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#### **GATEWAY TO THE AMERICAN WEST!**



Take the train from the airport to Denver Union Station, which features farm-to-table restaurants, bars and shops. Or hop on the free 16th Street Mall shuttle to explore more of downtown including historic Larimer Square for more nightlife, shopping and dining!



With 300 days of sunshine, Denver's outdoor patios are always open! Sample creative cuisine at chefowned restaurants, sip a craft cocktail or hit the Denver Beer Trail at one of the many breweries across the city's neighborhoods, from River North to Highlands and beyond.



No music lover's bucket list is complete without experiencing a concert at the world-famous Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre. During the day, hike the park's scenic sandstone trails and visit the Performers Hall of Fame.





#### **ART WITH A WESTERN FLAIR**

Visit Denver Art Museum, home to a famous collection of North American Indigenous Art. Enjoy interactive exhibits at History Colorado Center. Experience the mind-bending works of more than 300 artists at the new Meow

Wolf Convergence Station. Or pick up your own piece of the west at world-famous Rockmount Ranch Wear.



#### BASECAMP DENVER

Take a fabulous Rocky Mountain day trip and be home in time for dinner! Use Denver as your basecamp to explore the best of Colorado during the day and return for a street art tour and mouth-watering meal back in the city.















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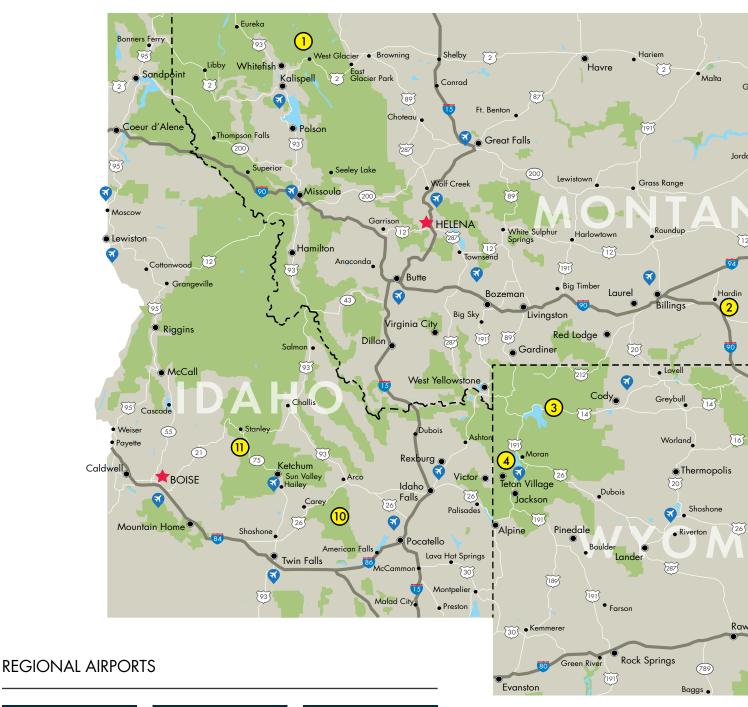


estled in the northern part of the USA, the Great American West is packed with epic vistas and stunning natural beauty. Awe-inspiring outdoor adventures coupled with countless cultural pursuits make for a holiday full of memorable moments and endless things to do. Hike legendary trails in the footsteps of world-famous explorers, encounter majestic wildlife, and experience the authentic and breathtaking beauty of 15 national parks, monuments and memorials.

Quirky museums and extraordinary interpretive centres provide opportunities to journey back in time through Old West history and Native American culture to embrace the unfettered pioneering spirit upon which America was built. A delight for the senses, it's where welcoming, small-town charm and big-city amenities collide and where wide-open spaces balance an abundance of attractions. Explore vibrant downtowns teeming with eclectic restaurants, unique boutiques and character far from ordinary.

The Great American West is waiting to welcome you.





#### IDAHO

Boise (BOI) Idaho Falls (IDA) Lewiston (LWS) Pocatello (PIH) Sun Valley (SUN) Twin Falls (TWF) Moscow (PUW)

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

Aberdeen (ABR) Huron (HON) Pierre (PIR) Rapid City (RAP) Sioux Falls (FSD) Watertown (ATY)

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Bismarck (BIS)
Devils Lake (DVL)
Dickinson (DIK)
Fargo (FAR)
Grand Forks (GFK)
Jamestown (JMS)
Minot (MOT)
Williston (ISN)

#### WYOMING

Casper (CPR) Cheyenne (CYS) Cody (COD) Gillette (GIL) Jackson Hole (JAC) Laramie (LAR) Riverton (RIW) Rock Springs (RKS) Sheridan (SHR)

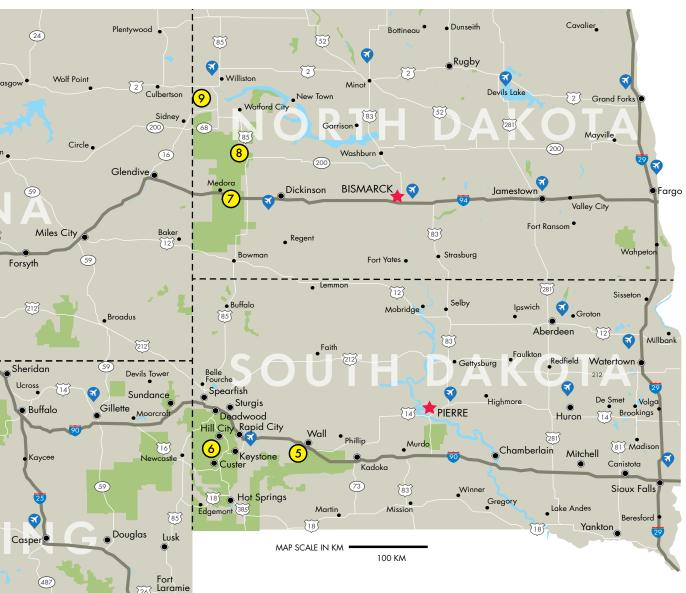
#### MONTANA

Billings (BIL)
Bozeman (BZN)
Butte (BTM)
Great Falls (GTF)
Helena (HLN)
Kalispell (FCA)
Missoula (MSO)

#### **GATEWAY CITIES**

Denver (DEN) Minneapolis/St. Paul/ Bloomington (MSP) Salt Lake City (SLC) Seattle (SEA) Calgary (YYC)





#### **KEY TO MAP**

- Glacier National Park
- 2 Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument
- Yellowstone National Park
- 4 Grand Teton National Park
- 5 Badlands National Park
- Mount Rushmore National
  Memorial
- 7 Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit
- Theodore Roosevelt National Park
  North Unit
- Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site
- Craters of the Moon National Monument
- Sawtooth National Recreation Area

#### STATE FACTS

#### IDAHO

Capital: Boise Population: 1,839,106 Became a state: July 3,1890 Nickname: Gem State

#### MONTANA

Capital: Helena Population: 1,084,225

Became a state: November 8, 1889 Nicknames: Big Sky Country; Treasure State

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Capital: Bismarck
Population: 779,094

Became a state: November 2, 1889

Nicknames: Peace Garden State; Flickertail State; Roughrider State

#### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

Capital: Pierre Population: 886,667

**Became a state:** November 2, 1889 **Nickname:** Mount Rushmore State

#### **WYOMING**

Capital: Cheyenne Population: 576,851 Became a state: July 10,1890 Nicknames: Equality State; Cowboy State

Wheatland

Laramie

**LEGEND** 

Cities

Interstate

🔯 5 Highway

Airport

**Parks** 

State Capital

State/National

CHEYENNE

Torrington

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daho is where adventure awaits and cultural experiences are best shared. Enjoy beautiful moments reeling in your next big catch in one of the many blue-ribbon rivers or marveling at the roaring flows of Mesa Falls or Shoshone Falls, the Niagara of the West. Get your thrills exploring ancient lava tubes at Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve, touring the silver mines in Wallace, or standing atop granite giants at City of Rocks National Reserve. Make memories twirling with Basque dancers at the annual San Inazio Festival in Boise, cheering on your favorite cowboy at a rodeo or singing along to a tune at Treefort Music Fest.

