



#### **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!



**ON A PATIO** 

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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COVER IMAGE: One of many alpine lakes along the Beaten Path, a 26-mile hiking trail in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness near Red Lodge,  ${\sf Montana-Montana\ Office\ of\ Tourism\ and\ Business\ Development}$ 

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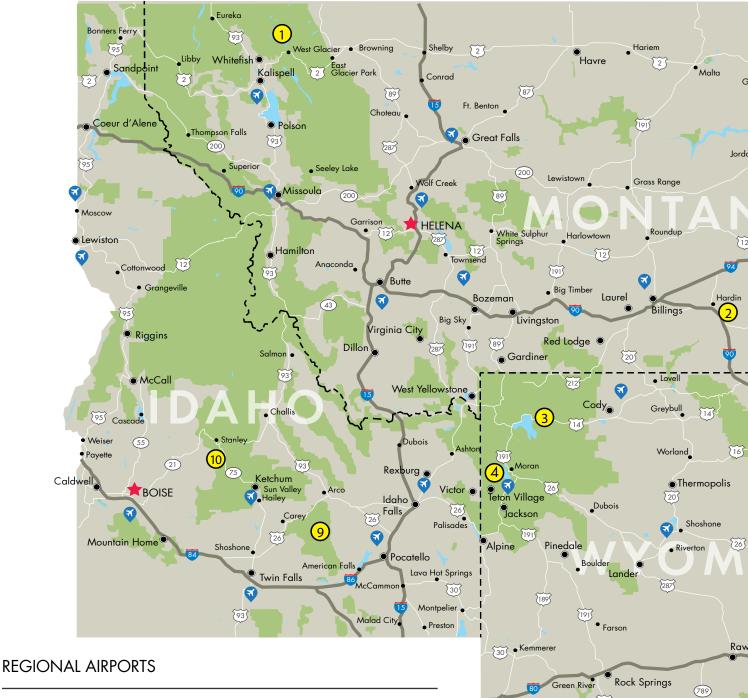
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#### **IDAHO**

WYOMING

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

Casper (CPR)

Cody (COD)

Gillette (GIL)

Laramie (LAR)

Riverton (RIW)

Cheyenne (CYS)

Jackson Hole (JAC)

Rock Springs (RKS)

#### **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)

#### MONTANA

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

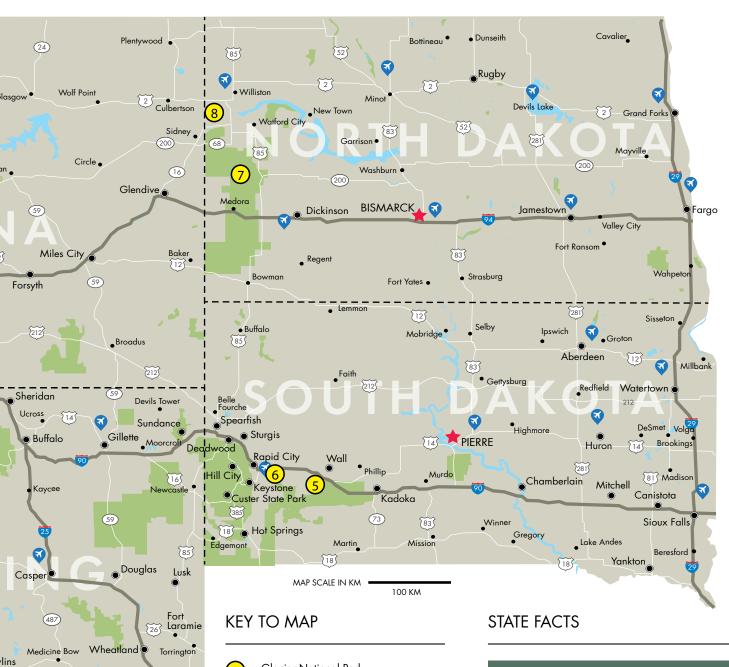
#### **GATEWAY CITIES**

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**LEGEND** 

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**Parks** 

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- Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument
- 3 Yellowstone National Park
- Grand Teton National Park
- Badlands National Park
- Mount Rushmore National Memorial
- Theodore Roosevelt National Park
- Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site
- Craters of the Moon National Monument
- Sawtooth National Recreation Area

#### **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

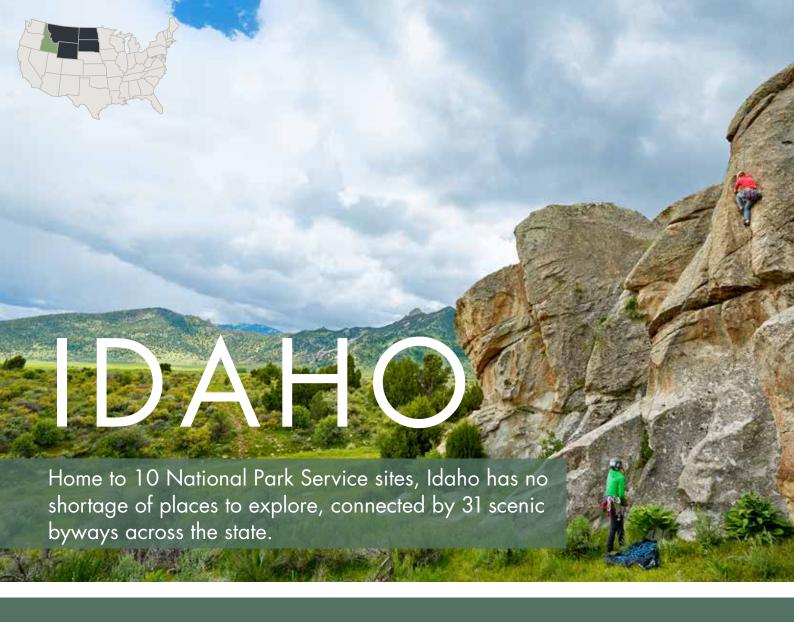
#### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

Capital: Pierre Population: 886,667

Became a state: November 2, 1889 Nicknames: Mount Rushmore State

#### WYOMING

Capital: Cheyenne Population: 576,851 Became a state: July 10, 1890



apital city Boise provides a look into the Basque culture as well as many farm-to-fork experiences. From here, it's a short drive to the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, home to the greatest concentration of nesting birds of prey in North America. Head north to McCall for more wildlife watching, mountain biking or a peaceful lake cruise, then reward yourself with a local beer. For a bird's-eye view, try zip lining or base jumping.



