



VISIT IDAHO

Idaho is full of wonder, offering breathtaking beauty and year-round outdoor recreation. Idaho has deep roots in Native American and Western frontier history that has not only shaped the state's communities but cuisine as well. Visitors can enjoy a varied adventure where you will make memories that delight the thrill seeker and foodie alike. Whatever your interest or activity level, you will discover something new or unique.

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IDAHO FACTS & FIGURES

- Nicknamed the “Gem State” thanks to the 72 types of precious, semi-precious and rare stones found here
- 3,100 navigable miles of whitewater- (the most in the continental U.S.), making it a top rafting and kayaking destination
- 2,000+ lakes
- 130 soakable hot springs
- 19 ski areas
- 10 National Park Service sites
- 27 state parks
- Idaho is home to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, the largest wilderness area in the continental U.S.
- 4 International Dark Sky areas: Central Idaho, Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve, City of Rocks National Reserve and Ketchum
- 31 scenic byways
- 2 of the deepest canyons in the U.S.- Hells Canyon and Salmon River Canyon
- 3 federally designed wine areas: Snake River Valley, Eagle Foothills and Lewis-Clark Valley American Viticultural Areas
- Idaho is home to five Native American tribes—Coeur d’Alene, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock and Shoshone-Paiute – each with their own unique culture and story of US history

GEOGRAPHY & CLIMATE

Tucked in between the Pacific Northwest and the Rocky Mountains—and just below Canada—Idaho’s geography is diverse. Crossing the panhandle-shaped state, you’ll encounter everything from snowcapped mountains, forests and river valleys to high-desert plains. Thanks to its location and geography, Idaho experiences all four seasons to their fullest, with very low humidity—meaning warm to hot summers, cold winters and variable temperatures in spring and autumn. Most of Idaho’s precipitation occurs as snowfall in the mountains from November through March. For climate information on Idaho cities, visit www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov

TRANSPORTATION

Start your Idaho adventure by flying into one of the following airports: Boise (BOI), Twin Falls (TWF), Pocatello (PIH), Sun Valley (SUN), Idaho Falls (IDA), Lewiston (LWS), Pullman, Washington (PUW), Spokane, Washington (GEG) or Salt Lake City, Utah (SLC). Boise Airport is Idaho’s largest and is served by United, Delta, American, Alaska, Southwest, Spirit, Allegiant and Avelo Airlines as well as in-state charter companies. Learn more at <https://www.iflyboise.com/>

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TOP TRIPS & TRAILS

Unique Celebrations:

Jaialdi (Hi-All-Dee)—one of the largest Basque festivals in the world returns to Boise in 2025 (Boise is home to one of the largest Basque population outside of the Basque Country in Spain/France)

Treefort Music Fest—a five-day music, culture and food festival with 400+ artists in downtown Boise.

Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival—Native American culture and history festival with singing, dancing and food.

Trailing of the Sheep Festival—a celebration of Idaho's shepherding and ranching history, where you can watch the migration of sheep down Ketchum's Main Street.

Rail-to-Trail Experiences:

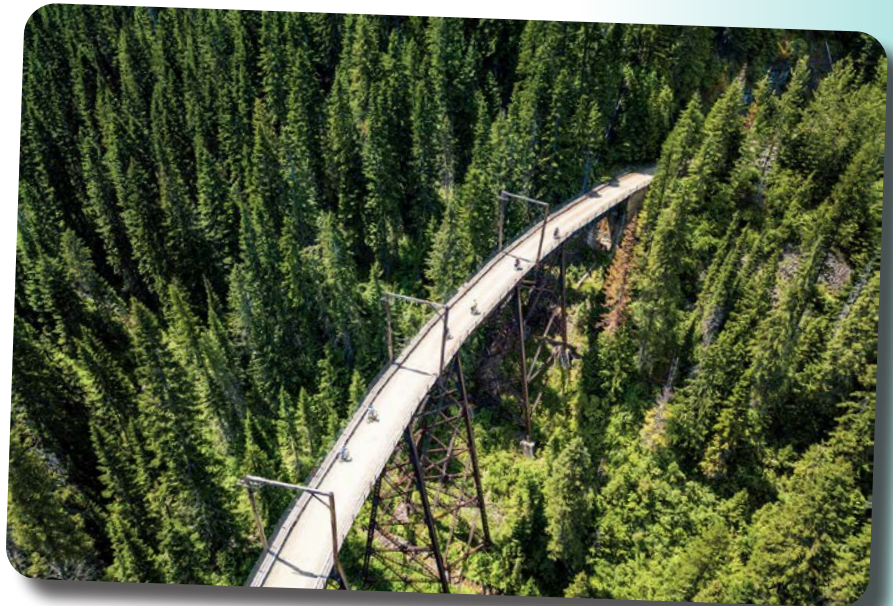
Enjoy a 15-mile downhill ride through former train tunnels and trestles in the Bitterroot Mountains along the Route of the Hiawatha or cruise the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes—a 73-mile paved trail running along a river and a lake and through rolling farmland in northern Idaho.