#### **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE:**

- From the Beginning Follow the creation story of the Nimiipuu as you wander through Nez Perce National Historical Park sites.
- Her-story Uncover tales of Sacajawea and the Agai'dika Shoshone-Bannock tribes at the Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural & Educational Center in Salmon.
- Ancient History Discover petroglyphs from thousands of years ago while wandering through Celebration Park, Idaho's first archaeological park.





#### **UNDER-THE-RADAR SPOTS:**

- Unique History The Museum at the Brig at Farragut State Park gives a glimpse into a WWII training facility with boot camp, naval and war memorabilia.
- Prehistoric Fossils Hagerman Fossil Beds
  National Monument is home to one of the
  world's richest Pliocene fossil sites, located next
  to the many stunning waterfalls of Thousand
  Springs State Park.
- Frontier Days Pay a visit to Land of the Yankee Fork State Park, which brings Idaho's mining past to life.



#### **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:**

- Embrace Dark Skies Take in the Milky Way, letting the constellations and night sky
  unfold before your eyes as you enjoy a night at a remote cabin, in a camper van or at
  your new favorite campsite. Some great places for breathtaking nighttime views include
  Central Idaho's International Dark Sky Reserve, City of Rocks National Reserve and
  Bruneau Dunes State Park.
- Hot Springs From naturally heated geothermal pools formed alongside a flowing river
  to fully developed resort retreats, one of Idaho's 130-plus hot springs will help soak away
  your stress and soothe your aching muscles after a day of adventure.
- Trail Rides Embrace your inner cowboy discovering the West on horseback, riding numerous trails in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, around Sandpoint, or just outside Yellowstone National Park at Harriman State Park.



PARMA RIDGE WINERY, PARMA

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Winter Wonderland No matter where you are in the state, you are not far from one of Idaho's 19 ski areas, including Hemingway's favorite, Sun Valley.
- A Scenic Route Idaho has 31 designated scenic byways, each with stunning overlooks. For a quick, action-packed drive, try the Lowman Loop for whitewater rafting, hot springs and wildlife galore intersecting three byways.
- An Unusual Getaway Sleep among the treetops with a stay in a fire lookout for a bird's-eye view of the sun as it rises and sets over the mountaintops.
- Our Local Libations With booming viticulture and agricultural industries, Idaho has more than 60 wineries and 80 breweries and is the number one producer of barley and the number two producer of hops in the U.S. The state's three AVAs, or unique grape growing regions, combine for more than 1,300 acres of vineyards.











Southwest Idaho delivers big on outdoor adventure, especially in the cities of Boise and McCall. Find the best of the West here: rugged foothills and mountains paired with wide-open spaces; rivers renowned for both fishing and world-class rapids; and scenic byways that beg you to take the road less traveled.

#### **BOISE**

Surrounded by foothills and nestled along the Boise River, Idaho's state capital offers easy access to hiking, mountain biking and kayaking. Cyclists take to the Boise River Greenbelt, a 40-km paved route through the city dotted with parks, restaurants, urban wineries, breweries and cideries. Thrill-seekers head north of Boise to the Payette River for guided rafting trips with Cascade Raft. Rock climbers will be impressed with Boise's Black Cliffs, known for crags that appeal to beginners and experts alike.

Named one of America's Next Great Food Cities by Food & Wine, Boise's culinary scene is not to be missed. The Warehouse, Boise's new food hall, is making headlines with its 10 eateries and two bars. Just a short drive from the Sunnyslope wine region, Boise boasts an impressive number of tasting rooms – so many that there is an urban wine tour for those who prefer to stay in the city limits.









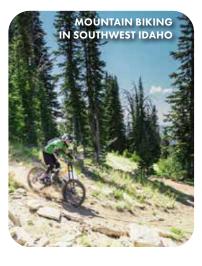
#### **SCENIC BYWAYS**

Road trips reach a new level with the region's abundance of scenic byways. Start in Boise and take the Payette River Scenic Byway on Highway 55 to McCall, meandering through stunning wilderness, including riverways and national forests. Small towns pepper the scenic byways, including Horseshoe Bend, Donnelly and Cascade. Don't miss Volcanic Pies in Horseshoe Bend for the perfect fresh-baked dessert to take along on your adventure.





# PAYETTE LAKE IN MCCALL



#### **MCCALL**

Approximately 170 km north of Boise, McCall sits on Payette Lake, with 5,330 acres of glacial water ideal for all types of water sports. Whether swimming, sailing, waterskiing, jet skiing, canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding or boating, the lake offers endless activities. You can also relax and enjoy a scenic boat ride with McCall Lake Cruises.

Idaho has the most kilometers of whitewater rafting in the lower 48, so it's no surprise that McCall, like Boise, is a perfect basecamp for rafters. Book a trip with any of the Payette or South Salmon River outfitters, or use McCall as the gateway for a rafting, jet boat or fishing expedition further north with Hells Canyon Adventures.

With more than 800 km of public trails to explore, the region offers top-notch views for hikers and horseback riders alike. Ya-Hoo Corrals in McCall lets you take in the Great American West with guided tours. Every hiker will find a trail to their liking, whether a kid-friendly loop in Ponderosa State Park or something more challenging.

McCall offers a diverse playground for bikers of all abilities. Choose from an endless network of backcountry trails, or ride the wide meadow trails at Ponderosa State Park, gravity trails at lift-serviced Brundage and Tamarack, or freeride trails at Bear Basin and Jug Mountain Ranch.

#### Travel resources:

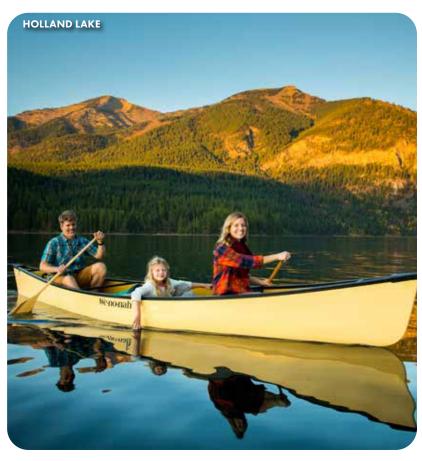
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nchored by two national parks and countless natural wonders, Montana boasts a whopping 55 state parks and endless expanses of wilderness to get lost in the right direction. The fly fishing is world-class, the whitewater beguiling and the landscape begging to be explored. Glacier National Park's famed glaciers, alpine meadows, verdant forests, roaring waterfalls and towering peaks set the scene for adventure where 700 miles of hiking trails and views await. Montana is the setting of "A River Runs Through It," and with good reason – water is the state's lifeblood, while the mountains are the playground.