#### **MUST-HAVE ADVENTURES:**

- Feel the Magic Pull You'll delight when a rainbow trout hits that perfect cast while fly fishing on one of the many blue-ribbon rivers in Idaho.
- Get Your Thrills Take a jet boat tour through Hells Canyon, the deepest canyon in North America.
- Rock on! City of Rocks National Reserve is a mecca for hikers and climbers with twisting spires that rise toward the sky in mesmerising formations
- Chase Waterfalls Two must-see waterfalls are Mesa Waterfalls outside of Yellowstone National Park and Shoshone Falls, which is taller than Niagara.

#### **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:**

- Search for Treasure in the Gem State Tour an underground silver mine and try your hand at panning for gold or precious stones. Map out the American Gold Rush story in one of Idaho's many mining ghost towns.
- Stay at a Guest Ranch Get off the grid and back to nature at a working dude ranch. Enjoy Western hospitality surrounded by acres of wilderness complete with activities like horseback riding and rustic meals cooked over a roaring fire.
- See Stars Take in the glittering gems of the Milky Way as the constellations and night sky unfold before your eyes at Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve, America's first Gold Tier International Dark Sky Park.



#### **CAN'T-MISS ATTRACTIONS:**

- For the Adventurers Horseback riding at Redfish Lake in the Sawtooth Mountains
- For an Otherworldly Experience Hike Craters of the Moon National Monument &
- For a Natural High Bike the Route of Hiawatha Trail



#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Skiing No matter where you are in the state, you are not far from one of Idaho's 18 ski resorts, including Hemingway's favourite, Sun Valley. All
- feature a variety of activities any time of year.
  Whitewater Rafting The Middle Fork of the Salmon
  River is rated one of the top 10 whitewater rivers in the world. You'll find rapids of all difficulties and classes for a wild day on the river, a relaxing family outing, or a multi-day excursion throughout the state.
- Hot Springs Soak your stress away in one of Idaho's 130-plus hot springs. From naturally heated geothermal pools to fully developed retreats with resort amenities, did someone say sp-aaah?
- Drink Up! With booming viticulture and agritourism industries, Idaho has more than 60 wineries and 80-plus breweries. It is the No. 1 producer of barley and the No. 2 producer of hops in the U.S. The state has three unique growing regions, also known as AVAs or appellations.







Boise, located in Southwest Idaho, and the surrounding region make it easy to combine stellar outdoor adventure with cultural highlights.

oise's downtown is bustling with craft breweries, wineries and award-winning restaurants. It's all just a few minutes from the Boise Airport, and steps from most downtown hotels. There are currently 29 non-stop flights into Boise, including a new daily non-stop on Delta Airlines from Atlanta, Georgia. The international connectivity has never been stronger.

Boise is home to the largest Basque population — per capita - in the U.S. The Basque Block, in the centre of downtown, celebrates the rich culture and is home to the Basque Museum and Cultural Center. Nearby, Freak Alley Art Gallery is considered one of the largest outdoor galleries in the Northwest. Mountain lovers drive 15 miles from downtown to Bogus Basin Ski & Recreation Area, open year-round!

Idaho boasts the most miles of raftable whitewater in the lower 48 states - many of which are located in Southwest Idaho. Hells Canyon, labeled the deepest gorge in North America, is a prime spot for whitewater rafting. The canyon cuts right along the border of Oregon, and it's filled with Native American legends, geologic wonders and diverse wildlife. Whitewater enthusiasts will also enjoy the Payette River, barely an hour's drive from Boise in Banks.

About 100 miles from Boise is the much-loved ski and lake town of McCall. A true four-season recreation hub, visitors and locals alike enjoy epic skiing, snowboarding and mountain biking in the summer at Brundage Mountain Resort. Visitors will also enjoy an array of shopping and dining in the historic downtown.



For more information please visit: visitsouthwestidaho.org or boise.org











Western Montana's Glacier Country is a place of breathtaking beauty and world-class adventure. Stunning landscapes provide the setting for unrivaled outdoor exploration and small-town charm among nine scenic travel corridors offering exceptional lodging, warm Western hospitality and genuine experiences you'll never forget.

lacier National Park anchors the region, boasting more than 1 million acres of jaw-dropping terrain, like sparkling glacial lakes, 200-plus waterfalls and jagged mountain peaks. The park is open all year long but is especially lovely in autumn, with watchable wildlife plus autumn colours 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. Book an interpretive bus tour or historic red bus tour for the chance to explore the natural wonders and rich history of the park, including the Plains Indian connection to a landscape that dates back centuries.

Beyond the park you'll find blue-ribbon trout streams, two American Indian reservations and Flathead Lake — the largest freshwater lake in the West, featuring Montana's famous Flathead cherries, storybook villages, water adventures and year-round splendour. Western Montana's 75-plus communities are made up of arts and culture hot spots, vibrant historic districts, and walkable downtowns with breweries, distilleries, dining, shopping and easy access to recreation. You'll find plenty of lodging options here, from rustic to luxury. Stay in a mountainside lodge or working guest ranch for a truly Western adventure.

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nchored by two national parks and countless natural wonders, Montana boasts a whopping 55 state parks and an endless expanse of wilderness in which to get lost. The fly fishing is world-class, the whitewater beguiling and the landscape just begging to be explored. Montana is the setting of "A River Runs Through It," and with good reason - water is the lifeblood of the state, while the mountains are the playground.

Glacier National Park's famed glaciers, alpine meadows, verdant forests, roaring waterfalls, and towering peaks set the scene for adventure, and 700 miles of hiking trails and views await. Take in the state's frontier history, delve into its prehistoric past, get back to nature and create your own iconic Montana moment.