Water Experiences:

Embark on a guided whitewater rafting, kayaking or jet-boating trip in Hells Canyon or on the Lochsa, Selway, South Fork of the Payette or several other rivers.

Western History and Culture:

See Oregon Trail and pioneer history come to life at Castle Rock State Park, Massacre Rocks State Park and Three Island Crossing State Park. For additional Western experiences saddle up to ride horses, bike, hike, sleep in rustic cabins and enjoy old-fashioned cookouts at one of the many Idaho guest ranches located throughout the state.



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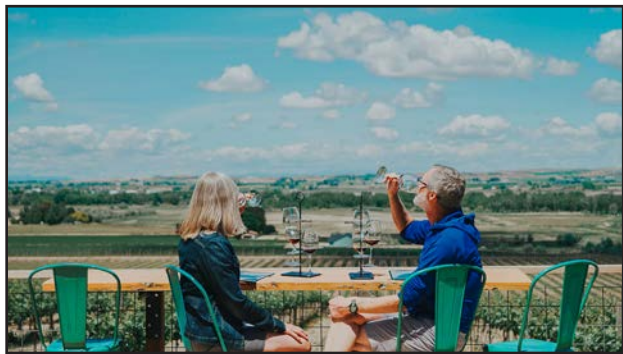
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ITINERARY #1

BEER WINE AND CULINARY



DAYS 1-2: BOISE

Arrive in Boise to kick off your flavorful journey in Idaho. Thanks to its fertile volcanic soil, four distinct seasons and latitudinal location, Idaho is ripe for growing wine grapes and hops. Try a few pints across the valley's 24 breweries, including **Payette Brewing Company** and **Barbarian Brewing**.

Twenty-five wineries and tasting rooms—ranging from cozy to sophisticated—span the region's two American Viticultural Areas (AVAs). Take a day trip to the **Sunnyslope Wine Trail** in Caldwell. For a different type of winetasting experience, explore **Garden City's five urban wineries**, including the beautiful riverside views and vibrant energy at **Telaya Wine Co.**

For culinary options, you can find just about every type of cuisine in Boise. Stop for lunch at one of Boise's notable Basque restaurants, including **The Basque Market** or **Ansots**. For an elevated sweet treat, you can't go wrong with the selection at French bakery **Janjou Patisserie** or the bright, flavorful options at Afghan bakery **Sunshine Spice Café**.

DAYS 3-4: BOISE TO KETCHUM

Kilometers: 246 | Miles: 153 | Drive Time: 2 hr 40 min

Sun Valley is known as an iconic skiing destination, and Ketchum is a picturesque destination for a craft beer getaway. As you make the scenic drive along Highway 20 and Highway 75, stop at **Sun Valley Brewing Company** in Hailey for a seasonal rotation of beers. Enjoy a casual lunch and a pint at **Sawtooth Brewery Public House**. Here you'll find drink options ranging from flagship beers to non-alcoholic craft beer and hard seltzer alongside delicious comfort food.

Once you've worked up your appetite again, have a seat at **Pioneer Saloon**—a destination restaurant specializing in prime rib and filets surrounded by authentic Western décor and charm.

Start your morning at **The Kneadery** for a wholesome and rustic breakfast or brunch. For a daytime activity, hit the local trails for hiking or mountain biking in warmer months or see what Sun Valley's historic skiing is all about in the winter. Come dinnertime, **Warfield Distillery & Brewery** is an elegant option offering its own craft beer pairings. When the sun goes down, be sure to look up and admire the stars. You're in the heart of the **Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve**, where you can catch the Milky Way and maybe even a shooting star.