#### **RELAX AND UNWIND:**

- Soak in Hot Springs Let your cares melt away at the natural mineral pools of Yellowstone Hot Springs in Gardiner or plan an adults-only escape to Quinn's Hot Springs for a romantic overnight getaway.
- Embrace Your Inner Cowboy at a Luxury Guest Ranch - The Ranch at Rock Creek is the world's first Forbes Five Star Guest Ranch, combining frontier traditions with all-inclusive luxury.
- Get Off the Grid Discover hidden spots along Flathead Lake on a kayak or boat tour to Wildhorse Island State Park. Once a haven for the Salish-Kootenai Indians to protect their horses from neighbouring tribes, it still has five wild horses that roam free.







#### **GREAT AMERICAN WEST HERITAGE:**

- See One of the Largest Buffalo Jump Sites in North America First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park is a National Historic Landmark and archaeological site. Walk the interpretive trails to take in the story of
- Learn About the Land on a Native Sun Tours Get a deeper understanding of Glacier National Park's sacred sites on a tour with Blackfeet tribal members. They'll provide storytelling about the animals, plants used for nutrition and medicine, and the land's spirituality.
- Experience a Powwow Attend Crow Fair, an end-of-summer bonanza when the sleepy town of Crow Agency morphs into the Tipi Capital of the World, or visit Browning in July for North American Indian Days Powwow celebration.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Go For a Drive Montana is one place where it's easy to take the scenic route. The Anaconda-Pintler Scenic Route skirts along mountains, creeks and lakes, while the breathtaking vistas of the Going-to-the-Sun Road make for another memorable road trip. History buffs should drive the Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway to the ghost town of Coolidge for a look back into Montana's mining past.
- Watery Wonders For over 125 years, guests have followed Lewis and Clark's path along the Missouri River. Best seen on a Gates of the Mountains boat tour outside Helena, this family-friendly, open-air boat takes you through a rock formation that looks like granite gates for a history and nature lesson all wrapped into one.
- Walk in Dinosaurs' Footsteps Go back in time on the Montana Dinosaur Trail, a series of 14 dinosaur-themed museums showcasing prehistoric discoveries. Grab a prehistoric passport and get your paleontology on.





#### **UNDER-THE-RADAR SPOTS:**

- Explore Red Lodge The basecamp of the Beartooth Mountains, this guirky town has an unexpectedly excellent culinary scene, local boutiques and galleries, and the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary, where you can get up close and personal with wild cats, wolves and reptiles.
- See Mermaids Drink your cares away while watching mermaids swim by at the retro tiki bar, Sip & Dip Lounge in Great Falls.
- Get Spooked Go back to the Gold Rush era and tour Garnet ghost town outside Missoula, where more than 30 buildings have been preserved.





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Among the dramatic, gargeous landscapes of Western Montana's Glacier Country, you'll find extraordinary outdoor recreation, nine scenic travel corridors, 75+ captivating small towns and adventures you'll remember forever.

iscover Flathead Lake – the largest freshwater lake in the West - featuring Montana's coveted Flathead cherries, storybook villages, watersports and yearround adventure. Fly-fish a legendary river or blue-ribbon trout stream, stroll a "Best of the West" famers market, stargaze the most mesmerizing night sky you'll ever see, or explore two American Indian reservations and learn about the Blackfeet Nation and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. There's an authentic Western experience here for every type of traveler.

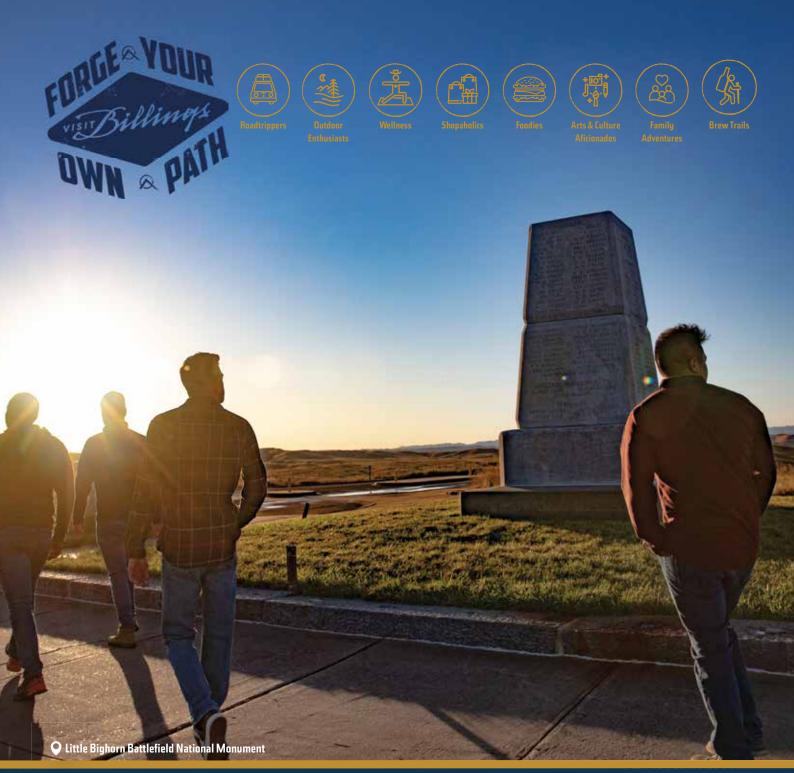
Western Montana's charming communities are made up of arts and culture hot spots, vibrant historic districts, and walkable downtowns with breweries, distilleries, culinary delights, local shopping and easy access to the great outdoors. You'll find plenty of lodging options, from rustic to luxury. For a truly Western adventure, stay in a timbered lodge or on a working guest ranch and saddle up for the adventure of a lifetime.

The Crown of the Continent - Glacier National Park anchors the region with more than 1 million acres of jawdropping terrain. Hike to sparkling glacial lakes, take your pick of more than 200+ waterfalls, and be mesmerized by majestic towering mountains in every direction. The park is open year-round, and autumn is arguably the best time to visit, with watchable wildlife, cooler temperatures and golden fall hues popping against snowcapped peaks. Spring is the park's quiet season and the perfect time to bike the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road or watch as baby wildlife emerge. Explore the natural wonders and rich history of the park on an interpretive bus tour or historic red bus tour and learn about the Plains Indian connection to a breathtaking landscape that dates back centuries. Plan your getaway to Glacier Country at glaciermt.com and discover the Montana you had in mind.









#### A PATH FOR EVERY PERSONALITY

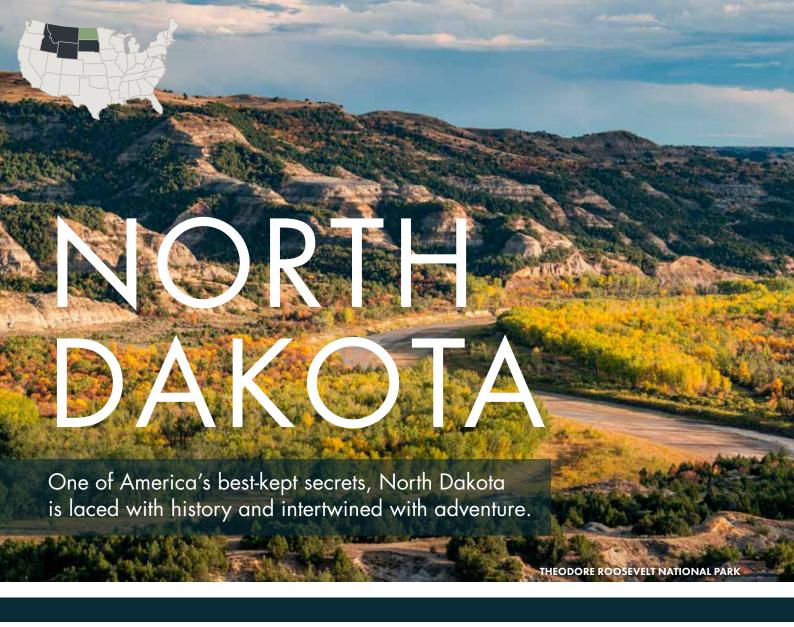


Montana's Trailhead invites you to adventure with personality. Try a new sport. Embark on a rock-climbing lesson. Taste the local beer, and immerse yourself in local arts and culture. Take the scenic route.