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

- Enjoy the Arts and Culture of Missoula Here, small-town charm meets college town appeal. Meander the funky shops and local galleries, experience the vibrant music and art scene and savour an endless variety of culinary treasures.
- Get to Know the Quirky Mining Town of Butte Explore above- and below-ground the place once known as the "richest hill on Earth." Take an underground mine tour or explore Hell Roarin' Gulch and take a trolley ride to see one of the nation's largest national historic landmark
- Unique Accommodations Glamp under the stars at The Resort at Paws Up, Bar W Guest Ranch or Under Canvas; spend the night in a historic cabin in Nevada City or Virgelle; or unwind in a luxury skydome at Clear Sky Resort entirely enveloped by nature.





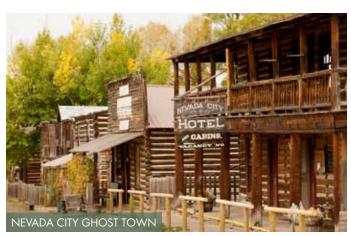


#### **MUST-HAVE ADVENTURES:**

- Hit the Whitewater Whether you're looking for a relaxing float downstream or a rip-roaring river ride, the Gallatin River, Alberton Gorge and Flathead River exhilarate water babies, thrill-seekers and chill-seekers.
- Hike, Bike or Camp at Makoshika State Park Montana's largest state park is Makoshika, featuring badland formations and fossil remains of prehistoric creatures. Search for dinosaur bones or relax under the night sky in its vast expanse.
- Enjoy Lake Life Flathead Lake is the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi and is the spot for floaters, anglers and outdoor lovers to soak in the landscape.
- Explore Whitefish The gateway to Glacier National Park, Whitefish is where jagged peaks meet glacier-carved valleys and pristine lakes. Downtown's charming shops and restaurants are the perfect complement to the expansive outdoor adventures in this true fourseason destination.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Scenic Byways From the breathtaking vistas of the Going-to-the-Sun Road to the spectacular views along the Beartooth Highway, Lewis and Clark described Montana as full of "scenes of visionary enchantment;" these drives make for truly memorable road trips.
- Escape to Cowboy Life at a Guest Ranch The Ranch at Rock Creek combines traditional Western adventure with ultimate luxury in an idvllic location.
- Walk In Dinosaurs' Footsteps Go back in time on the Montana Dinosaur Trail, a series of 14 dinosaur-themed museums showcasing local dinosaur discoveries. Grab a prehistoric passport and get your
- Get Spooked Tour the Gold Rush boomtowns turned ghost towns of Bannack and Garnet and feel the spirits come alive on a haunted tour of Nevada City.



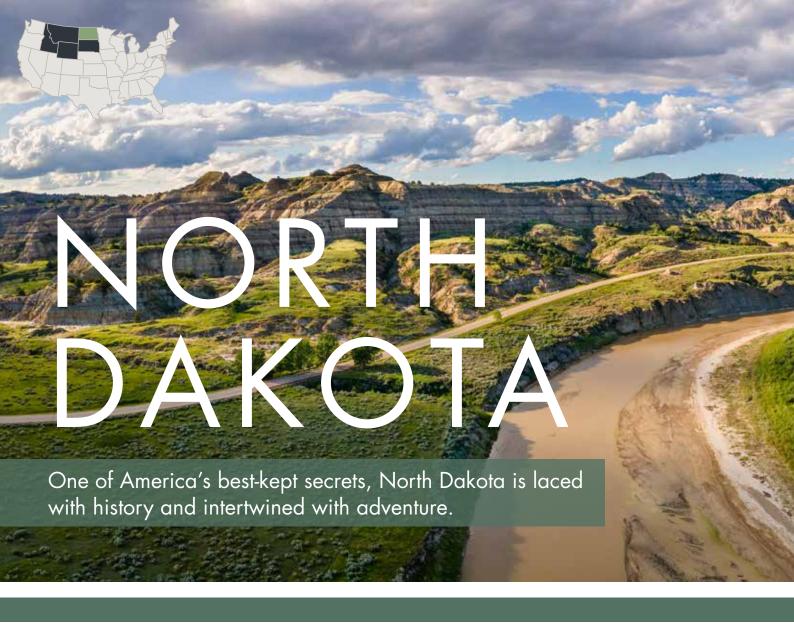


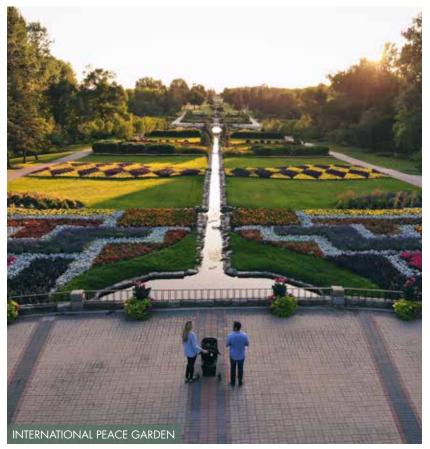
#### **CAN'T-MISS ATTRACTIONS:**

- For the Outdoor Enthusiast Glacier National Park
- For the Nature Lover Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center
- For the History Buff Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument

## MONTANA

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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 all lived and left their legacies here. Walk in their footsteps and take in their stories while crafting your own legend and memories.

#### **GET CULTURED:**

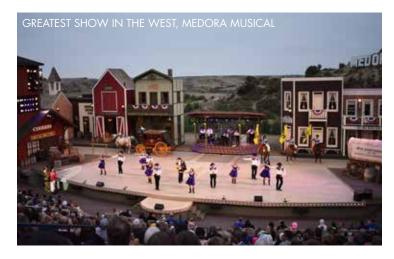
- Visit Scandinavian Heritage Park The only outdoor museum in the world dedicated to all five Nordic countries, you can learn about Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden by exploring a 240-year-old log house, replica stabbur, 27-foot-tall Swedish Dala horse, Gol Stave Church, Finnish sauna, and Danish windmill.
- Drive the Enchanted Highway Keep an eye out for this quirky roadside collection of the world's largest scrap metal sculptures on display from Gladstone to Regent.
- Admire Flora and Fauna at the International Peace Garden - Home to over 155,000 flowers in the formal garden and conservatory, this botanical paradise also has one of the largest collections of cacti in the world.



