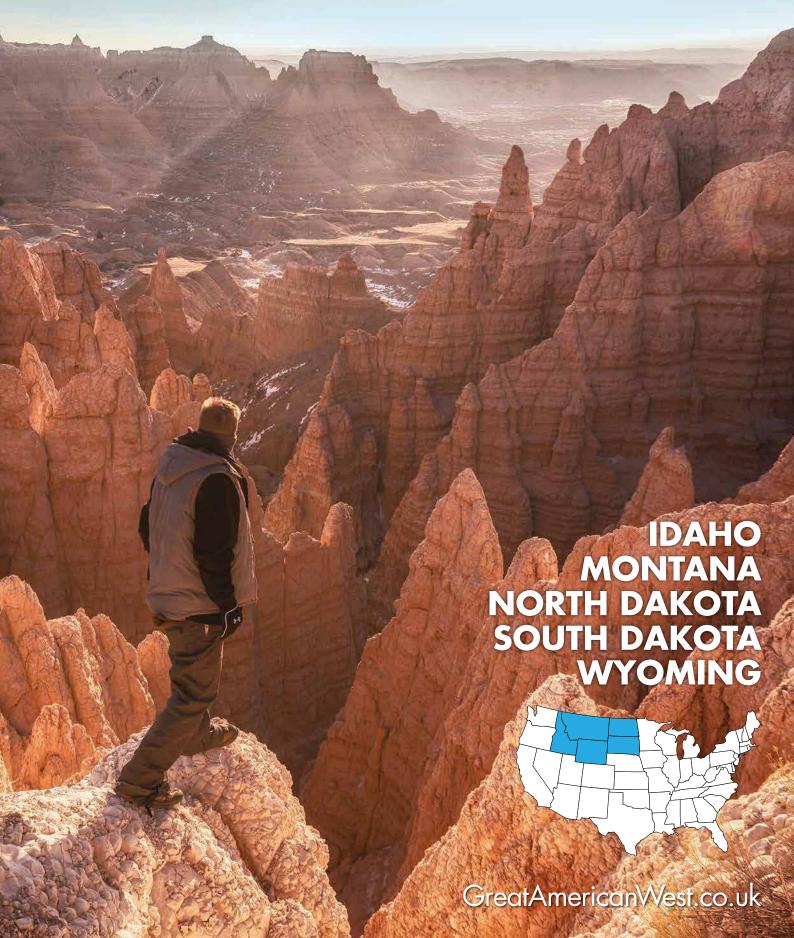
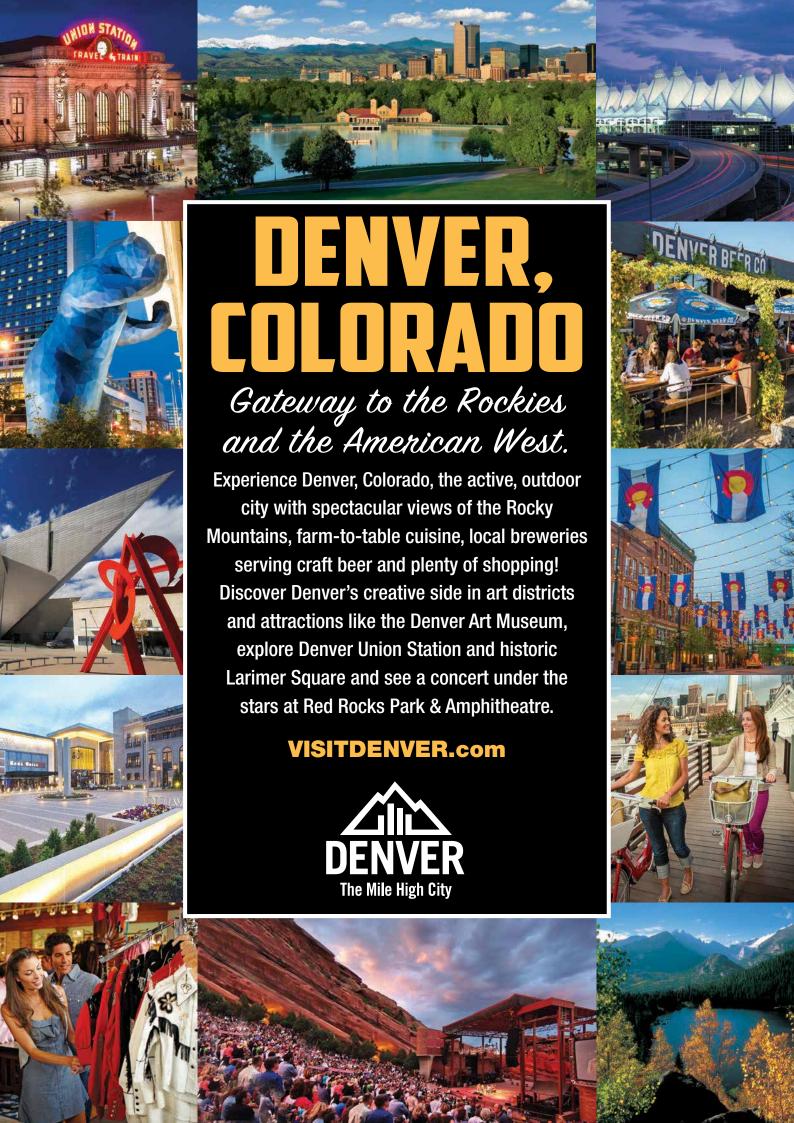
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On the cover: A sunrise creates a warm, colourful glow at Badlands National Park in South Dakota. Photo by Jesse Brown Nelson Photography. Additional photos provided by Idaho Department of Commerce – Tourism Development, Montana Office of Tourism, North Dakota Tourism, South Dakota Department of Tourism, Wyoming Office of Tourism, Explore Minnesota, Visit Denver and Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation (p. 22).





WEST!

visit to the Great American West is more than just a holiday. It's an escape from the ordinary – a chance to discover a place unlike anywhere else on earth. A place where vast, unspoiled landscapes leave you feeling inspired. A place where wildlife and national icons have been preserved for centuries and the true spirit of the American West can be felt through the diverse cultures of the people you meet.

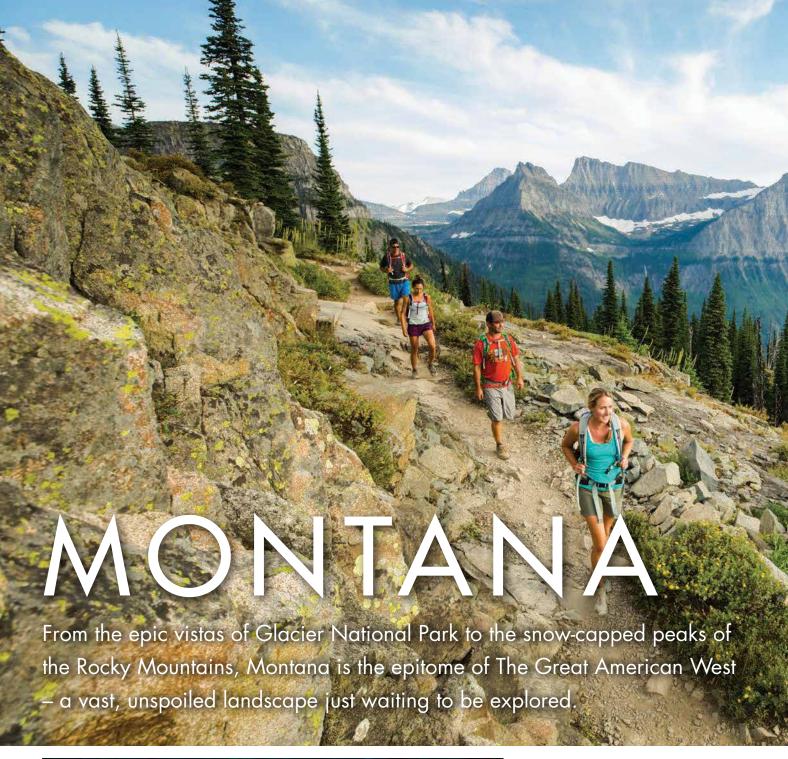
Whether your ideal escape involves a heart-stopping ride down

thundering whitewater rapids, discovering legendary heroes of the Old West, or simply gazing at some of the most spectacular scenery found anywhere on earth, the Great American West states of Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming offer the perfect destination.