Dive into our region's rich history. Visit the sites and landmarks you've only read about. Your inner history buff will be glad you did.

Whatever you do, make sure to Forge Your Own Path in Billings.

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hether you crave creature comforts or the rugged outdoors, from the Red River Valley to the rolling hills of the drift prairie, the North Dakota landscape is as beguiling as the opportunities that await. Attend a powwow, rodeo or state fair to soak up the culture and get a living history lesson. Theodore Roosevelt, George Armstrong Custer, Sitting Bull, Sakakawea, and Lewis and Clark lived and left their legacies here. Walk in their footsteps and take in their stories while crafting your own legend and memories.

#### **GREAT AMERICAN WEST HERITAGE:**

- Tribal Tourism Home to seven tribes on five tribal lands, check out the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Earth Lodge Village, the new MHA Interpretive Center and the Knife River Indian Village National Historic Site, where Lewis and Clark met Sakakawea.
- Mandan Rodeo Days The world's oldest rodeo began over the July 4th weekend in 1879 and continues every Independence Day weekend in Mandan. This event includes three days of PRCA rodeo, specialty acts, fireworks, street dances and more.
- Powwows Originally held in the spring to celebrate the beginning of new life, powwows are now held throughout the year as a time for people to gather, sing, dance, feast and
- Killdeer Mountain Four Bears Scenic Byway This 64-mile byway provides a unique look into the culture and history of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara tribes, along with cowboy and rodeo lifestyles. Points of Interest include Crow Flies High Butte Overlook, Four Bears Museum, Earth Lodge Village at New Town, Little Missouri State Park, Killdeer Battlefield State Historic Site and Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge.







#### **GET CULTURED:**

- Visit Scandinavian Heritage Park The only outdoor museum in the world dedicated to all five Nordic countries, you can learn about Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden by exploring a 240-year-old log house, replica stabbur, 27-foot-tall Swedish Dala horse, Gol Stave Church, Finnish sauna and Danish windmill.
- Admire Flora and Fauna at the International Peace Garden Home to over 150,000 flowers in the formal garden and conservatory, this botanical paradise also has one of the largest collections of cacti in the world.
- Have a Museum Day The North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum is the centerpiece of North Dakota's museum network. Free and open to the public, the 97,000-square-foot facility tells the story of the state with galleries from the Ice Age to the present day. Enjoy performances in the new digital Great Plains Theater and lunch at the

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Unique Festivals From Native American history to Viking traditions, the United Tribes International Powwow and Norsk Hostfest bring two very different cultures to the forefront.
- Quaint Downtowns Explore the towns of Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck, Minot, Valley City and Medora, all full of charming main streets, locally owned boutiques and tasty bites.
- Abundant Outdoor Adventures 70,000 square miles of rugged terrain, sparkling waters and clean air all scream adventure. There's something special about getting outside in North Dakota, whether you're reeling in a walleye on Lake Sakakawea, reaching the summit of a hike through the Badlands or sleeping under the stars at a state park.





#### **UNDER-THE-RADAR SPOTS:**

- White Horse Hill National Game Preserve Drive the 4-mile loop looking for bison and elk herds, stop at the prairie dog town, see more than 250 species of birds, take a hike and explore the habitats.
- Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway North Dakota's first nationally recognised scenic byway, this 63-mile route puts archaeology, history, culture and recreation on full display.







From the breathtaking landscapes of the Red River Valley, to the urban and authentic downtown, to the way the city embraces the cool of winter, Fargo just does things differently.

argo is not a normal place to visit; it's not mountains, it's not tropical beaches, and it's not swarming with tourists. Smack dab on the border of Minnesota and North Dakota, with prairie as far as the eye can see, you'll find a hidden gem of nightlife, food, art, and a herd of wildly friendly people to welcome you.

Discover canoe parades in the fall, gorgeous wineries along the prairie, and vintage markets on downtown streets. The rooftop patio views of the sunsets cannot be beaten, and the inspired food and crafted drinks are a perfect match. Immerse yourself in the historical Stave Church, Hjemkomst Viking ship and downtown murals; and step back in time at Bonanzaville, the pioneer village. During the winter, locals and visitors do not shy away from the cold. Outdoor activities are embraced in events like Frostival, recreational rentals, and fun evenings spent in outdoor igloos.

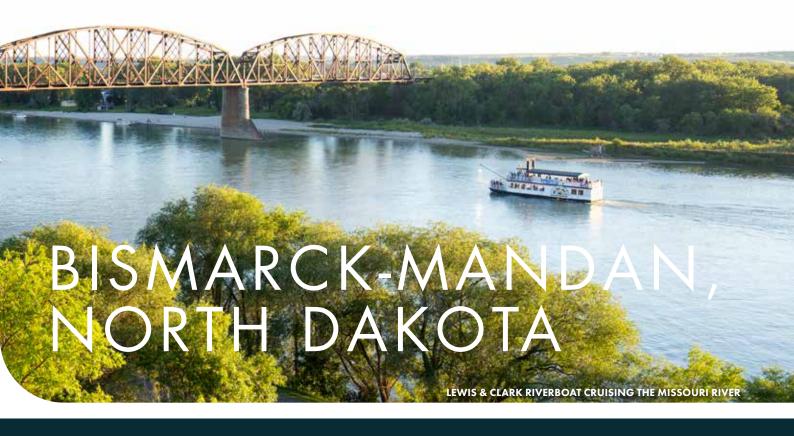
So, come enjoy this unconventional choice for your next visit. Experience north. North of Normal.











#### The Bismarck-Mandan area of North Dakota is rich with history, both indoors and out.

xperience the state's early days at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park overlooking the Missouri River Valley, where Gen. George Armstrong Custer and the 7th Cavalry rode to their legendary battle at the Little Bighorn. At the nearby On-A-Slant Indian Village, experience the prairie lifestyle of the Indians who lived there from 1575-1781. The Lewis and Clark Trail, meanwhile, takes visitors to the still-unspoiled landscape first witnessed by the famous explorers in the early 1800s.

Cruise the majestic Missouri River on the Lewis & Clark Riverboat or view some native North American habitats at the Dakota Zoo. Visit Bismarck's historic Cathedral District, with homes on the National Registry of Historic Places, then shop at the quaint stores and boutiques in Bismarck-Mandan.