#### **MUST-HAVE ADVENTURES:**

- Experience a Watery Wonderland Swim, sun, or sail on the south shore of Lake Sakakawea, the third-largest man-made reservoir in the nation. With more shoreline than the California Pacific Coast, it's paradise for anglers and outdoor enthusiasts and home to the Western Terminus of the North Country National Scenic Trail, a route stretching 4,600 miles all the way to Vermont.
- Reel in the Catch of Your Life As the largest natural body of water in North Dakota, Devils Lake is home to large numbers of walleye, northern pike and white bass, and is also known as the "Perch Capital of the World."
- Explore the Longest River in America Long before there were scenic byways, the Missouri River was your guide. Outdoor adventures abound, from kayaking and camping to fishing and hiking.
- Hike, Horseback Ride, or Bike Across the Badlands The 144-mile Maah Daah Hey Trail is rugged and challenging, earning an EPIC designation from International Mountain Biking
- Get Lost in the Woods Pembina Gorge State Recreational Area encompasses one of the largest uninterrupted stretches of woodlands, crisscrossed by paddle and hiking trails.





#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

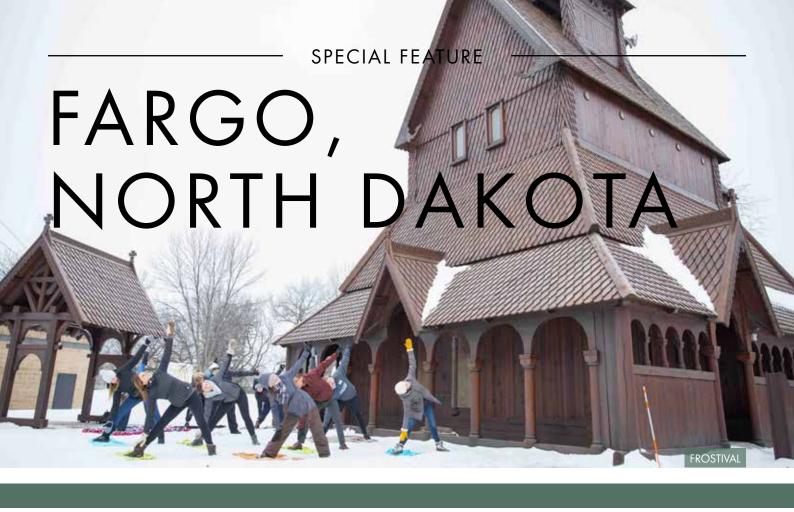
- Unique Festivals From Native American history to Viking traditions, the United Tribes International Powwow and Norsk Hostfest bring two very different cultures to the forefront of society.
- Tribal Tourism Home to seven tribes on five tribal lands, check out the Mandan-Hidatsa Arikara Earthlodge Village and new MHA Interpretive Center, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa's new Heritage Center, and the Knife River Indian Village National Historic Site, where Lewis and Clark met Sakakawea.
- Camping From tent to RV travellers and full-amenity campsites to rustic backcountry, plentiful options abound for sleeping under the stars.
- Quaint Downtowns Explore the small towns of Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck, Minot, Valley City and Medora, all full of charming main streets, locally owned boutiques, and tasty bites.

#### **CAN'T-MISS ATTRACTIONS:**

- For the Adventurer Theodore Roosevelt National Park, aka the "Grand Canyon of the North"
- For the City Slicker and Movie Aficionados -Fargo, North Dakota's largest city and home to the woodchipper from the movie "Fargo"







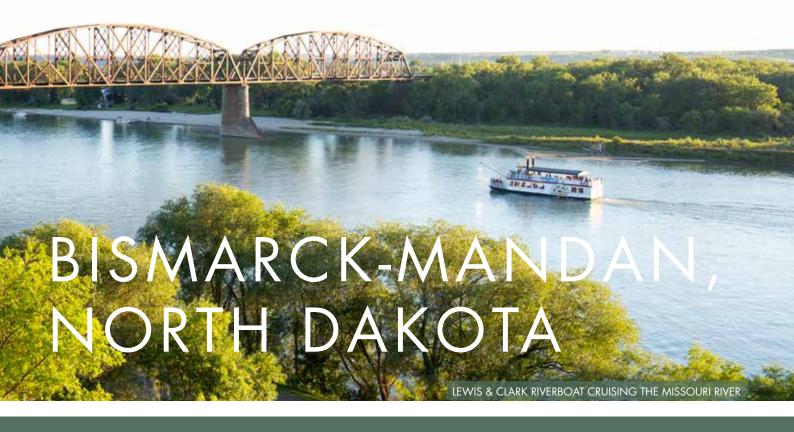
From the breathtaking landscapes of the Red River valley, the urban downtown, to the way the city embraces the cool of winter, Fargo just does things differently.

argo is different. Unfamiliar ground. But, once you experience it, it's ground you want to spend some time on. The city is filled with wonderful eccentricities that encourage non-traditional thinking and behaviour. Its creative spirit inspires the artists, musicians, craftspeople and entrepreneurs who live and work here, as well as those who visit. With the perfect combination of small-city atmosphere and big-city vibe, you'll understand the local love and pride. While you're here, visit historic Downtown Fargo and explore the unique experiences that live there. The 1920s Fargo Theatre's art deco marquee that lights up the heart of downtown alongside historic boutique hotels, music venues, locally owned one-of-a-kind shops and a plethora of unique restaurants. Catch some live music or hop on some skates at Broadway Square. Go back in time and experience the life of early North Dakota pioneers at Bonanzaville. Or immerse yourself in the rich Scandinavian heritage at the Hjemkomst Center. From the art and cuisine to the friendly people and natural beauty, Fargo offers experiences to leave you with lifelong memories.









#### 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 to 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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In every corner of North Dakota, you'll discover wide-open spaces waiting to be explored. The outdoors beckons with wind-sculpted canyons, sprawling views and stunning landscapes. Celebrate history, culture and modern life of the Native American people of our state. Start planning today.

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# Dakota

Be Legendary.

## Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation Tourism

Experience the living culture and stimulate your senses. Reserve a nights stay in an Earth Lodge or Tipi. Hike the history trail and enjoy the epic



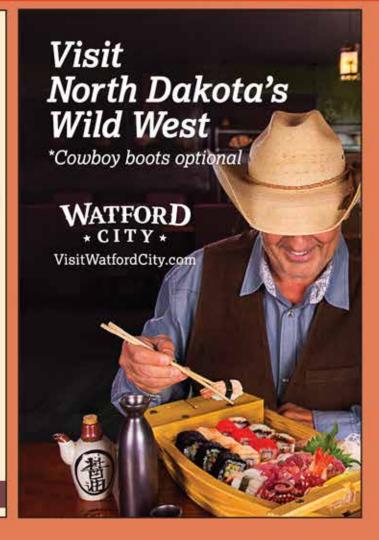
view on a bluff overlooking Lake Sakakawea. Spot wildlife in our Bears Bay. Canoeing, kayaking, and fishing are also available. When fishing on the lake, enjoy the earth lodge village. Take pleasure in the invigorating traditional dance performances. Enjoy fireside chats underneath the wide open prairie skies of North Dakota.

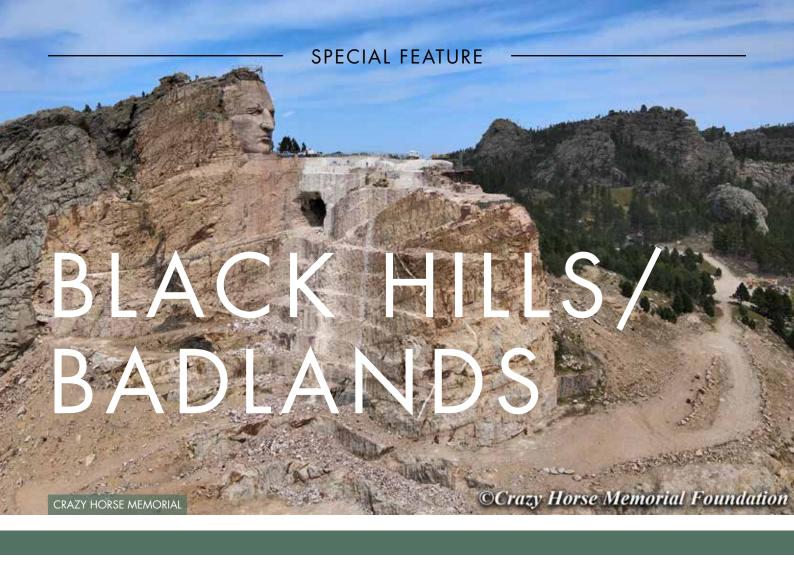


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Experience monumental works of man and nature. The Black Hills are home to six national parks and monuments, including Mount Rushmore — the "Shrine of Democracy" — and the other-worldly Badlands.

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.

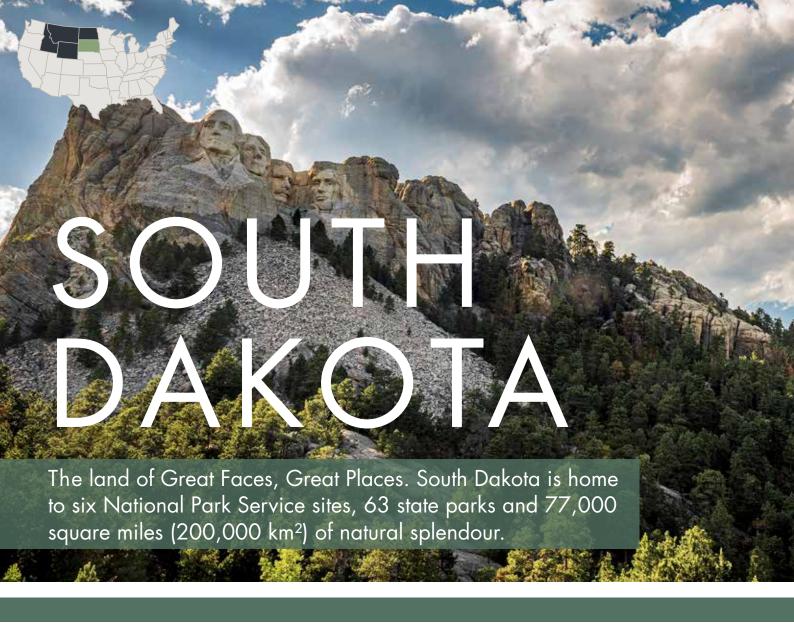
blackhillsbadlands.com

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 wooly 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. mammothsite.org

Crazy Horse Memorial®, located north of Custer, is a great attraction for everyone. Home to the world's largest mountain-carving-in-progress, 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 mouth-watering 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. crazyhorsememorial.org





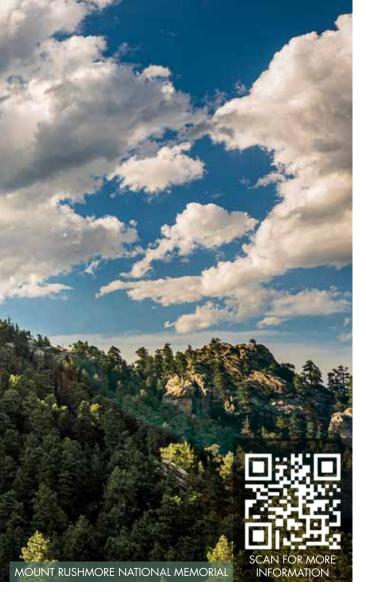


arvel at history cemented in stone and thousands of free-roaming buffalo or hike the highest natural point east of the Rocky Mountains. Get off the grid and explore by UTV, Jeep, or mountain bike. You can see wildlife and wildflowers or go back in time by digging for fossils and uncovering American history.



#### **MUST-HAVE ADVENTURES:**

- Ride the Rails With more than 100 miles of converted railroad bridges and rock tunnels, the Mickelson Trail is beloved by hikers, bikers, and horseback riders.
- Go Where the Buffalo Roam -Drive the Wildlife Loop to see where granite peaks pierce the sky and explore Custer State Park, South Dakota's largest and first state park.
- See an Urban Waterfall Sioux Falls' No.1 attraction, Falls Park is the centerpiece of the city, complete with a fivestory observation deck that's beautifully lit up at night and even more magical at Christmas
- Get off the Grid With more than 650 miles of designated trails, Black Hills National Forest boasts one of the largest motorized trail systems for ATVs and UTVs. Known as an "Island in the Plains," the hills rise out of the prairie, creating rugged and challenging terrain.