So what are you waiting for? It's time to unleash your bold and daring self and experience the true heart of the Great American West!









or an authentic Western holiday that combines unbridled outdoor adventure, small-town charm and big-city amenities, look no further than Montana. America's fourth-largest state offers miles of sweeping plains, verdant forests and rushing rivers and streams. And with more wildlife than people, "Big Sky Country" is the perfect place to escape the everyday cares and congestion of modern urban life.

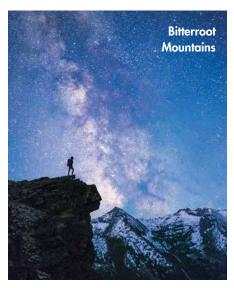
Montana's scenic splendour is on full display in Glacier National Park. Established as a national park in 1910, Glacier is a wonderland of alpine meadows, lakes, forests, waterfalls and – as its name implies – 50 glaciers. And with relatively few miles of roads, the park offers some 1,600 square miles of picturesque, pristine landscape.



Admire the majestic scenery on a scenic boat tour of one of the park's four lakes, then hop aboard a vintage Red "Jammer" Bus for a trip along the Going-to-the-Sun Road. The 52-mile road spans the width of the park, offering panoramic views as it crosses the Continental Divide at 6,646 feet at Logan Pass. Hike the Hidden Lake Nature Trail, admire the serene beauty of St. Mary Lake, then spend the night in one of the park's historic Swiss Chalet-style guest lodges.

To experience Montana's rich frontier history, visit the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument – the site of Custer's Last Stand. Relive life in the "Old West" in the historic Gold Rush towns of Virginia City and Nevada City. Delve deep into the prehistoric past along the Montana Dinosaur Trail. Or experience ancient tribal traditions at the Crow Fair and Rodeo – held annually in Crow Agency and believed to be the largest modern-day Indian encampment in the world – or North American Indian Days in Browning.

Montana also offers easy access to the unique landscape and abundant wildlife of Yellowstone National Park. The Yellowstone River flows across Montana, a state famous for its world-class fly fishing. Whitewater raft down the Gallatin River, kayak on the Clark Fork River or experience the life of a cowboy at one of the state's ranches.



MONTANA ROUNDUP

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK: Hike amidst Glacier's million-plus acres of mountains, waterfalls, forests and meadows, keeping a sharp eye out for the grizzly bears, mountain goats, bighorn sheep and other wildlife that call the park home. Behold the spectacular vistas visible from the Going-to-the-Sun Road before spending the night in a Swiss Chalet-style lodge. nps.gov/glac

SCENIC BYWAYS: Journey through some of the most majestic scenery in the West on Montana's scenic byways. Enjoy panoramic views of rugged mountain peaks, glacial lakes and even a few ghost towns as you travel along such picturesque routes as Beartooth Highway, Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway and Pintler Veterans Memorial Scenic Highway.

craft breweries & Distilleries: Fields of amber waves of grain, clear glacial water and a little ingenuity created Montana's craft brewery and distillery scene. Sit down for a pint of Rough Rider light ale. Prefer a darker brew? Order up some Moose Drool! Or take a tasting tour of such Western craft distilleries as Headframe Spirits, Rattlesnake Creek Distillers and more. montanabrewers.org

TO LEARN MORE VISIT: visitmt.com

MONTANA



Billings is your gateway to Yellowstone National Park via the scenic Beartooth Highway – one of the most beautiful drives in America. The natural, cultural and historic attractions in and around Billings are plentiful.

Billings is Montana's city, offering urban amenities with small-town hospitality. Enjoy the Yellowstone River and the beautiful sandstone cliffs that outline the area. Known as the Rimrocks, these cliffs offer incredible views of the big, blue Montana sky and regional mountain ranges.

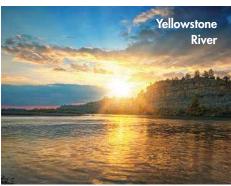
For history fans, the only physical evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition is a 15-minute drive east, where Captain William Clark carved his name 200 years ago at Pompeys Pillar National Monument. About 45 minutes farther south is the famous Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, where General Custer made his last stand in an iconic battle against Sitting Bull and his men.

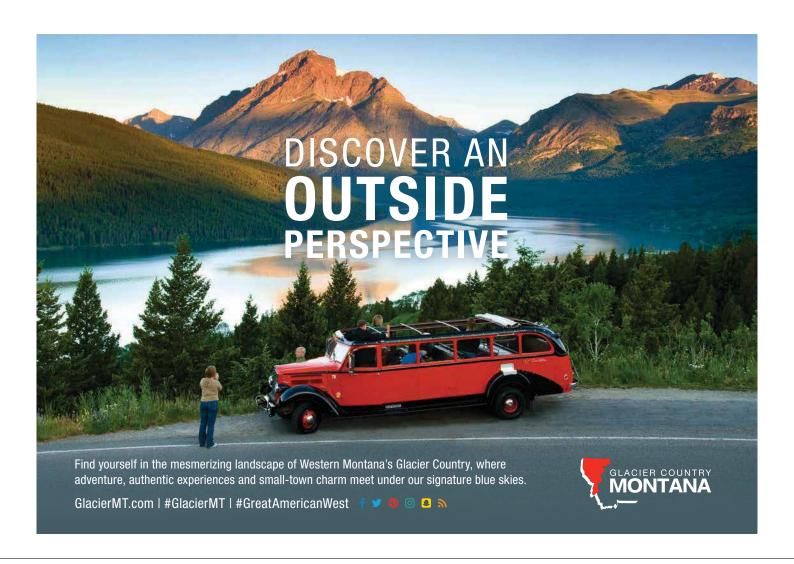
Billings offers amazing restaurants, a walkable brewery district, shopping and hotels.

