historic Homes of Tacoma Tour FAQs

Q. Is there more than one Tour each year?

A. No, the Tour takes place the first weekend in May.

2011 - Saturday April 30 and Sunday May 1

2012 - Saturday May 5 and Sunday May 6

Q. When will tickets be available?

A. Early April.

Q. Where can we purchase tickets?

A. Tickets may be purchased at Tacoma Historical Society's Resource Center at 3712 South Cedar Street, in the Outback Plaza. There are also five Tacoma business locations that serve as ticket outlets:

- The Pacific Northwest Shop at North 27th & Proctor
- Stadium Thriftway between Division & First Street in the Stadium District
- Three Columbia Bank branches
 - Westgate (North 21st & Pearl St.)
 - Union Avenue (South 19th & Union Ave.)
 - Fircrest (Regents Blvd at Mildred St.)

Q. What is the ticket price?

A. Tickets cost \$20 each. Tacoma Historical Society members in good standing may purchase discounted tickets (\$15) ONLY at the Society's Resource Center (3712 South Cedar). Tickets are good for both days, but allow only one visit per house.

Q. Is there a children's price?

A. No. We do not encourage children to take the tour.

Q. How long has the Historic Homes of Tacoma Tour been offered?

A. It began in 1993.

Q. How do I suggest a home for a future Tour?

A. Contact us (with the address and, if you know it, the owner's name) by phone

at 253-472-3738; our mailing address is PO Box 1865, Tacoma 98401; or e-mail us at hometour@tacomahistory.org.

Q. I'm interested in being a docent. Is any training required?

A. We conduct training sessions before the Tour. We supply information about our expectations for docents, house assignments and general information about the

history of the house to which you are assigned. Call for additional details: (253) 472-3738.

Tour Guidelines

Tour sites are residences. We respectfully request that visitors refrain from handling the owners' personal property. Please, no indoor photography, backpacks

or children in strollers. Bare feet must be covered with socks, or shoes with the booties provided. Homes may be visited in any order. Tickets are valid for both days of the tour, but only one visit per house. Hours on Saturday are from 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Hours on Sunday are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Restrooms and refreshments are available at the Reception Center only. The Reception Center also features a historic photo display and offers books and souvenirs for sale. Tickets may be purchased at the Reception Center during the Tour.