#### **GET CULTURED:**

- Explore a 1,000-Year-Old Native American Site You can tour buildings, dig for arrowheads, and learn the ancient art of spear-throwing at the Mitchell Prehistoric Indian Village, the only archaeological site open to the public.
- Marvel at the Dignity Statue A 18-metre-tall Native woman looks over the Missouri River, her quilt glittering in the sun with colourchanging pieces that sparkle in the night sky. This stunning statue honours the culture of the Lakota and Dakota people.
- Make Rapid City Your Basecamp for Exploration The gateway to Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills, Rapid City lets you explore the past and future with museums, art galleries, the ever-changing "Art Alley," and a vibrant Main Street teeming with good eats and quaint
- See The Wild, Wild West Full of outlaws and gunslingers, characters and reenactors, Deadwood is a rough-and-tumble 1800s Gold Rush town. You can tour the Days of '76 Museum, which honours pioneers and prospectors year-round, or plan your trip around the Days of '76 Rodeo, Deadwood's annual bucket-list event.

#### **CAN'T-MISS ATTRACTIONS:**

- For the Photography Lovers Badlands National Park
- For a Slice of Early Americana Mount Rushmore National Memorial and Crazy Horse Memorial
- For a Taste of Frontier Life See the Ingalls Homestead of "Little House on the Prairie" fame in De Smet





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#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Go for the Ride of Your Life With rugged winding routes and wide-open spaces, South Dakota is a mecca for motorcyclists. That's why thousands make the pilgrimage to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally every year.
- Chase Waterfalls Limestone canyons, rushing waterfalls and scenic byways have made Spearfish a sanctuary for those looking to get off the grid and recharge in nature.
- Explore Underground Go deep below the surface at two of the longest and best cave systems in the world, Jewel Cave National Monument and Wind Cave National Park.
- Feel the Beat An audiophile's shrine, the National Music Museum in Vermillion has a collection of more than 15,000 instruments from around the world.





iscover incredible outdoor spaces coupled with 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.

#### **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:**

- Eat Up! A cowboy cookout usually includes some form of live entertainment, and chuckwagon meals are prepared over an open flame - a Western 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
- Experience Frontier Life Attend Cheyenne Frontier Days, the world's largest outdoor rodeo, for 10 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 hands-on opportunities.



#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Authentic Ranch Experiences Visit over 100 dude ranches in Wyoming, ranging from luxurious five-star accommodations to working guest ranches with guided horseback, hunting and fishing excursions. Choose from adult-only experiences or family-friendly adventures.
- Unique Accommodations Forgo the traditional hotel to become one with the land by staying in a yurt, covered wagon or teepee. Whether you post up right outside a national park or go deep into the backcountry, you'll spend a memorable night camping or glamping under the stars.
- Rock On Home to countless geological wonders, Devils Tower and Grand Teton National Park (along with underthe-radar gems like Vedauwoo and Ten Sleep) are bucket-list climbs for advanced boulderers, sport and trad climbers, and those looking to learn.
- Hook the Catch of Your Life at The Miracle Mile This famed stretch of the North Platte River offers world-class fishing and stargazing with its remote location, grand scenery, and epic trout.





#### **MUST-HAVE ADVENTURES:**

- Hit the Whitewater 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.
- Play at Wyoming's Largest Reservoir 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.
- Let the Wind Guide Your Explorations Home to more than 40 peaks over 4 km, 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 mountain playgrounds.
- Find Fossils Fossil Butte National Monument, also known as "America's aquarium in stone," is home to some of the world's best-preserved fossils.

#### **CAN'T-MISS ATTRACTIONS:**

- Grand Teton National Park Migrating elk and towering peaks
- Yellowstone National Park Hot springs, geysers and wildlife galore
- Devils Tower National Monument America's first national monument





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Located in the heart of the Cowboy State, Casper is a hub of authentic Wyoming experiences. With so much to do, it can be hard to know where to start, so we've rounded up five ways to experience the best of Casper.

#### 1. GET ACQUAINTED WITH LOCAL CULTURE

Don't let our wild terrain and wide-open spaces fool you — the arts are alive and well in Casper. From diverse museums and art galleries to live music and festivals, Casper serves up an array of cultural offerings.

#### 2. EXPERIENCE TOUCHABLE WESTERN HISTORY

Experience first-hand what you've read in history books. 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.

#### 3. QUENCH YOUR THIRST

Stop by Backwards Distilling Company for local small-batch spirits transformed into artful cocktails or visit any one of Casper's five locally owned breweries for a taste of the West.

#### 4. SHOP WHERE THE COWBOYS SHOP

For the best Western wear in the West, head to Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters in downtown Casper. This 100-year-old Casper icon will fit you with everything you need for a Wyoming adventure.

#### **5. GET OUTSIDE IN CASPER**

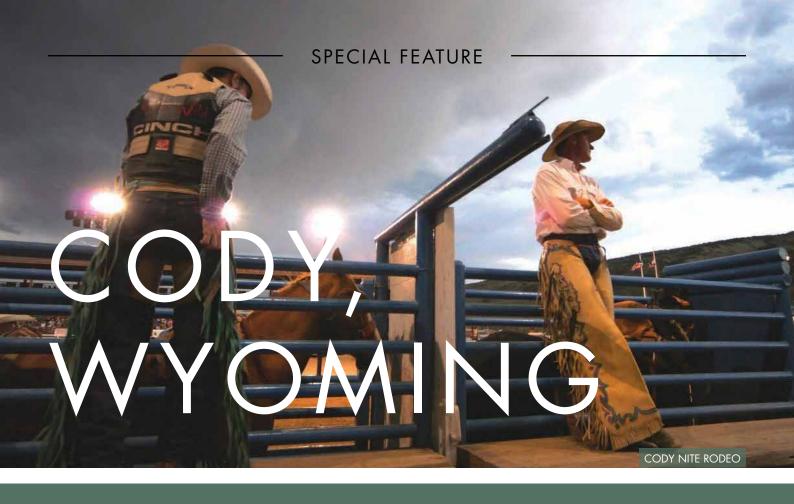
There are endless opportunities to immerse yourself in the wilds of Wyoming without the crowds or long drives. You're always just minutes away from miles of mountain trails for hiking, biking, skiing and snowshoeing, access to blue-ribbon fishing or perfect conditions for floating, kayaking or paddle boarding.

