

12 Car Museums Worth A Detour

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America's love affair with the horseless carriage may have more to do with style, speed, status and ingenuity than with actually getting from here to there. Or so you might conclude after seeing the Model Ts, Corvettes, concept models and other prized automobiles on display at car museums around the country. If you're hitting the highway this summer, we found a dozen temples to transportation that are definitely worth a detour.

Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum

The Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum in Fairbanks, Alaska, displays more than 70 rare and antique cars, including some that are the sole-survivors of their marques (brands), and the first car ever built in Alaska. The museum's Alaska Gallery highlights the conditions faced by the state's motorist, including glacial rivers, far-below-freezing temperatures, avalanches, and driving on and through heavy snow.

Get a ticket: The Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum displays historic, auto-related photos and vintage clothing alongside its cars. Visitors can choose from a selection of period clothing to wear while posing for a photograph in one old car that sits in front of the museum's Alaska roadhouse.