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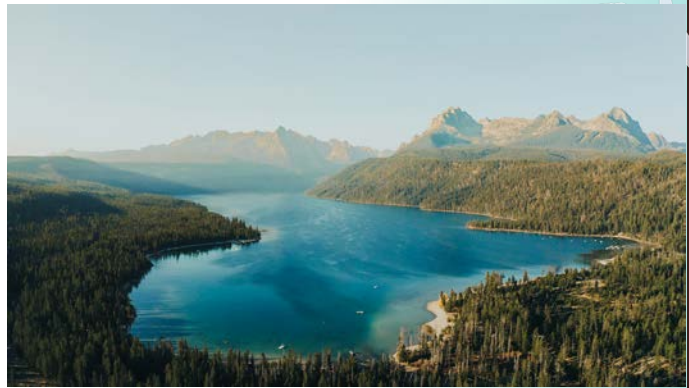
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DAY 5: KETCHUM TO STANLEY

Kilometers: 100 | Miles: 62 | Drive Time: 1 hr 10 min

Grab breakfast at **Bigwood Bread Bakery & Café** before driving northwest on Highway 75 along the **Sawtooth Scenic Byway** where rugged mountain peaks, as well as deer, elk, and other wildlife, will keep you company. Carving through the Boulder Mountains, you'll be delivered to the stunning **Sawtooth Mountain Range**.



Stop in Stanley for one of Idaho's most marvelous resting spots. The area is dominated by lakes, trails and hot springs making it the ideal mountain playground. Enjoy lunch at **Redfish Lake Lodge** then head next door to swim, paddle in the water or relax on the beach at **Redfish Lake**. Venture into town for dinner at the small but impressive **Stanley Supper Club**.

DAY 6-7: STANLEY TO MCCALL

Kilometers: 254 | Miles: 158 | Drive Time: 3 hr 15 min

Begin your day at **Stanley Baking Company**, where the hearty breakfast options will power you up to keep exploring. The road to McCall will take you along three stunning routes—**Ponderosa Pine, Wildlife Canyon** and **Payette River Scenic Byways**—with enchanting forests, whitewater rivers and state parks along the way.



Kickstart your McCall beer-tasting adventure with a sampler at **Salmon River Brewery**. Housed in an old train depot, you'll find a selection of award-winning beers to wet your whistle. Stroll through downtown McCall, which is filled with small shops and views of **Payette Lake**. Consider **Rupert's at Hotel McCall** for an upscale dining experience with regional flavors or **Frenchie's on Third** for a spin on American southern dishes.

Hike **Ponderosa State Park** along the shore of Payette Lake or get your blood flowing on the mountain biking and fat biking trails at **Jug Mountain Ranch**. When you're done head back to McCall to quench your thirst and grab lunch at **McCall Brewing Company**. Wrap up your local brewery tour at **Broken Horn Brewing**.



DAY 8: STANLEY TO MCCALL

Kilometers: 183 | Miles: 114 | Drive Time: 2 hr 20 min

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ITINERARY #2

WATERFALLS, WILDLIFE, & STATE PARKS



DAYS 1-2: BOISE TO TWIN FALLS

Kilometers: 206 | Miles: 128 | Drive Time: 1 hr 55 min

Head southeast of Boise to start your southern Idaho adventure along the **Thousand Springs Scenic Byway** toward Twin Falls for some fun opportunities on and off the water. Stop at **Thousand Springs State Park**—an expansive area with several pockets of nature to explore, including **Malad Gorge**, **Earl M. Hardy Box Canyon Springs Nature Preserve**, **Ritter Island** and **Niagara Springs**—where you can enjoy hiking, fishing, kayaking, paddleboarding and plenty of photo-worthy scenery. Along the route,

you'll find **Thousand Springs Visitor Center** and **Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument**. Learn about the saber-toothed cats, mastodons and the American Zebra that roamed the region, and discover one of the richest Pliocene fossil sites in the world.

Continue to Twin Falls to witness the thundering power of two incredible waterfalls in the legendary Snake River Canyon. **Shoshone Falls**, one of the largest natural waterfalls in the U.S., is nicknamed “the Niagara of the West” and plunges 212 feet/65 meters (24 feet/7 meters higher than its Eastern U.S. counterpart). Continue your cascading water tour at **Perrine Coulee Falls**, which you can view from points above, below or behind. Take a short walking trail leading you to the base and behind these incredible falls that descend 200 feet/61 meters.

DAY 3: TWIN FALLS TO BURLEY

Kilometers: 62 | Miles: 39 | Drive Time: 45 min

From Twin Falls, drive southeast to the small town of Oakley, where you'll join the City of **Rocks Backcountry Byway** en route to its namesake destination, **City of Rocks National Reserve**. This unique 14,407-acre area earned the nickname “the silent city” from pioneers that once passed through the towering granite domes dotting the high-desert landscape. Roll down the byway to **Castle Rocks State Park**, where you'll encounter another rocky landscape dating back 2.5 million years. Today, both of these parks are a playground for rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking, birdwatching and photography. During your exploration of the rock formations, look for Native American pictographs created by the area's original inhabitants. Stay overnight in Burley along the Snake River.