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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.

our 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!







rom powwows to cultural pride, the Great American West's Native American heritage is teeming with tradition. Visit an interpretive site to get a deeper understanding of tribal culture and explore their connection to the land.

#### **WYOMING**

Explore sacred sites like Devils Tower and the Bighorn Medicine Wheel, along with places displaying artefacts from Plains Indian tribes like the Vore Buffalo Jump, the Plains Indian Museum, and several petroglyph sites. Native American culture is not just part of Wyoming's storied past; it is woven into the lives of thousands who live within the Wind River Indian Reservation, one of the largest reservations in the United States. Located in Wyoming's Wind River Basin in the "Valley of the Warm Winds," this reservation encompasses more than 2.2 million acres and is home to the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes.





#### **NORTH DAKOTA**

See how Native Americans lived at On-A-Slant Indian Village and Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site, 400- and 300-year-old Mandan villages with recreated earthlodges. Interact with Chippewa on Turtle Mountain Reservation and the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation on Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Get a deeper understanding and appreciation for tradition at The MHA Interpretive Center, the state-of-the-art museum for the three affiliated tribes. Or visit the original burial site of Hunkpapa Lakota leader Sitting Bull near Fort Yates on the Standing Rock Reservation.



#### **MONTANA**

Witness one of the largest buffalo jump sites in North America at First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park. See the dramatic landscapes on the Blackfeet and Flathead Reservations and visit Three Chiefs Cultural Center tribal museum. Experience one of the largest powwows and cultural celebrations in the country at Crow Fair, an end-of-summer must-do. Learn about the history and Native American perspective of Glacier National Park on a tour with Blackfeet tribal members with Sun Tours.



#### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

Make your way to Good Earth State Park at Blood Run, a time capsule of indigenous culture. One of the oldest inhabited sites in the United States, it was an important ceremonial gathering place and trading centre. Dig into history at the Journey Museum & Learning Center, which tells the story of the Western Great Plains from the perspective of the Lakota people. The Wounded Knee Memorial Cemetery pays homage to those no longer with us, and the Oglala Lakota Living History Museum offers stories and songs told by the Lakota people.





#### **IDAHO**

Learn about Sacajawea, the woman who guided the Lewis and Clark Expedition, at her namesake interpretive centre in Salmon. Visit the Nez Perce National Historic Park Interpretive Center dedicated to the Nimiipuu people. Spend time with the Nimiipuu enjoying land and water tours and storytelling, song, drum, and dance workshops. Experience Native culture at the Coeur d'Alene Julyamsh Powwow or the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival, where dancers and artisans celebrate their traditions.



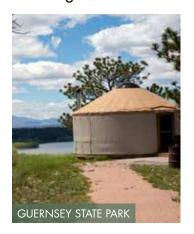
### State Parks Itinerary (7-10 Days)

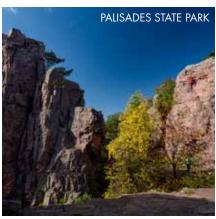
With over 150 state parks spread across five states, you could spend weeks exploring and still not scratch the surface of the numerous breathtaking outdoor recreational areas. These are some of the standout adventures you just can't miss when visiting the Great American West.

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.-Canadian border; or Little Missouri State Park, an oasis on the edge of the Badlands.







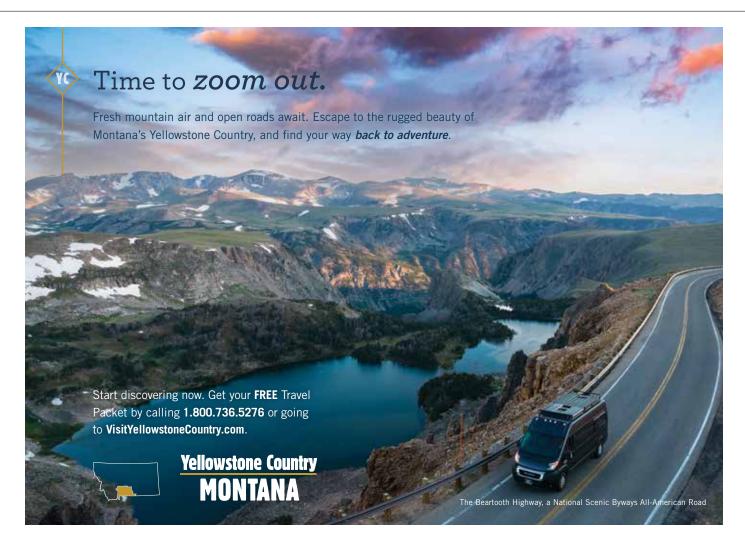
DAY 6-7: MONTANA - Cross into Montana to the sandstone formations and fossils of Makoshika State Park. Then head toward Billings to Chief Plenty Coups State Park, a national historic landmark, and Pictograph Cave State Park for more prehistoric discoveries. From there, journey underground to see geological 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 heading 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/ WYOMING - 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.