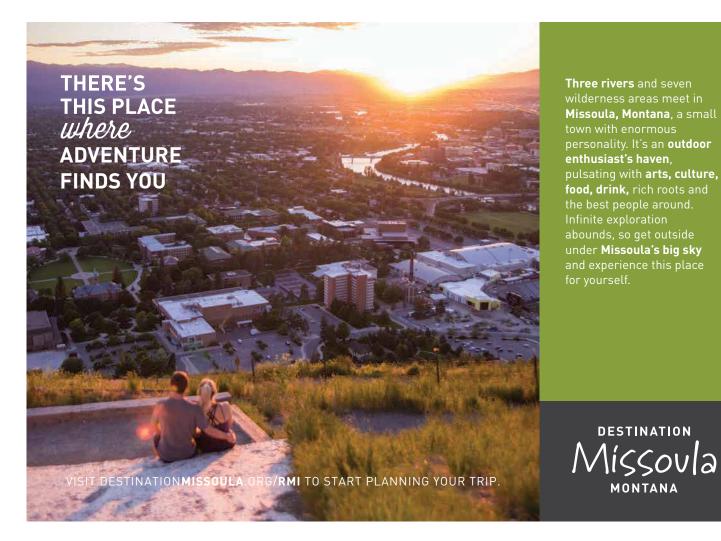
Learn more at visitbillings.com.





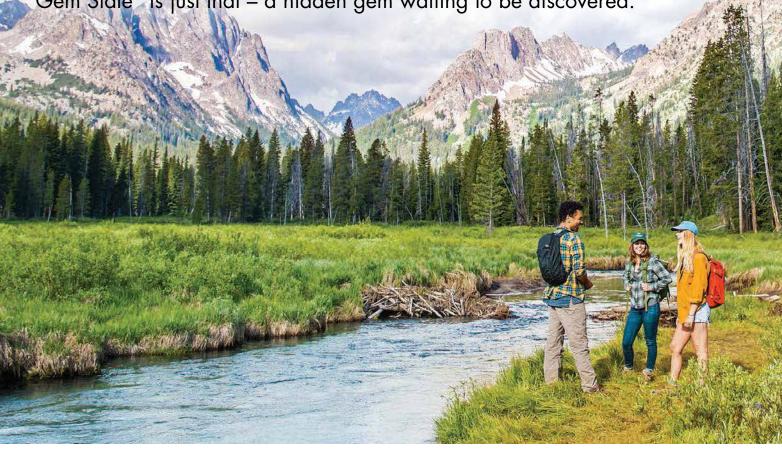






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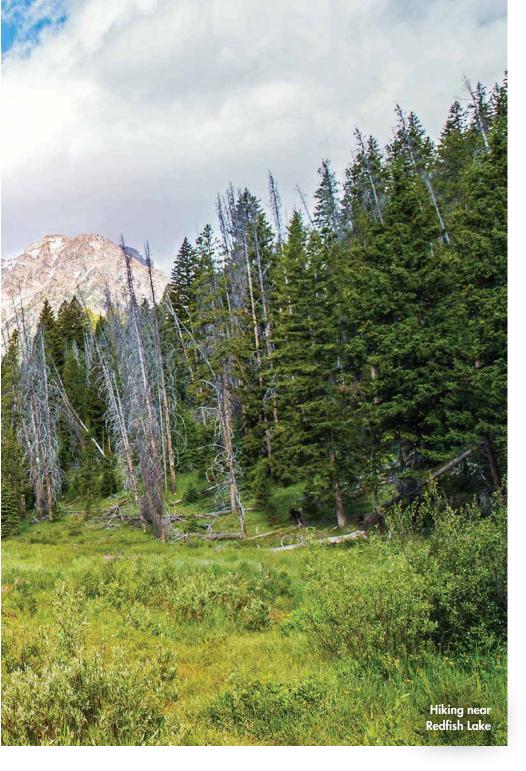
From the majestic peaks of the Sawtooth Mountains to the thundering rapids of the Salmon River, the scenic byways that crisscross the state to the celebrated slopes of Sun Valley, "The Gem State" is just that - a hidden gem waiting to be discovered.

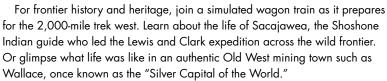




ith more acres of wilderness than any other state in the contiguous United States, Idaho is a natural destination for travellers craving pure adventure. The Gem State's pristine forests, crystal-clear lakes and rivers and verdant farmland offer countless opportunities to experience authentic Western living at its best.

For heart-stopping adventure, take a jet boat ride through Hells Canyon. Ride the rapids down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Go hiking, camping or horseback riding in one of Idaho's seven national forests. Cast a line in a sparkling stream. Scale granite spires and monoliths that tower up to 600 feet. Or ski the slopes of the world-famous Sun Valley.





Idaho also boasts a thriving arts and cultural scene. Visit the state capital of Boise to enjoy world-class ballet, opera, symphony and the Idaho Shakespeare Festival. Savour locally sourced cuisine paired with vintages from Southwestern Idaho's numerous wineries and craft breweries. Or simply relax and enjoy the amenities available in picturesque lakeside communities such as Sandpoint and McCall.

For magnificent natural beauty, travel along one of Idaho's many scenic trails, marvelling at the thundering waterfalls, wildflower-filled meadows and native wildlife you'll see along the way. The Mesa Falls Scenic Byway, located in Eastern Idaho on the way to Yellowstone National Park, offers spectacular views of the Grand Teton Range, the Snake River and the mesmerizing Upper and Lower Mesa Falls.

In Idaho, getting there is half the fun.



IDAHO ROUNDUP

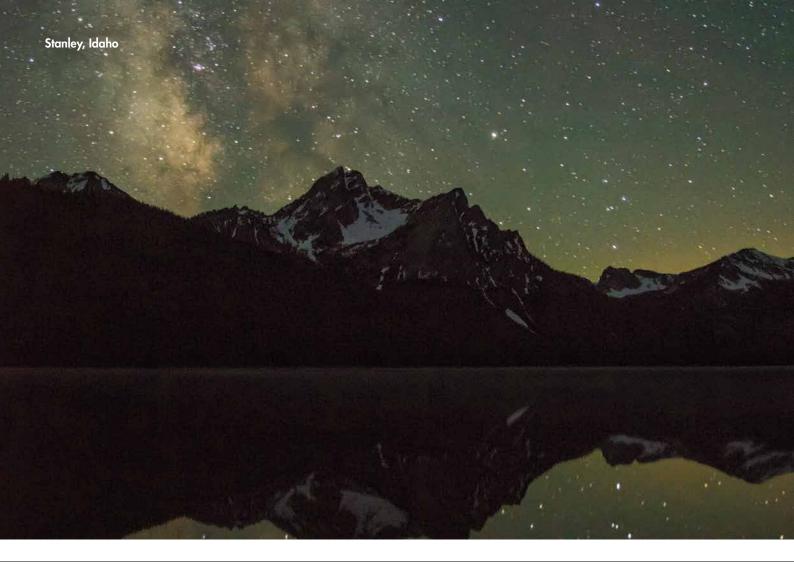
ROUTE OF HIAWATHA: Rent a bicycle at Lookout Pass Ski Area and enjoy one of the most unique and scenic bike trails in the American Northwest. The Route of Hiawatha winds downhill for 15 miles, traversing seven high trestles and passing natural waterfalls. An optional shuttle is available for the uphill return ride. ridethehiawatha.com

HELLS CANYON: Along Idaho's western border, take an exciting jet boat trip through Hells Canyon. View 19th-century miners' cabins and local wildlife while passing through the green and black basalt cliffs that form the walls to North America's deepest river gorge. fs.usda. gov/detail/wallowa-whitman/recreation

WHITEWATER RAFTING: Experience the thrill of whitewater rafting along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, rated one of the top 10 whitewater rivers in the world. Licenced outfitters and guides offer half-day, full-day and multi-day trips on many of Idaho's rivers. raftidaho.org

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT: visitidaho.org









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

Boise's downtown is bustling with craft beer makers, wineries and award-winning restaurants. It's all just a few minutes from the Boise Airport, and steps from most downtown hotels.