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DAY 4: BURLEY TO IDAHO FALLS

Kilometers: 311 | Miles: 193 | Drive Time: 3 hr 20 min

For an out-of-this-world experience, head North along the **Peaks to Craters Scenic Byway** to **Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve**. Spanning 750,000 acres, this large, lava-coated landscape contains moon-like terrain, including lava tubes, cinder cones, fissures and other volcanic wonders. Take a 15-minute walk to the top of the Inferno Cone for a view of the vast lava formation, or trek below the surface of the Earth for a unique and unexpected view from below. This area is also a designated International Dark Sky Park, so plan to stay for the sunset and then sit back and enjoy some amazing stargazing.

DAY 5: IDAHO FALLS TO ASHTON

Kilometers: 85 | Miles: 53 | Drive Time: 50 min

Head Northeast to Ashton, where you'll reach the short-but-mighty **Mesa Falls Scenic Byway**. Beginning in Ashton, the byway winds through the Caribou-Targhee National Forest and toward the thunderous roar of two spectacular waterfalls, **Upper and Lower Mesa Falls**.

The road continues to **Harriman State Park**, where outdoor recreation opportunities—including some of the best fly-fishing in the U.S.—await. The state park is a 16,000-acre wildlife refuge and part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. This lush landscape of meadows and evergreen forests is home to moose, elk, deer and other wildlife as well as 22+ miles of hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding trails.

DAY 6: ASHTON TO LAVA HOT SPRINGS

Kilometers: 312 | Miles: 194 | Drive Time: 3 hr 30 min

From Ashton, take the **Teton Scenic Byway**—and its splendid views of the Teton Mountains—to Swan Valley. From here, it's just a short drive to **Fall Creek Falls** to observe its 60-foot plunge into the Snake River. The view of and from the falls is breathtaking, making it the perfect location to catch a sunrise or a sunset, or to enjoy fishing, kayaking or wading through the water and exploring the small islands.

Driving southeast, you'll cruise along the shores of picturesque **Palisades Reservoir** on the way to **Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge**. This expansive wetland habitat is home to 250+ species of birds, including the largest nesting population of Sandhill Cranes in the world. From Wayan, join the **Pioneer Historic Byway** and cruise through **Soda Springs**—the world's only captive geyser—on your way to Lava Hot Springs, a town surrounded by rejuvenating geothermic hot pools to soak in.

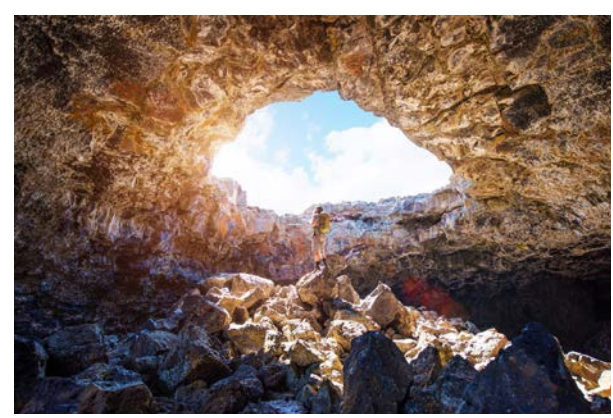
DAY 8: DEPART FROM SALT LAKE CITY AIRPORT (SLC)

Kilometers: 280 | Miles: 174 | Drive Time: 2 hr 50 min

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ITINERARY #3

LAKES, TRAILS & HISTORY

DAY 1: COEUR D'ALENE

Perched on the banks of lovely Lake Coeur d'Alene lies its namesake city—just 39 miles/63 km from Spokane International Airport (GEG). Kick back and relax on the shore, rent various watercraft from Kent's Coeur d'Alene Boat Rentals or KJ Watersports or embark on a scenic lake cruise. Take a hike on Tubbs Hill, where various trails lead you to the top or down to secluded beaches—all offering stunning views of the lake.



DAYS 2-4: COEUR D'ALENE TO WALLACE

Kilometers: 77 | Miles: 48 | Drive Time: 50 min

Head east to Cataldo and **Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park**. Here, you'll discover the history of the Jesuit missionaries who settled in the area as well as their interactions with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Be sure to tour the **Mission of the Sacred Heart**—the oldest standing building in the state.

Stretch your legs on the **Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes**—a 72-mile paved path starting in Plummer and stretching across and along the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Enjoy a leisurely bike ride while you catch glimpses of eagles, deer, elk and other wildlife that live among the pine and fir trees. Bike rentals are available in Coeur d'Alene and Wallace.