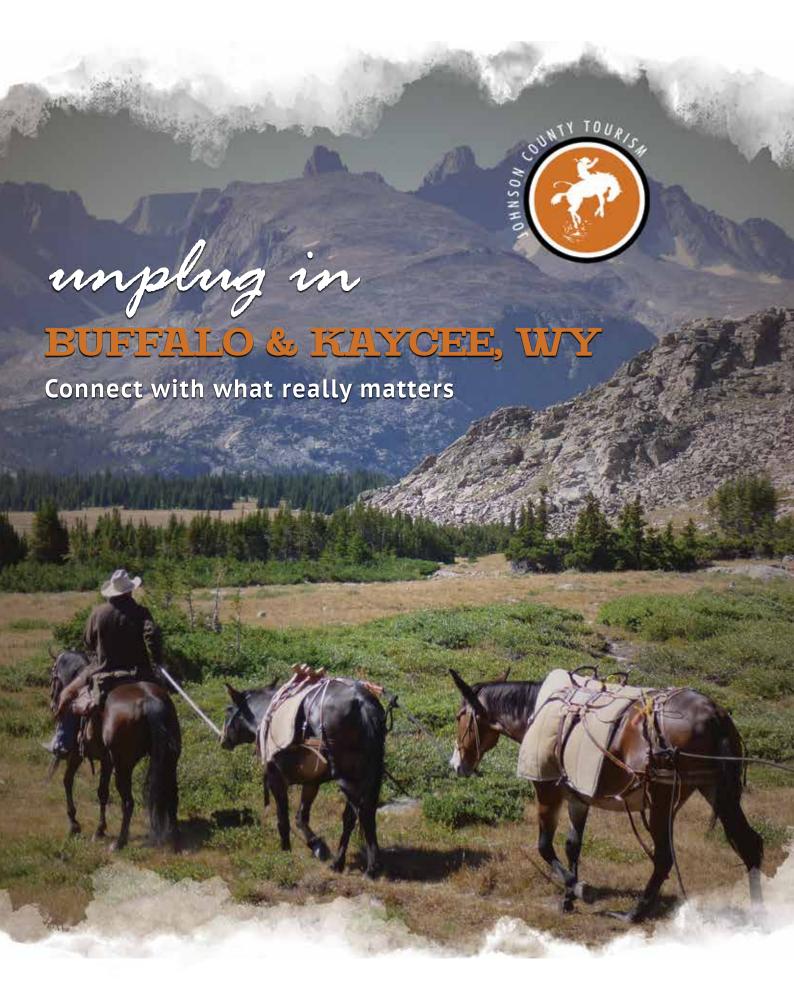












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### Western Culture Itinerary (7-10 Days)

Experience tradition, history and culture with a trip full of cowboys, Native American heritage, pioneers and a tall tale or two. Wander through frontier towns, take a swig at a saloon and pay homage to the original trailblazers.

DAY 1-2: MINNEAPOLIS/NORTH DAKOTA - Fly into the gateway city of Minneapolis-St. Paul and head west through Fargo; your adventure begins in Jamestown, North Dakota. Better known as "Buffalo City," here you can snap a picture with the giant monument, tour the National Buffalo Museum and take a gander at the live buffalo herd. From there, it's off to Washburn, the first stop on the Sakakawea Scenic Byway. Follow the footsteps of historic explorers Lewis and Clark and continue on to the capital of Bismarck-Mandan. Stop at The North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum for the story of the Northern Plains. Then, it's off to the old cowtown of Medora for horseback rides and the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame.

**DAY 3-4: MONTANA** – You'll pass Pompeys Pillar National Monument, a sandstone outcrop with hundreds of scribbled inscriptions from westbound pioneers. Make your way to Virginia City and Nevada City, two Gold Rush towns and living history museums. From there, visit the historical town of Butte, a copper mecca once one of the most thriving cities in the West, where you can take an underground mine tour. It's a short drive to Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, which commemorates the role of cattlemen in American history, before a spooky stop at Garnet Ghost Town.

DAY 5-6: IDAHO – Continue into the Gem State as you explore underground at Idaho's Crystal Gold Mine. From there, head to Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park, the oldest building in Idaho, for a look at the historic missions. Hop back in the car and head to Idaho City, one of the West's best-preserved Gold Rush towns. Meander Main Street before travelling across the state to the National Oregon/California Trail Interpretive Center, home to information about the trails along with simulated wagon rides to forge your own journey.





DAY 7-8: WYOMING - Your adventure continues in Cheyenne, home to the world's largest outdoor rodeo, Cheyenne Frontier Days, held annually at the end of July. Visualise yourself stocking up on supplies at Fort Laramie, the largest military and trading post on the Northern Plains, before a visit to Cody, founded by legend "Buffalo Bill" himself. Explore his namesake museum, catch a performance at Dan Miller's Cowboy Music Revue, experience a Red Canyon Wild Mustang Tour and attend the famed summer Nite Rodeo. View over 15,000 Western artefacts at Johnson County Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum in Buffalo and visit the historical site of Fort Phil Kearney.

DAY 9-10: SOUTH DAKOTA/ MINNEAPOLIS - See 1,300 freeroaming bison along Wildlife Loop Road in Custer State Park and enjoy daily shootouts in the historic town of Deadwood, Grab a seat at Saloon #10 to witness where Wild Bill's assassination took place while enjoying a cold beverage. The town is also home to the Days of '76 Museum, full of Native American and Old West artefacts. Explore the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre and the pioneering homestead of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the "Little House on the Prairie" series, in DeSmet. For one last quirky stop before a long flight home, stop at the iconic Mitchell Corn Palace to see the uniquely designed corn murals.











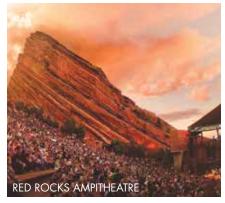
Where urban sophistication meets outdoor adventure! Denver has racked up accolade after accolade, cementing itself as one of the coolest cities on the planet.

ultured and creative with an energy that reverberates through the air, Denver's street art and music scene is second to none, the sports fever infectious and the beer always flowing. Catch a show, find your new favourite pour, and taste farm-to-table cuisine like it was intended. Dine at a food hall, find your favourite mural and make the pilgrimage to Red Rocks.

A choose-your-own-adventure destination and a city of contrasts, use Denver as a jumping-off point for explorations around the Rocky Mountains. Post up on a patio or get active biking the city's many trails. Meander historic Larimer Square, or explore the hip Denver Union Station and River North (RiNo) neighborhoods. Toke in flora and fauna at the Denver Botanic Gardens, go back in time at History Colorado Center, travel through quantum space at Meow Wolf Convergence Station or admire Denver Art Museum. Shop along 16th Street, or scream with delight at a theme park. Get active, or chill at one of Denver's 250-plus urban parks. With 300 days of sun per year, you can enjoy a snowy winter escape or a summer soiree with perfect hiking weather. Come solo, with a significant other or with the kids in tow. Explore the outdoors or relax and unwind at altitude.

Experience the Mile High magic firsthand and see why Denver is the gateway to the West. The hardest part will be deciding what to do first.







# VISITOR RESOURCES

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