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[Blue Dome Entertainment District](#) (12 Miles)

With nine square blocks filled to the brim with trendy eateries, local pubs, indie boutiques and some of the best nightlife venues around, the Blue Dome Entertainment District is quickly becoming the place to be in Tulsa. Anchored by the famed Blue Dome, a revitalized 1920s-era Gulf Oil station, this downtown Tulsa district is serving up custom cocktails, stylish food and live entertainment any day of the week, all year long.

[Gilcrease Museum](#) (16 Miles)

Enter a world filled with American Indian legend, frontier lore and the romance of the American West at the nationally celebrated Gilcrease Museum and celebrate the unique American experience with one of the world's most comprehensive collections of Western art, artifacts, historical manuscripts, antique maps and more. Visitors to the Gilcrease are encouraged to wander through vast galleries filled with an astonishing 10,000 works of art including 18 of Frederic Remington's 22 bronze sculptures, large-scale masterpieces of American landscape and an unrivaled anthropology collection. Discover the fascinating history of the Americas with the aid of interactive collections, and head outdoors to stroll through the museum's 11 themed gardens.

[Hard Rock Hotel & Casino](#) (13 Miles)

Get in on the action at Tulsa's Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and enjoy the exhilaration of a jackpot-winning slot machine, the thrill of hitting 21 at a blackjack table, or the excitement of pulling a royal flush in front of poker's greatest players. Spend time admiring the rock-n-roll memorabilia displayed around the 110,000 sq. ft. casino floor, and celebrate your winnings in style with a sleek VIP suite within the 19-story Hard Rock Hotel tower.

[Tulsa Zoo](#) (14 Miles)

Gather up the kids and the rest of the family for a visit to the top-rated Tulsa Zoo and feast your eyes on African lions, Australian kangaroos, South American jaguars and Malayan tigers over 84 acres of wild exhibits. Take a ride around the zoo onboard the popular Safari Train and visit a variety of unforgettable exhibits that include state-of-the-art audio and visual displays, walk-through caves, interactive petting areas, sensory gardens, a recreated Massai village, pre-Colombian ruins and much more. Don't leave the Tulsa Zoo without seeing the Giraffe Experience, Chimpanzee Connection, the African penguin exhibit, Lost Kingdom or the Helmerich Sea Lion Cove, which invites visitors to view these playful creatures from an underwater viewing station.

[Philbrook Museum of Art](#) (11 Miles)

Walk onto the lush grounds of the Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa for a taste of 1920s refinement and opulence. This prestigious museum of fine art is housed within the former 72-room mansion of Tulsa oilman Waite Phillips. The Philbrook Italianate villa is now considered the preeminent art center of Tulsa and welcomes visitors year-round to view its stunning permanent collections, delightful art exhibits and flawless garden landscapes. After touring the art pieces within the museum, step out onto the black terrace to see the symmetrical, living design work of the gardens, inspired by French, English and Italian designs. The gardens, which also include dramatic water features, reflecting pools, elaborate wrought-iron niches and the Westby Sculpture Walk, are scattered across 23 acres only three miles from downtown. Pick up the free audio tour for an extra treat during your visit.

[Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium](#) (14 Miles)

Let your imagination take you on a journey of epic proportions at the Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium, where Oklahoma's rich aerospace heritage is brought to life with vintage airplane displays, interactive exhibits and a state-of-the-art planetarium. The 3D, 50-foot planetarium dome will take you from the skies above Tulsa to alien galaxies 70 million light years away, all while whipping past stars, planets and asteroids on your voyage skyward and beyond. Sit in a cockpit of a F-14A Tomcat fighter

jet while humming the theme to Top Gun, test your flight skills in the pilot's seat with realistic simulators, fly a scale airplane through a wind tunnel and maneuver robotic arms like astronauts in space. The possibilities for fun and adventure are endless at the Tulsa Air and Space Museum.

[Oklahoma Aquarium](#) (10 Miles)

The Oklahoma Aquarium is the state's must-see attraction featuring amazing aquatic life in immersive exhibits. View 300-pound sea turtles, reef sharks, and Caribbean fish from an underwater observation station. Experience the world's largest exhibit of bull sharks swimming around you from the safety of a unique walk-through tunnel and dome in the half-million gallon Shark Adventure. Send your kids crawling and climbing through interactive tunnels and caves in exhibits highlighting the Amazon River and kelp forest habitats. Literally thousands of fish, reptiles, amphibians and mammals introduce guests to life in our oceans, rivers, lakes and streams. The Oklahoma Aquarium is a fun, educational adventure for everyone!

[Gathering Place, Tulsa's Riverfront Park](#) (14 Miles)

The Gathering Place is a new park beside the Arkansas River near the city's Maple Ridge neighborhood, which will eventually encompass 100 acres. The park's designers include Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, the landscape architects responsible for Brooklyn Bridge Park in New York City, Maggie Daley Park in Chicago, and other well-known urban public spaces. Many visitors to The Gathering Place will park off Riverside Drive, then walk through two small gardens to a crescent-shaped path that curves around a large adventure playground and wetlands. The park encompasses; Chapmen Adventure Playground, Spiral Connector, Land of the River Giants, Skywalk Forest, Fairyland Forest, Volcanoville, Ramble Sensory Garden, The Reading Tree, Cottonwood Lawn, Charlie's Water Mountain, as well as Picnic Grove.