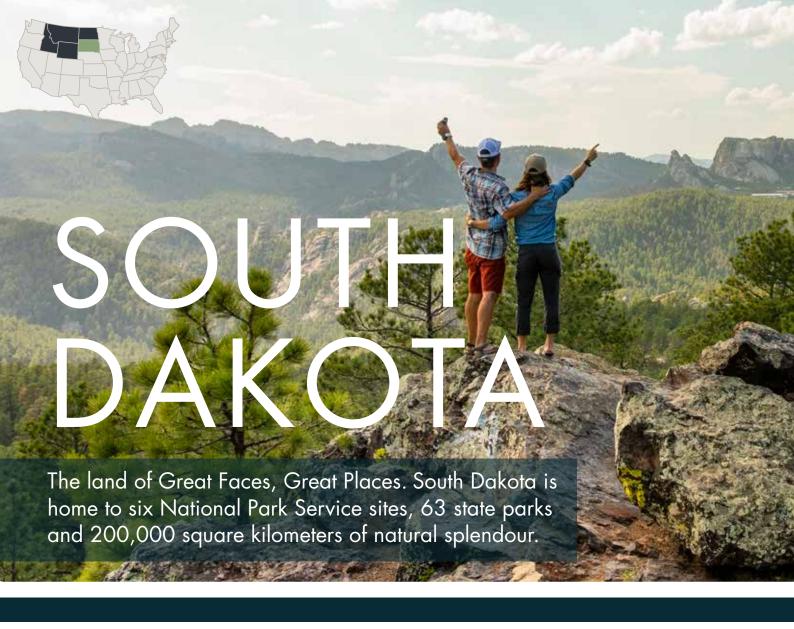
Hungry? Sample amazing ethnic foods from North Dakota. Enjoy the treasures of one of numerous locally owned restaurants. Feast on wild game, or enjoy mouth-watering walleye, which are plentiful in the region's freshwater lakes and rivers.

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arvel at history carved in stone and thousands of free-roaming buffalo, or hike the highest natural point east of the Rocky Mountains. Get off the grid by UTV, Jeep or mountain bike; see wildlife and wildflowers; or go back in time diaging for fossils.

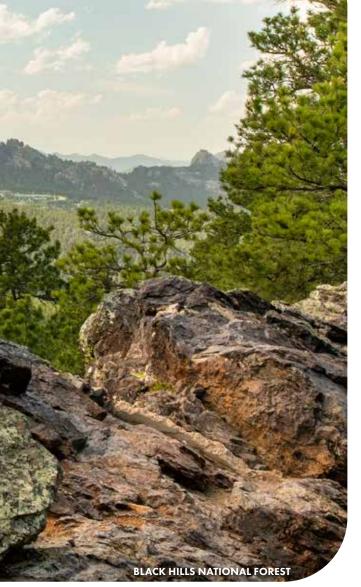
#### **GREAT AMERICAN WEST HERITAGE:**

- Learn About Native Americans For a look into their way of life and connection to the land, the Oglala Lakota Living History Village offers stories and songs told by the Lakota
- Pay Tribute to the Past The Crazy Horse Memorial is the world's largest mountain carving and a spellbinding tribute to the heroic Oglala Lakota warrior who stood up for what he believed in as he fought against
- See The Wild, Wild West Full of outlaws, gold-seekers, characters and re-enactors, Deadwood is a rough-and-tumble 1800s Gold Rush town. Tour the Days of '76 Museum, which honours pioneers and prospectors, yearround or plan your trip around the Days of '76 Rodeo, Deadwood's annual event.
- Walk (or Drive!) in their Footsteps The Native American National & State Scenic Byway provides breathtaking views of the Missouri River, diverse landscapes, and tribal history and culture through central South Dakota.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Mount Rushmore National Memorial Near Keystone, the majestic figureheads of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln are a dedication to American change-makers.
- Badlands National Park Called the land of stone and light, the rugged beauty of the Badlands puts a variety of ecosystems and striking geologic deposits on full display south of Wall.
- Custer State Park South Dakota's first and largest state park. Drive the Wildlife Loop to see thousands of free-range bison, prairie dogs and other unique animals, which are especially impressive during the Annual Fall Buffalo Roundup event.
- Falls Park The number one attraction in Sioux Falls, this urban waterfall is complete with a five-story observation deck, Stockyards AG Experience attraction and local restaurant Overlook Cafe.

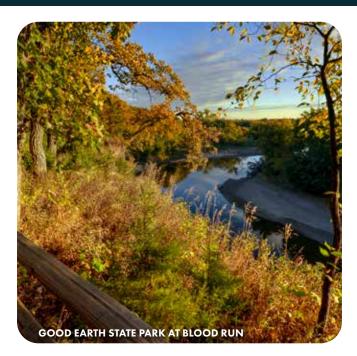




#### **UNDER-THE-RADAR SPOTS:**

- John Lopez Studio/Kokomo Gallery Large-scale and intricate fantastical welded beasts made of repurposed metal symbolise Western life in Lemmon. One of his most recognizable pieces of work, "Dignity: of Earth and Sky," is located on the banks of the Missouri river near Chamberlain
- Sylvan Lake at Custer State Park A favourite cool-down spot for photographers, artists and anyone looking for a lake getaway, the watery wonderland was featured in the movie "National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets."
- Faulkton Grain Elevator Mural Painted by a world-renowned Australian artist, this photorealist mural of two kids welcomes you to Faulkton, one of the most significant pieces of public art in the state.







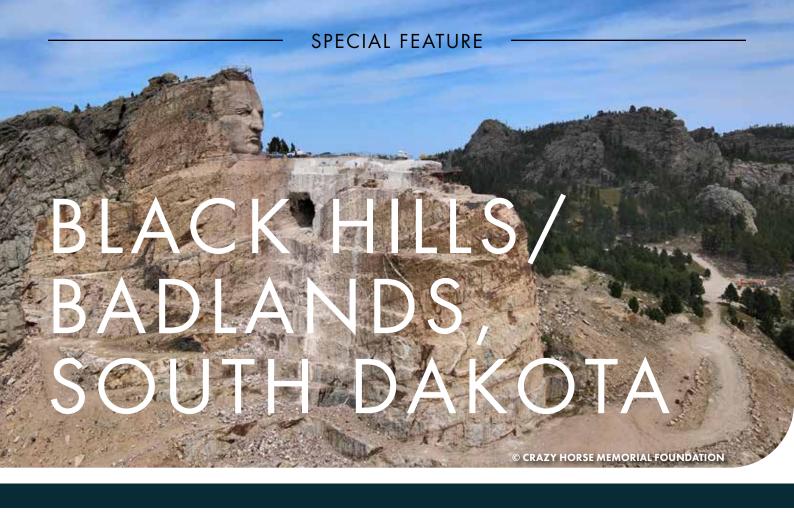
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#### **GET CULTURED:**

- For a Taste of Frontier Life See the Ingalls Homestead of "Little House on the Prairie" in De Smet. Go for a covered wagon ride, learn the arts of hay twisting and wheat grinding, drive a pony cart and learn crafts.
- Have a Dino-mite Time See Ice Age fossils and tour an active indoor dig site at the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs.
- Explore the Newest State Park Good Earth at Blood Run is a National Historic Landmark with evidence of some of the longest human habitation in the nation across the fertile floodplains.
- Get a History Lesson Nestled into a bluff near Pierre, The South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center is the headquarters of the State Historical Society, the state archives, and rotating and permanent exhibits.





Experience monumental works of man and nature. The Black Hills are home to six national parks and monuments, including Mount Rushmore – the "Shrine of Democracy" – and the other-worldly Badlands.

region of infinite variety, the Black Hills are home to scenic byways, historic Old West towns, Native American culture, gaming and a wealth of attractions, offering visitors an area abundant with opportunities. blackhillsbadlands.com

Experience an active indoor paleontological dig site and museum at The Mammoth Site of Hot Springs, where you will travel back in time to the late Ice Age. Walk the edges of a sinkhole that boasts the largest concentration of mammoths in the world at one of only two accredited museums in the Black Hills. You'll see where Columbian and Woolly mammoths as well as 87-plus other species became trapped, leaving an ancient treasure trove of fossil remains. Enjoy hands-on learning and ongoing scientific research and STEAM education.