See how you would fare as a gold miner and try your hand at gold panning at the **Crystal Gold Mine** in Kellogg or take the **Sierra Silver Mine Tour** in Wallace. Founded in 1884 after the discovery of silver lodes, Wallace and the surrounding area is the richest silver mining district in the world. Downtown Wallace is on the National Register of Historic Places and preserves quaint and unique buildings and abodes to explore like the **Oasis Bordello Museum**.

Take a ride on Idaho's crown jewel rail-to-trail experience, the **Route of the Hiawatha**. This popular bike path spans 15 miles of trestles and train tunnels following the abandoned Northern Pacific railroad tracks. The ride starts at **Lookout Pass Ski Area**, where passes and bike and equipment rentals are available, or catch a bus in Wallace where you can also pick up bike rentals.



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DAYS 5-6: WALLACE TO SANDPOINT

Kilometers: 150 | Miles: 93 | Drive Time: 1 hr 45 min

From Wallace, head back to Coeur d'Alene and turn North to Sandpoint. The small but majestic city lies along the shore of Idaho's largest and deepest body of water, **Lake Pend Oreille**, and is surrounded by the Selkirk, Cabinet and Bitterroot Mountains. Enjoy hiking, biking, backpacking or camping in the great outdoors or stay in town to cool off at **City Beach** where you can rent a paddleboard, kayak or jet ski or take a relaxing lake cruise.

At the Southern tip of the lake, you'll find **Farragut State Park**—home to 4,000 acres of pristine Idaho wilderness and 40+ miles to explore on foot or bike. During World War II, the area was the world's second-largest naval training station, and you can take a tour of one of the few remaining structures at the **Museum at the Brig**.

DAY 7: SANDPOINT TO PRIEST LAKE

Kilometers: 94 | Miles: 58 | Drive Time: 1 hr 10 min

From Sandpoint, travel the **Panhandle Historic Rivers Passage Scenic Byway** to experience some of northern Idaho's most magnificent water views. This 28+ mile stretch takes you from the shores of Lake Pend Oreille, through river deltas and past farmland to Priest River, eventually leading you to **Priest Lake**.

Priest Lake is a refuge for those looking to unwind and recharge in nature. The 19-mile-long lake sits at the base of the **Selkirk Mountains** and offers an impressive array of activities. Rent a canoe, kayak, paddleboard or pontoon from a variety of local outfitters to explore the lake's beauty.

DAY 8-9: PRIEST LAKE TO LEWISTON

Kilometers: 312 | Miles: 194 | Drive Time: 3 hr 55 min

Head south to **Heyburn State Park**, where you can hike or bike in the oldest park in the Pacific Northwest. Driving further south will take you through the picturesque grain fields of **The Palouse**. Be sure to stop for dinner in downtown Moscow, where a variety of dining options are available.

Near Lewiston, delight in the scenic views of the vineyards of the **Lewis-Clark Valley wine region**, where you can sample flavors at local wineries. **Hells Gate State Park** is your access to recreation opportunities in the deepest river gorge in North America—**Hells Canyon**. Hike or bike the various trails throughout the park or embark on a guided jet boat trip. Afterward, stop by the **Lewis & Clark Discovery Center** to learn about the Corps of Discovery's journey through Idaho.

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DAY 10: LEWISTON TO OROFINO

Kilometers: 70 | Miles: 44 | Drive Time: 50 min

From Lewiston, travel the **Northwest Passage Scenic Byway**—Idaho's longest byway, winding 200 miles along majestic mountains and rivers. Learn about Idaho's Native American history and culture at the **Nez Perce National Historical Park Visitor Center** in Spaulding. Here you will find historic sites, archeological remains, interpretive trails, museum exhibits and films offering a glimpse into the 10,000-year history of the Nimiipuu.



DAY 11: OROFINO TO MISSOULA, MONTANA

Kilometers: 280 | Miles: 174 | Drive Time: 3 hr 40 min

Continue on the **Northwest Passage Scenic Byway** heading east to the **Lochsa Historical Ranger Station**. Learn about the area's fire-service history and see historic log cabins at this former U.S. Forest Service station.

Near the Idaho-Montana border, don't miss the **DeVoto Grove Picnic Area & Trailhead**. The grove is filled with giant, ancient western red cedar trees—some a thousand years old and several over 100 feet tall. Two trails take you through the trees with views of the **Lochsa River** and are home to picnic areas, making it a great spot to stop and relax before you continue your drive.

DAY 12: DEPART FROM MISSOULA, MONTANA AIRPORT (MSO)



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