But those visitors who want to combine outdoor fun with urban amenities will find a variety of options close by.

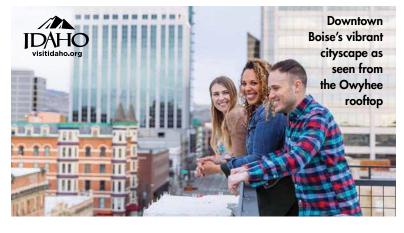
Hikers and bikers can explore 190 miles of trails in the Boise Foothills above town.

Whitewater enthusiasts will enjoy the Payette River, barely an hour's drive away in Banks, where guided whitewater trips are available. Want to really get away? Consider Seven Devils Lodge, an iconic guest ranch located in rugged backcountry terrain.

Southwest Idaho has excellent choices for mountain activities. About 100 miles from Boise, the tiny town of McCall is home to Brundage Ski Resort, a year-round destination with world-class terrain for skiers and summer trail users. Back in Boise, mountain lovers drive 15 miles from downtown to Bogus Basin Ski & Recreation Area.

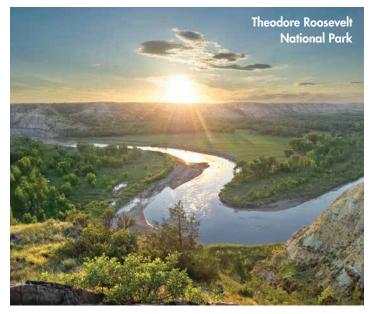
To wind down, Idaho's wineries and vineyards consistently craft award-winning wines to help celebrate Southwest Idaho. For more information please visit boise.org or visitsouthwestidaho.org.



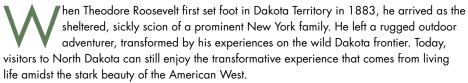












Roosevelt is just one of the legendary figures transformed by North Dakota. It was here that explorers Lewis and Clark met Sakakawea, who guided the Corps of Discovery on its journey to the Pacific Ocean. Chief Sitting Bull, meanwhile, lived near Fort Yates - mere miles from Fort Abraham Lincoln, the post of George Armstrong Custer, whom he would later defeat at the Battle of Little Bighorn in Montana. Learn how these legendary figures lived at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park and On-A-Slant Indian Village, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site and Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site.

Be sure to leave time to appreciate North Dakota's wide-open spaces, diverse landscape and incredible outdoor recreation. The 140-mile Maah Daah Hey Trail through the Badlands of North Dakota is a must for any mountain biker, hiker or horseback rider. Kayaking, canoeing, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling also are popular activities, and few places can match North Dakota for hunting and year-round fishing.



NORTH DAKOTA ROUNDUP

FARGO: The largest city in the state is an eclectic collection of modern and traditional. It's home to a champion NCAA college football team and a bustling downtown area brimming with unique shops, eateries and watering holes. fargomoorhead.org

NORTH DAKOTA HERITAGE CENTER AND STATE MUSEUM: Located on the state capitol grounds in Bismarck, this fascinating museum traces the history of North Dakota from prehistoric times to the present day. statemuseum.nd.gov/

UNITED TRIBES INTERNATIONAL POWWOW: The pageantry of Native American tribes from around the world is on display through drumming, dancing and singing at one of the country's largest powwows held in late summer annually in Bismarck. unitedtribespowwow.com

NORSK HOSTFEST: Savour Scandinavian delicacies and enjoy authentic music and entertainment at North America's largest Scandinavian festival, held each fall in Minot. hostfest.com

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Leave boundaries behind and experience

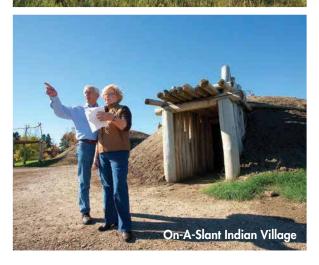
BISMARCK MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA



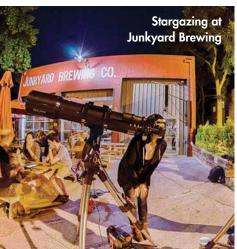
he Bismarck-Mandan area of North Dakota is rich with history, both indoors and out. Experience the state's early days at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park overlooking the Missouri River Valley, where Gen. George Armstrong Custer and the 7th Cavalry rode to their legendary battle at the Little Bighorn. 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.

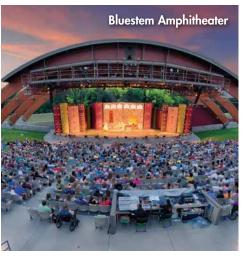
Cruise the majestic Missouri River on the Lewis & Clark Riverboat or view some native North American habitats at the Dakota Zoo. Visit Bismarck's historic Cathedral District, with homes on the National Registry of Historic Places, then shop at the quaint stores and boutiques in Bismarck-Mandan.

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. noboundariesnd.com











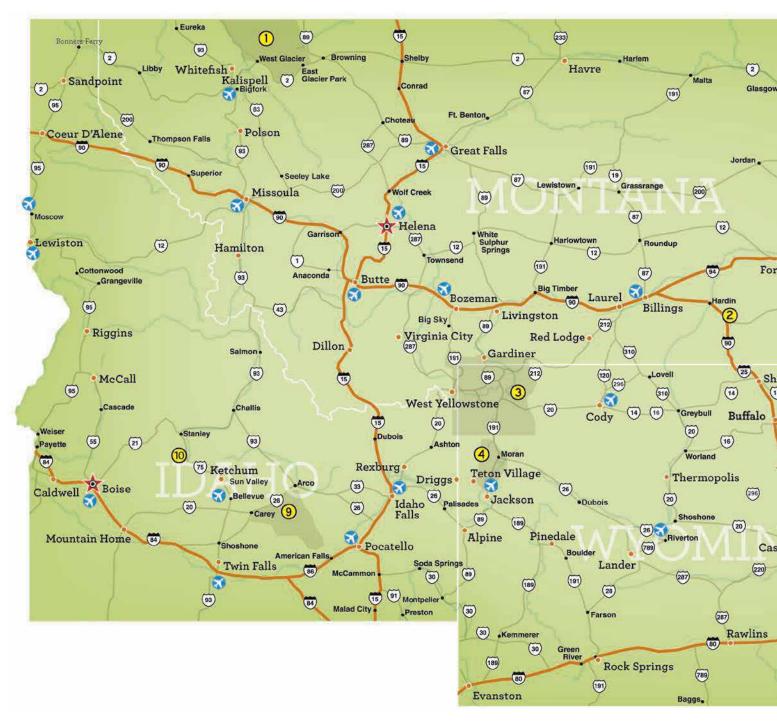
argo is different. Unfamiliar ground. But, it is ground you want to spend some time on. From the breathtaking farmland of the Red River valley and the urban downtown, to the way the city embraces the cool of winter, Fargo just does things differently.

The city is filled with wonderful eccentricities that encourage untraditional thinking and behavior. Its creative spirit inspires the artists, musicians, craftspeople and entrepreneurs who live and work here, as well as those who visit. When you experience Fargo's perfect combination of small-town atmosphere and bigcity vibe, you'll understand the local love and pride.