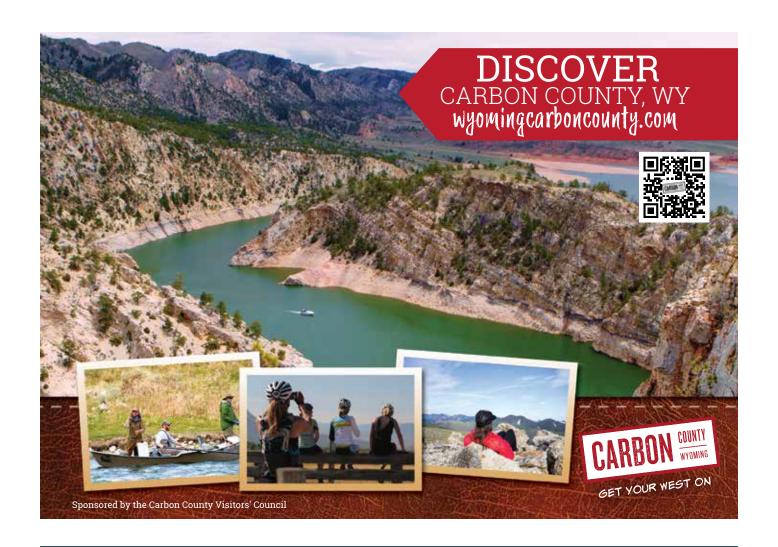
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Crazy Horse Memorial®, located north of Custer, is a great attraction for everyone. It's home to the world's largest mountain-carving-inprogress, a year-round visitor complex, gift shop with American-Indian-made and one-of-a-kind souvenirs, plenty of free parking, and a restaurant and snack shop offering a wide variety of mouthwatering specialties - including a local favourite, buffalo stew. Explore the extensive museum, cultural centre and sculptor's studio-home. Enjoy special events, the nightly laser show and Native American performers - in season.

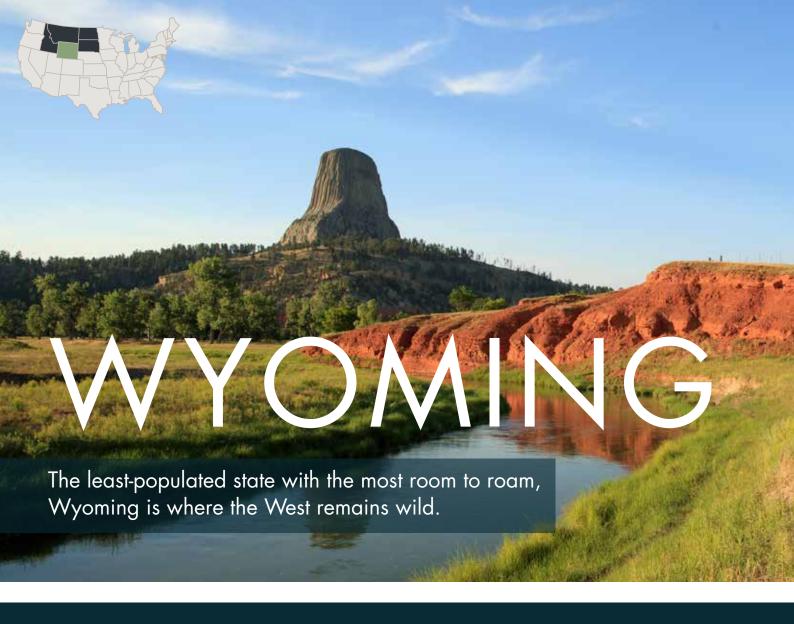
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iscover incredible outdoor spaces, incomparable cowboy culture and a rugged frontier spirit unbridled even after all these years. Flanked by two of the most popular national parks in America – Yellowstone and Grand Teton – Wyoming is the place to find stunning views, catch a rodeo or discover fascinating Western history.

It's a place where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid aren't just household names, they're icons; and where cattle drives and chuckwagon dinners offer a hands-on look at Western tradition. It's where gushing geysers and bubbling hot springs are just some of many unexpected natural wonders and where every moment takes you back to a simpler place and time.

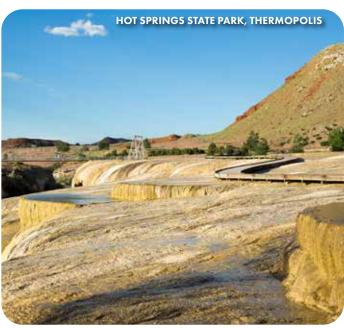
#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Authentic Ranch Experiences Wyoming is home to over 100 guest/dude ranches, ranging from adults-only experiences to family-friendly adventures. They run the gamut from high-end luxury to working guest ranches with guided horseback, hunting and fishing excursions.
- Unique Accommodations Forgo the traditional hotel to become one with the land in a yurt, covered wagon or teepee. Whether you post up outside a national park or go deep into the backcountry, you'll love camping or glamping under the stars.
- Rock On Devils Tower and Grand Teton National Park (along with under-the-radar gems like Vedauwoo and Ten Sleep) are bucket-list climbs for advanced boulderers, sport and trad climbers, and those looking to learn rock climbing.
- Hook the Catch of Your Life The Miracle Mile is a famed stretch of the North Platte River with world-class fishing and stargazing thanks to a remote location, grand scenery and epic trout



#### **UNDER-THE-RADAR SPOTS:**

- Get off the Grid Made of spectacular red canyons and arid green forest, Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area is a sprawling 207,363-acre landscape home to a reservoir and river with a plethora of water activities.
- Have a Spa Day Saratoga is one of the state's premier hot springs destinations. Take a relaxing soak in Hobo Hot Springs to take advantage of Saratoga's free healing waters. Or, for a more intimate experience, book an overnight at Saratoga Hot Springs Resort to stay in teepee-covered pools.
- Go Back to Prehistoric Times Plan a getaway to Thermopolis. Spend the day at Hot Springs State Park, fishing along the Big Horn River or observing the state bison herd before heading to the Wyoming Dinosaur Center or Legend Rock Petroglyph. You can tour live dig sites and, in the summer, join paleontologists on a real dig.



#### **GREAT AMERICAN WEST HERITAGE**

- Follow One of 12 Historic Trails Go back to the 1800s through interactive exhibits at the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center.
- See Where History, Art and Native American Heritage Collide The Buffalo Bill Center of the West houses five museums and a research library, all under one roof.
- Become One With History Explore Medicine Wheel National Historic Landmark, an ancient site showcasing 7,000 years of Native American culture.







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#### **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:**

- Eat Up! Chuckwagon meals, also known as cowboy cookouts, are prepared over an open flame and usually include some form of live entertainment a tradition not to be missed.
- Pay Homage to the Pioneers – Mid-1800 emigrants chiseled their names into Register Cliff, a prominent navigational landmark near Fort Laramie, on their way west.
- Experience Frontier Life -Attend Cheyenne Frontier Days, the world's largest outdoor rodeo, for nine days of roping and riding, or visit Cody, a year-round frontier town with log cabins and saloons.
- Dig for Dinosaurs TIME Magazine named the Wyoming Dinosaur Center one of the world's coolest places for kids for its handson opportunities.



