

## Tulalip Resort Casino Opens New Hotel

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Tulalip Resort Casino, the Northwest's #1 place for fun, celebrated the Grand Opening of its new 12-story luxury hotel on Friday, August 15 with an exclusive guest reception.



The event marked the end of a two-year, \$130 million construction project and the beginning of a new era for the property as the largest and most distinctive meeting, gaming, entertainment and shopping destination in Washington State.

The Grand Opening reception was held at the hotel's new 15,000 square foot Orca Ballroom with a complementary event at the new Oasis Pool. More than 1,000 invited guests enjoyed festivities including a traditional Chinese Lion Dance performed by the Seattle Kung Fu Association, a welcome ceremony by Tulalip Tribes drummers and dancers, and dancing to live music performed by Type A! - a popular Northwest music group. Welcome speeches were given by Tulalip Resort Casino executives and members of the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors.

'We have been eagerly awaiting this moment,' said Ken Kettler, president and COO of Tulalip Resort Casino. 'From the custom, Tulalip artisan designed carpets to the prints on the walls to the thorough training of our new staff, every last detail has been carefully considered and selected to create a truly exceptional experience for our guests. We are incredibly proud of the outcome.'

The new hotel at Tulalip Resort Casino features 370 guestrooms, including numerous specialty suites, such as the 3,000 square-foot Tulalip Suite, designed to accommodate any level of corporate entertaining, the 2,000 square-foot Player's Suite with a professional size pool table, dart board, arcade games and professional sporting memorabilia, the Technology Suite offering guests leading-edge hotel and entertainment technology, and two Asian-themed suites designed on the principles of feng shui with a Northwest flare. All standard rooms at the hotel boast granite counters, dark African wenge-wood trim, 47-inch flat-screen TVs, iPod docks, sleek triple-headed showers and floor-to-ceiling windows. Authentic tribal art, valued at more than \$1 million, is incorporated into the hotel's sophisticated interior design.

The new Tulalip Resort Casino also boasts: 30,000 square feet of meeting and reception space, including the largest ballroom north of Seattle, T Spa, an elegant, 14,000 square-foot, full-service spa offering an earth-inspired menu of services, men's and women's lounges equipped with rainwater showers, sauna and steam rooms, along with fitness classes for the body and mind, the Oasis Pool, featuring a grand staircase leading to the pool and lush garden foliage, six dining options, headlined by Tulalip Bay, where Chef Dean Shinagawa incorporates flavors of the islands with the finest Northwest products to create an exceptional dining experience, and featuring an intimate wine room lit by a handcrafted chandelier by world renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly, and Mpulse Lounge, a lively cocktail bar located adjacent to the new high limit gaming room.

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