While you're here, visit historic downtown Fargo and explore the unique experiences it has to offer. The 1920s Fargo Theatre has an Art Deco marquee that lights up the heart of downtown alongside historic boutique hotels, music venues, quirky one-of-a-kind shops, and a plethora of unique restaurants. Embrace your sense of wonder at the Red River Zoo, which specializes in endangered cold-climate animals. Go back in time and experience the life of early North Dakota pioneers at Bonanzaville. Immerse yourself in the rich Scandinavian heritage at the Hjemkomst center.

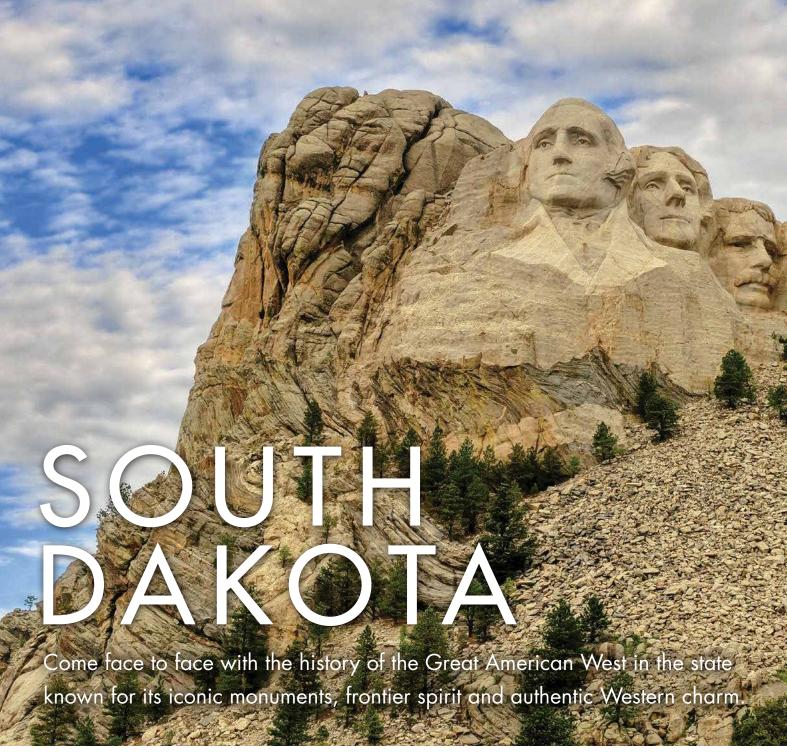
From the arts, to food, sports, history and natural beauty, Fargo offers the perfect handcrafted experience to leave you with lasting memories. fargomoorhead.org





Idaho		Montana		North Dakota		South Dakota		Wyoming	
Boise	BOI	Billings	BIL	Bismarck	BIS	Aberdeen	ABR	Casper	CPR
Idaho Falls	IDA	Bozeman	BZN	Fargo/Hector	FAR	Huron	HON	Cheyenne	CYS
Lewiston	LWS	Butte	BTM	Grand Forks	GFK	Pierre	PIR	Cody	COD
Pocatello	PIH	Great Falls	GTF	Dickinson	DIK	Rapid City	RAP	Gillette	GCC
Sun Valley	SUN	Helena	HLN	Minot	MOT	Sioux FalÍs	FSD	Jackson Hole	JAC
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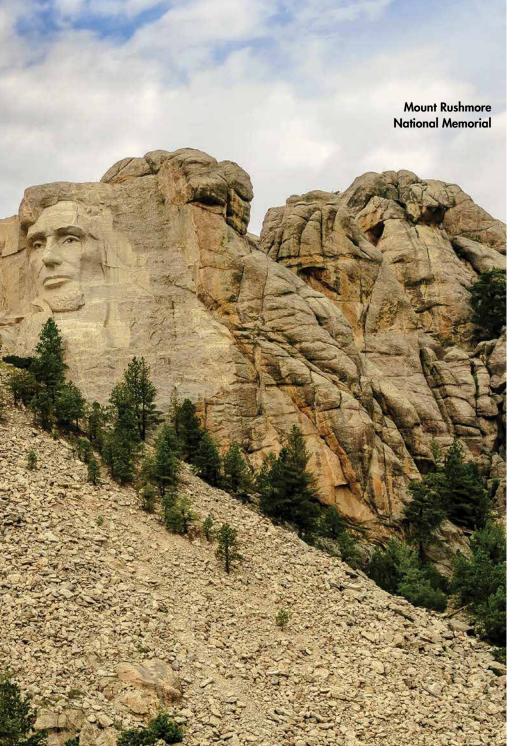


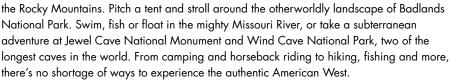




here's a reason South Dakota calls itself the "Great Faces, Great Places" state. Yes, it's here that travellers will experience the awe-inspiring majesty of Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Where else can visitors gaze at the 60foot high faces of U.S. presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln, marvelling at their magnitude and detail? But Mount Rushmore is just the beginning of your South Dakota adventure.

With some 77,000 square miles of natural splendour, South Dakota offers countless ways to get back to nature. Head to Custer State Park and follow the trails to the top of Black Elk Peak for panoramic views from the highest natural point east of





For frontier history, follow the Lewis & Clark Trail to trace the journey of the famed explorers. Experience what life was like in the prairie town of De Smet - home to Little House on the Prairie's Laura Ingalls Wilder – or an authentic military fort at Fort Sisseton Historic State Park. Enjoy good old-fashioned family fun at a South Dakota rodeo. Or try your hand at the gaming tables in Historic Deadwood, a Gold Rush-era town where miners rubbed shoulders with gamblers and gunslingers.

South Dakota is also rich in Native American cultural heritage. Learn about the Lakota people at the Akta Lakota Museum in Chamberlain. View the selection of Native American art, crafts and jewellery at Rapid City's Prairie Edge. Experience the pageantry of an authentic Native American powwow at one of South Dakota's nine Native American reservations. Or witness history in the making at the Crazy Horse Memorial: When completed, this monument currently under construction near Mount Rushmore will be the largest mountain carving in the world.



SOUTH DAKOTA ROUNDUP

MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL/CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL:

Experience the legendary Mount Rushmore up close, then visit the nearby Crazy Horse Memorial to witness the progress being made on this statue honouring the Native American warrior. nps.gov/moru | crazyhorsememorial.org

DIGNITY: View this 50-foot, stainless steel statue erected in 2016 to honour the cultures of the Lakota and Dakota people. travelsouthdakota.com/explore-with-us/ spotlights/dignity-earth-sky

BADLANDS: Take in 244,000 acres of unique and colourful landscapes unlike anything you've ever seen. Be prepared to see a variety of wildlife while as you explore. nps.gov/badl/index.htm

FALLS PARK: Travel to the center of Sioux Falls to view the triple-tier waterfall in this picturesque park, which also boasts an observation tower, café and more. visitsiouxfalls.com/things-to-do/fallspark/

CUSTER STATE PARK: Witness the unforgettable site of hundreds of freeroaming buffalo thundering across the prairie at this popular state park. gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer

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travelsouthdakota.com



SPECIAL FEATURE BLACK HILLS/ BADLANDS **Badlands National Park**

xperience 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. A 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.