No journey out West is complete without exploring Yellowstone National Park. The world's first national park is unforgettable and easily accessible with two gates from Cody, Wyoming. Experience the majestic Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River, the thrill of Old Faithful Geyser and the Lamar Valley teeming with wildlife.

Vour Yellowstone adventure begins at the Cody, Wyoming, park's East Gate — Cody, Wyoming. More than a century ago, "Buffalo Bill" Cody established the town, and today it's still full of Western charm and warmth. Come and stay at a guest or dude ranch and hear tales of the Old West. Go horseback riding, learn how to rope and enjoy the nightly summer rodeo. Stroll the boardwalks of Old Trail Town. Explore the world-famous Buffalo Bill Center of the West. Go shopping for a new pair of cowboy boots, Western art or the perfect hat.

Prefer the wild outdoors? Float the Shoshone River, hike a preserved ghost town in Kirwin, or fish the bountiful rivers and streams all while viewing big and spectacular Wyoming country.

What are you waiting for? Enjoy Cody Yellowstone, The Great American Adventure!







In the heart of the Cowboy State is the authentic and beautiful city of Casper. With so much to experience, to make your time with us easier, we rounded up five amazing must-see and do experiences of Casper.

#### 1. THE BEAUTY OF THE OUTDOORS

With endless opportunities to experience our lush landscape, outdoor adventures are just minutes away. We have everything an outdoor enthusiast loves: mountain trails for hiking, biking, skiing and snowshoeing; access to blue-ribbon fishing; or perfect conditions for floating, kayaking or paddle boarding.

#### 2. ART AND CULTURE AT EVERY TURN

With the landscapes of Wyoming as their backdrop, it's no wonder many artists, makers and creators call Casper home. From diverse museums and art galleries to live music and festivals, Casper serves up an array of cultural offerings.

#### 3. TASTING THE WEST

Casper has an impressive and growing culinary scene that has something for every taste. With our locally owned restaurants, breweries, bakeries, coffeeshops and a distillery, you will certainly find something to keep you fueled up.







#### 4. HISTORY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Pioneer stories are woven into our identity, our purpose and our spirit. Learn about life on the trails at the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center, climb alongside pioneer inscriptions at Independence Rock or go on a Conestoga wagon adventure on the Oregon Trail with Historic Trails West.

#### 5. EXPLORE OUR LIVELY DOWNTOWN

Downtown is where Casper's early history meets the hustle and bustle of our city. Walk the historic streets, window shop, take in the art murals, grab a drink or bite to eat, and enjoy the live music at our year-round outdoor plaza, David Street Station.



hether you're a water baby or an intrepid explorer, an avid outdoorsperson or a casual nature enthusiast, the Great American West is home to countless outdoor experiences worthy of a grand American adventure. With no shortage of places to get lost in the right direction, the only question is – where do you head first?

#### **IDAHO**

Idaho has some of the best whitewater rafting in the world, from family-friendly trips on the Payette River to roller-coaster rides on the Lochsa and Salmon Rivers. Take in the rocky cliffs of the deepest canyon in North America with a jet boat tour through Hells Canyon. If cycling through pristine nature is more your speed, try rail-to-trail gems like Route of the Hiawatha, passing over seven train trestles and 10 tunnels, or the Ashton Tetonia Trail for stunning views of the Teton Mountains. For more heart-pounding rides, try the mountain biking tracks at Jug Mountain Ranch or the Payette Lake Trail in McCall.





#### **MONTANA**

Whether you're looking for a relaxing float or a rip-roaring ride, the Gallatin River, Alberton Gorge and Flathead River exhilarate thrill- and chill-seekers. Get active hiking, biking or camping at Montana's largest state park, Makoshika, which features badland formations, big skies and dinosaur fossils. Explore one of the most diverse ecosystems on Earth in Yellowstone, home to almost half the world's active geysers, before heading north and west to Paradise Valley and Madison Valley for more wildlife and geologic wonders. Gear up with world-class mountain biking and hiking in the capital city of Helena with 80 miles of trails accessible from downtown.



#### **NORTH DAKOTA**

Before there were roads, the Missouri River was your guide, inviting you to kayak or fish the longest river in America. Swim, sun or sail on Lake Sakakawea, the third-largest man-made reservoir in the U.S. With more shoreline than California, it's home to the North Country National Scenic Trail, stretching 4,600 miles to Vermont. Devils Lake, the state's largest natural body of water, is known as the "Perch Capital of the World," but anglers can also reel in walleye, northern pike and white bass. Traverse the Badlands' 144-mile Maah Daah Hey Trail on foot, horseback or bike (it has earned an EPIC designation from the International Mountain Biking Association). Get off the grid in Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area, one of the largest uninterrupted stretches of woodlands in the state.



#### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

With 100 miles of converted railroad bridges and tunnels, the Mickelson Trail is beloved by hikers, bikers and horseback riders. Go deep into Black Hills National Forest on 650 miles of ATV and UTV trails. Drive Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway, stopping to cast a line, stretch your legs and marvel at the waterfalls. Explore Missouri National Recreational River, a 100-mile stretch of North America's largest river. Visit Badlands National Park, the crown jewel of South Dakota, and explore the underground worlds of Wind Cave and Jewel Cave, where miles upon miles await beneath the Earth's surface. Winter is the secret season for frozen landscapes and fewer crowds.





#### **WYOMING**

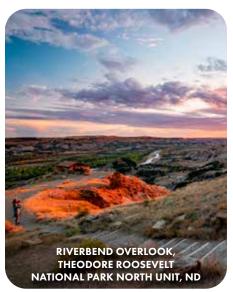
Whether you wind through Wind River Canyon, snake down the Shoshone or hit the Big Kahuna, whitewater rafting in Wyoming can be an adrenaline rush or a scenic float - the choice is yours. Surrounded by stark red canyons and lush green forest, Flaming Gorge is a mecca for fishing, boating, hiking and biking, where wild horses roam and adventure awaits. Home to more than 40 peaks over 4 km tall, seven of the largest glaciers in the Rocky Mountains and the natural phenomenon in Sinks Canyon State Park, the Wind River area is one of Wyoming's premier playgrounds. Fossil Butte National Monument, "America's aquarium in stone," is home to some of the world's best-preserved fossils.



There's no shortage of beautiful places in The Great American West, but there are some landscapes and iconic attractions that are captured on camera better than the rest. Whether it's that perfect sunset or a snowy reflection off the distant peak, a photo can instantly transport you back to a magical moment or place.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but these incredible spots may just leave you at a loss for words.





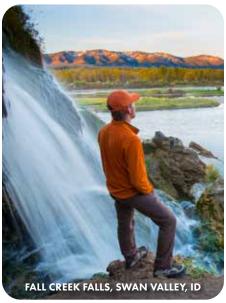
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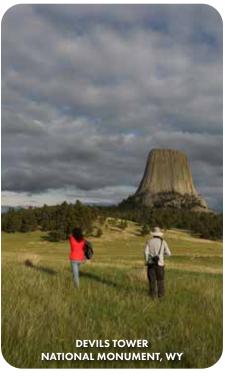
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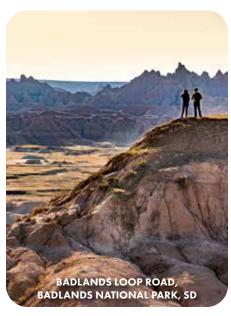
















#### **STATE PARKS ITINERARY (7-10 DAYS)**

With over 150 state parks spread across five states, you could spend weeks exploring and still not scratch the surface of the numerous breathtaking outdoor recreational areas. These are some of the standout adventures you just can't miss when visiting the Great American West.