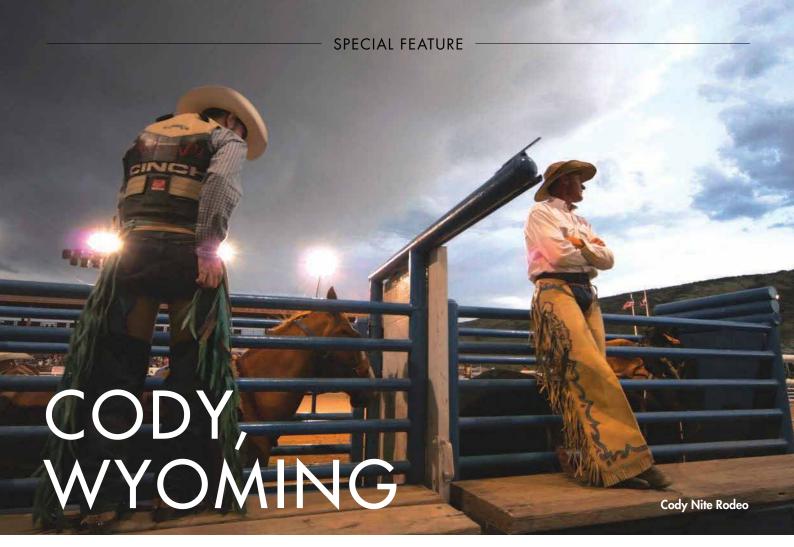
blackhillsbadlands.com

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 sink hole at the Black Hills' only accredited museum, boasting the largest concentration of mammoths in the world. See where Columbian and woolly mammoths became trapped, leaving an ancient treasure trove of fossil remains. Take a guided tour, enjoy hands-on learning and ongoing scientific research and STEM 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, there is a year-round visitor complex, gift shop with handmade 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, bison stew. Explore the extensive museum, cultural center, and sculptor's studio-home, and enjoy special events, the nightly laser light show and Native American performers in season. crazyhorsememorial.org







o journey out west is complete without exploring Yellowstone National Park. The world's first national park is unforgettable and easy to access 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.

Your Yellowstone adventure begins at the

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 the rugged hills and mountains, or fish the bountiful rivers and streams.

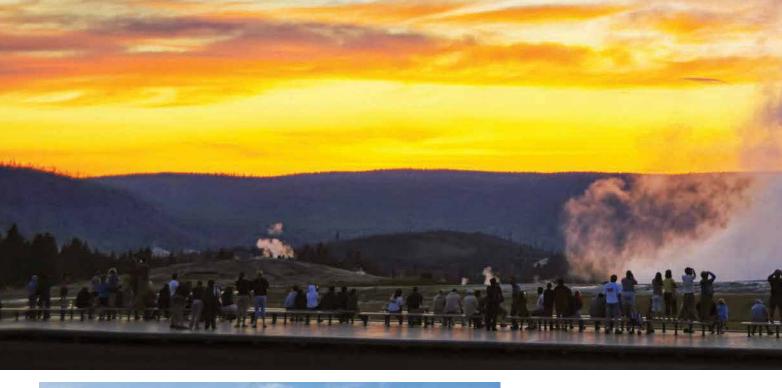
What are you waiting for? Enjoy Cody Yellowstone, The Great American Adventure! codyyellowstone.org

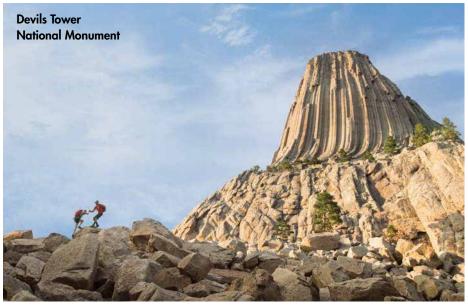




WYOMING

Imagine a picture-perfect backdrop of unspoiled natural beauty: a place where snow-capped mountain peaks are mirrored in alpine lakes, wildlife roams free and real-life cowboys still ride the range. Where else, but Wyoming?





he Great American West is alive and well in today's Wyoming. Think that the West of cowboys, cattle drives and rodeos is a thing of the past? Think again.

Wyoming is the place to experience real-life Western adventure. Bunk down at an authentic Wyoming ranch, where trail rides, cattle drives and chuckwagon suppers transport travellers back to a simpler place and time. Revel in the authentic history and heritage of the Old West with a tour of the Wyoming Territorial Prison, or visit Fort Laramie to learn more about frontier life. Continue on to Register Cliff near Casper to see the landmark where hundreds of pioneers carved their names as they passed through the region on their journey west.

When it comes to rodeos, Cheyenne





WYOMING ROUNDUP

Rafting Wind River Canyon

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK: From hiking to snowmobiling, the world's first national park serves up a myriad of outdoor activities. Observe the region's thermal features, waterfalls, canyons and wildlife on a historic yellow bus tour, horseback trail ride or Western stagecoach tour. nps.gov/yell

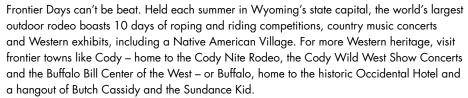
GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK: The sharp, jagged peaks of the Teton Mountains rise more than 7,000 feet above the Snake River as it winds its way across the grassy valley below. Take a float trip down the river, hike the many miles of trails, go fly fishing with an experienced guide or take a wildlife tour through the "Serengeti of North America." nps.gov/grte

DEVILS TOWER: Go rock climbing or hiking at America's first national monument, made famous in Steven Spielberg's classic film, Close Encounters of the Third Kind. nps.gov/deto

WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION:

Witness ancient Native American customs at a summer powwow on the only reservation located in Wyoming, home to two Native American tribes the Shoshone and Arapaho. windriver.org

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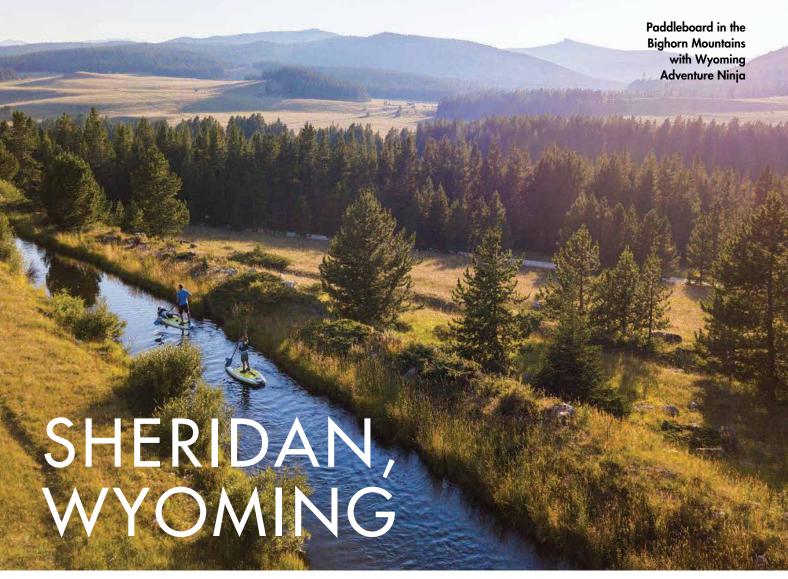


For unsurpassed outdoor adventure, head to two of America's most spectacular national parks – Yellowstone and Grand Teton. Yellowstone National Park offers nearly 3,500 square miles of unspoiled natural splendour and countless opportunities for camping, hiking, fishing, boating and more. Camp by a crystal-clear lake as a bald eagle soars overhead, observe free-roaming elk and bison in their native habitat or gaze in wonder as one of Yellowstone's famous geysers thunders skyward.

Hike the mighty mountains in Grand Teton National Park. Cruise across scenic Jenny Lake or take a float trip down the epic Snake River. Or visit in winter for world-class skiing in Jackson Hole, famous for its 4,000 vertical feet of terrain.

For top-notch water recreation, go boating, fishing and jet skiing at Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area in southwestern Wyoming. Then travel back in time at Fossil Butte National Monument, home to some of the most ancient fossils on earth.





breathtaking vision of the New West, Sheridan is Wyoming's emerald city; a place where cowboys convene over craft beer and coffee, where pronghorn spring over canvasses coloured with Indian Paintbrush and where the majestic peaks of the Bighorn Mountains stand forever

Historic downtown doors swing wide open to extend a warm hospitality as legendary as the icons and outlaws that once roamed these parts, while fabled history and dramatic mountain vistas meet Western graces and the serenity of wide open spaces.

Gaze at the neon signs lining Main Street in Sheridan's Historic Downtown, embrace Native American history at the remarkable Brinton Museum, ride out into the ranches that dot the foothills, and hike the endless canyons that bookend the Bighorns. Sheridan is the American West the world dreams of. sheridanwyoming.org























Near iconic natural attractions like Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons and Mount Rushmore.

Five resort-style hotels in the Rocky Mountain West towns of Buffalo, Cody and Riverton, WY

Restaurant & Lounge, Heated Pool, and Shopping On-site with Free Airport Shuttle

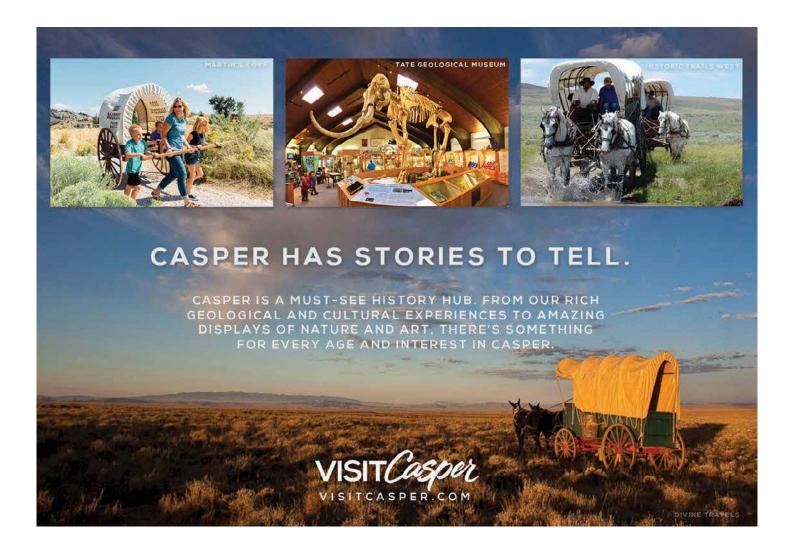




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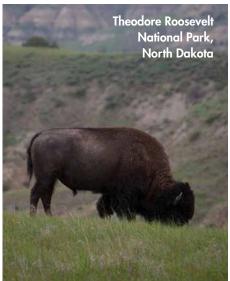


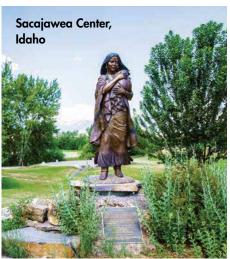
COWBOYS AND RANCHES

The Great American West is the perfect place to experience the authentic cowboy culture of this legendary region. Saddle up and go horseback riding across the plains of North Dakota. Witness an authentic buffalo roundup at South Dakota's Custer State Park. Take in one of Wyoming's many rodeos - complete with bucking broncos, bull riding, country music entertainment and a chuckwagon cookoff. Ride the trails and herd cattle at one of Montana's working ranches. Or get a taste of downhome cowboy life on an Idaho wagon ride before enjoying a delicious barbecue served under the stars to the strains of Country & Western music.









NATIONAL PARKS & MONUMENTS

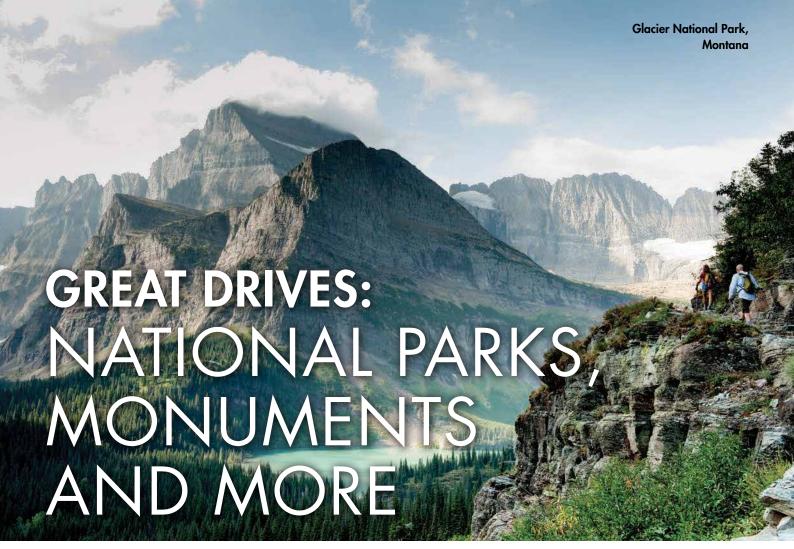
Much of the West has been carefully preserved in America's national parks and monuments, enabling visitors to experience the same pristine natural beauty that greeted the first pioneers.

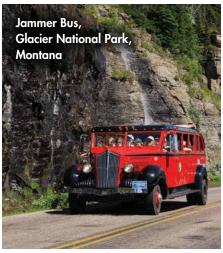
Go camping in North Dakota's Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Take an unforgettable journey across the continental divide in Montana's spectacular Glacier National Park. Marvel at the thermal wonders and abundant wildlife in Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park. Visit South Dakota's legendary Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Or gaze in wonder at the striking volcanic landscape of Idaho's Craters of the Moon National Monument. Wherever your Western holiday takes you, there's sure to be a national park, memorial or monument just waiting to be explored.

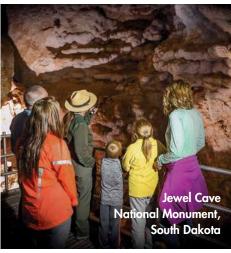
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

The story of The Great American West is the tale of more than one people, and no visit to the region would be complete without experiencing the culture and heritage of America's First Nations. Visit the Sacajawea Center in Salmon, Idaho to learn about the Shoshone Indian woman who served as an invaluable interpreter and guide to the Lewis and Clark expedition. Journey through the heart of the Great Sioux Nation on South Dakota's Native American Scenic Byway. Explore the ancient traditions of the Blackfeet tribe at Montana's annual North American Indian Days. Attend an authentic Native American powwow in North Dakota's capital of Bismarck. Or immerse yourself in the customs of the Shoshone and Arapaho tribes at Wyoming's Wind River Reservation.