**DAY 1: WYOMING** – With Denver as your gateway to the region, head north toward Curt Gowdy State Park. After a two-hour drive, you'll be itching to explore its seven distinct landscapes, which include three reservoirs. Continue north to Guernsey State Park, one of the area's premier camping destinations. Spend the night under the stars or keep heading on toward Hot Springs State Park, where the naturally heated, free-flowing mineral pools beckon.

DAY 2-3: SOUTH DAKOTA - Make your way east to Custer State Park, known as the crown jewel of the Black Hills region. Here, you'll find free-roaming buffalo, towering granite peaks and epic views. When you've had your fill of wildlife and wilderness, continue on to Lewis & Clark Recreation Area. With three separate campgrounds, you can rest your head or take advantage of the waterfront alongside the Missouri River. Just north of Sioux Falls, Palisades State Park is another must-see, and one of the most unique views in South Dakota with scenic Sioux quartzite cliff overlooks, an ideal backdrop for your photo op. Continue north to explore picturesque Fort Sisseton Historic State Park.

DAY 4-5: NORTH DAKOTA - Cross into North Dakota for a visit to Fort Ransom State Park. A tribute to the state's homesteading heritage, the heavily wooded area is the start of the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway. Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park is home to a replica Indian Village and reconstructed military buildings. Beat the heat at Lake Sakakawea State Park, the third-largest man-made reservoir in the nation; Lake Metigoshe State Park, which straddles the U.S.-Canadia border; or Little Missouri State Park, an oasis on the edge of the Badlands.







**DAY 6-7: MONTANA** – Cross into Montana to the sandstone formations and fossils of Makoshika State Park. Then head toward Billings to Chief Plenty Coups State Park, a national historic landmark, and Pictograph Cave State Park for more prehistoric discoveries. From there, journey underground to see geological wonders at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park or step back in time at Bannack State Park, home of the state's first gold rush. You'll overnight at Missouri Headwaters State Park, where the Lewis and Clark Expedition camped in 1805.

DAY 8-9: IDAHO - Start winding your way southwest with a stop at Harriman State Park for a taste of Yellowstone's landscape before making your way across the state to Bruneau Dunes State Park, the tallest stand-alone sand dune in North America. Another natural wonder, Thousand Springs State Park, is known for its numerous waterfalls that spring from the canyon walls. Spend the night at Castle Rock State Park, a mecca for climbers, hikers and bikers.

DAY 10: IDAHO - Complete the loop with a visit to the turquoise-blue waters at Bear Lake State Park. Bring your swimsuit for a dip in the water before drying off during one last hike on one of the many scenic hiking trails.













The international gateway cities of Denver, Colorado, and Minneapolis/ St. Paul/Bloomington, Minnesota, are conveniently located for exploring the Great American West.

enver's walkable downtown features chef-owned restaurants, Dbrewpubs, professional sports, shopping, family attractions, arts and culture. Catch a show, find your new favorite pour and taste farm-to-table cuisine like it was intended!

In Denver, you can choose your own adventure. You can find your favorite art mural in RiNo (River North) Art District; shop or dine in Larimer Square; visit Cherry Creek for its shopping, luxe boutiques, galleries and restaurants; enjoy Union Station with its 100-year-old history and an eclectic array of restaurants, bars and shops; or get active (or chill) in one of Denver's 250-plus urban parks. And these are only a few ideas!

Experience the Mile-High magic firsthand and see why Denver is the premier gateway to the West.







'he international gateway of Minneapolis/St. Paul/Bloomington is comprised parks, 22 lakes and one iconic river in the city of Minneapolis, green space is everywhere! Go biking, canoeing, kayaking or take a scenic river cruise on the mighty Mississippi River. Enjoy the city's cultural offerings, including the Walker Art Center and Paisley Park, or cheer on one of our six professional sports teams. Then hop on the Green Line light rail system to Saint Paul and explore the Capital City's historic architecture, gangster past and flourishing food scene. Bloomington, home of Mall of America, provides serious shoppers with 520 stores, more than 50 restaurants and endless entertainment options. Plus, there's no sales tax on clothing or shoes in Minnesota!



Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington is conveniently located in the middle of the United States and is a proud hub for Delta Airlines with direct flights from across the globe. It is a natural gateway to The Great American West to explore neighboring states such as North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

Before heading West, consider a few nights in MSP. We know you want to see the hottest spots and not miss anything. But you might not know where to start – or even what Minneapolis-Saint Paul-Bloomington is all about. Don't worry, we're here for you.

Once here, getting around is a snap using light rail transit, with stops in both downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul, MSP Airport and Bloomington (home of Mall of America). MSP boasts some of the best cycling infrastructure in the country, with hundreds of kilometers of bike lanes. Make sure to grab a convenient Nice Ride (local bicycle sharing program) and pedal around our iconic rivers, lakes and parks.

In Minneapolis, we're passionate about our arts and culture. Sports and our world-class sporting venues are cornerstones to life. And here, everything is homegrown – our music, our food and our festivals. Minneapolis is a destination known for our compact downtown, a historic Mississippi Riverfront, colorful murals, world-renowned museums, six professional sports teams, our love of all things Prince and our top-ranked park system. Our city has long welcomed people from all over the world. And today, our story also includes a renewed social justice movement along with a city and region on a journey of transformation.











Minneapolis' twin city to the East, Saint Paul is jampacked with history, architecture, food and more. Saint Paul is a walkable historic river city. Home to the Minnesota State Capitol, the Cathedral of Saint Paul and the James J. Hill House, the city is full of sophisticated cultural experiences. Saint Paul boasts the nation's number two rated park system, including over 180 parks and the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. Stroll along Summit Avenue, the longest stretch of preserved Victorian architecture in the United States (find F. Scott Fitzgerald's birthplace), and cruise the Mississippi River. Through festivals, tours, landmarks and cuisine, a mosaic of cultures are celebrated in Saint Paul. And sports fans will find plenty to cheer about in the State of Hockey with the NHL's Minnesota Wild.

No trip to Minnesota is complete without a stop at Bloomington's Mall of America, one of North America's largest retail and entertainment complexes. Mall of America's 520+ stores, 50+ restaurants, and attractions like Nickelodeon Universe, SEA LIFE at Mall of America, Crayola Experience and the M&Ms Store attract more than 32 million visitors annually. Plus, there's no sales tax on clothing or shoes in Minnesota!

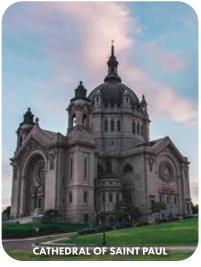
Bloomington's 45+ hotels range from budget to luxury and are all located just minutes away from Mall of America. Most hotels offer free parking and shuttle to Mall of America and Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

With all this in one destination, you may need more than a couple nights!

#### **Travel resources:**

exploreminnesota.com | minneapolis.org visitsaintpaul.com | bloomingtonmn.org









## VISITOR RESOURCES

Our partners are ready to assist you in planning your holiday visit to the Great American West:



**Visit Billings** visitbillings.com



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**Carbon County** Visitors' Council wyomingcarboncounty.com



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Visit Denver denver.org



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**Visit Rapid City** visitrapidcity.com



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Southwest Idaho **Travel Association** visitsouthwestidaho.org



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