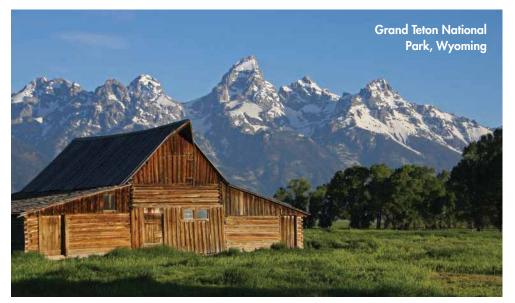




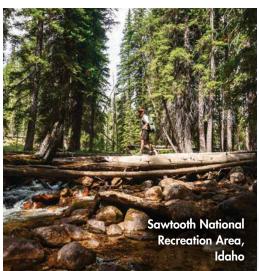
he Great American West region is home to numerous national parks, monuments and memorials that preserve the nation's natural resources and rich heritage. Beginning and ending in Denver, Colorado – one of the region's major international gateways – the following itinerary visits many of the area's most spectacular sites.

Beginning in Denver, travel north to visit Wyoming's Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, continuing on to view the ancient fossils at Fossil Butte National Monument. Then travel north to visit two of America's most popular and scenic parks: Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone National Park. From hiking and mountain climbing to fishing, boating and more, both parks offer visitors countless opportunities for outdoor recreation amid some of the most beautiful scenery found anywhere in the West.

To view some of the American West's most breathtaking vistas, travel southwest to Craters of the Moon National Monument and the stunning Sawtooth National Recreation area before reaching McCall. Continue north to the Nez Perce National Historical Park Visitor Center that chronicles the history of this Native American tribe before entering the picturesque vistas of Glacier National Park. Known as the "Crown of the Continent," this



Seasons and hours of operation vary from park to park. Visit the National Park Service website at **nps.gov** for detailed information on hours, admission fees, directions and more.



stunning park perched along the Canadian border offers a million acres in which to hike, camp, fish and view wildlife. Spend some time enjoying Glacier's spectacular landscape before travelling southeast to Pompeys Pillar National Monument - which bears one of the last surviving markers of the famous Lewis and Clark expedition - then visit the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, the site of the infamous "Custer's Last Stand."

From Montana, head east into North Dakota, home of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Visit Roosevelt's Maltese Cross cabin, then go hiking or camping in the park before continuing eastward to the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, where visitors can witness the ruins of an ancient Indian village. Next, journey to South Dakota's Badlands National Park, famed for its striking rock formations. The park's 244,000 acres are home to a variety of wildlife, including bison, deer and bighorn sheep. Continue on to the Black Hills to explore some of the world's longest caves at Wind Cave National Park and Jewel Cave National Monument, then visit the beloved Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

To conclude your Western odyssey, travel back into Wyoming to visit the iconic Devils Tower National Monument - made famous in the film Close Encounters of the Third Kind before travelling southward back to your gateway city of Denver.









The Best of the West Tour begins and ends in the international gateway city of Minneapolis/ St. Paul/Bloomington.

or a holiday that harkens back to the frontier days of old, there's no better destination than The Great American West.

Begin your adventure in the gateway cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul/Bloomington, travelling northwest to Fargo, North Dakota. Admire the exhibits at the Plains Art Museum and the vintage and contemporary aircraft at the Fargo Air Museum, then continue on to Jamestown, home of the popular Frontier Village and National Buffalo Museum.

Continuing west, visit the state capital of Bismarck, where visitors will find the State Museum at the North Dakota Heritage Center, before experiencing frontier life just as General George Custer did at nearby Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. Travel on to Washburn and walk in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan before continuing west to Medora – home of the popular Western extravaganza, the Medora Musical, and the entrance to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



Cross the state border into Montana and travel toward Billings, visiting the Little Bighorn Battlefield and Pompeys Pillar national monuments. Continue westward to Bozeman - known for its Museum of the Rockies - and the twin Old West towns of Virginia City and Nevada City before visiting the historic copper mining town of Butte. Then head north to Idaho and the popular resort towns of Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene. Enjoy Sandpoint's charming vistas of Lake Pend Oreille, then travel south to Coeur d'Alene for outdoor recreation offerings galore. Play a round of golf at the Coeur d'Alene Resort – famous for its floating 14th green - or go biking and kayaking before continuing southward to Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. Continue on to Idaho's state capitol of Boise, enjoying the city's many arts, cultural and recreational activities before heading east into the Boise National Forest and Sawtooth National Recreation Area, where 36 campgrounds provide a perfect base for hiking, fishing and whitewater rafting.

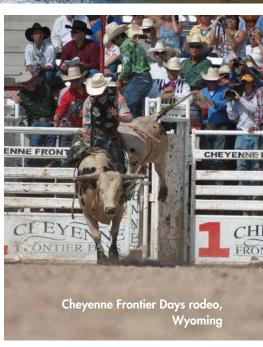
Continue east to Cody, Wyoming: Named for Wild West showman Buffalo Bill Cody, the town is home to the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a highly regarded museum considered by many to be the "Smithsonian of the West." True to Buffalo Bill's legacy, Cody is also known for its nightly summer rodeos and the entertaining Cody Wild West Show.

Enjoy Cody's down-home entertainment before travelling southeast to historic Casper, then visit Wyoming's state capital of Cheyenne: See the sights aboard the



Cheyenne Street Railway Trolley, or take in the summertime Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo, one of the largest outdoor rodeo extravaganzas in the world.

From Cheyenne, head north into South Dakota to visit the Gold Rush-era town of Deadwood. Experience what life must have been like in a Wild West boomtown before visiting Rapid City - gateway to Mount Rushmore National Memorial, the Black Hills and Badlands National Park. Continue east on Interstate 90 toward the stunning Native American sculpture Dignity, before visiting De Smet - site of the original Ingalls Family homestead immortalized in the Little House on the Prairie books - and Sioux Falls. Conclude your Western holiday once again in Minneapolis/St. Paul/ Bloomington, enjoying the numerous shops, restaurants and attractions.





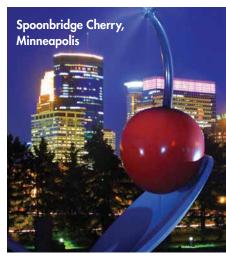
GATEWAY CITIES

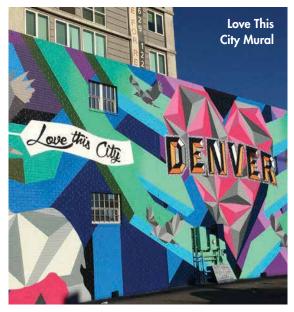
The international gateway cities of Denver, Colorado and Minneapolis/ St. Paul/Bloomington, Minnesota are conveniently located for exploring the Great American West.

ocated at the base of the majestic Rocky Mountains, Denver, Colorado is a walkable, outdoor city offering urban adventures, from hiking and biking to live music, art, culture and shopping. And the airport rail line from Denver International Airport makes getting to the Mile High City a breeze. Travellers can use the direct rail service to get to Union Station, just steps from Denver's 16th Street Mall. Enjoy the restaurants, bars and attractions located downtown without ever needing a car.

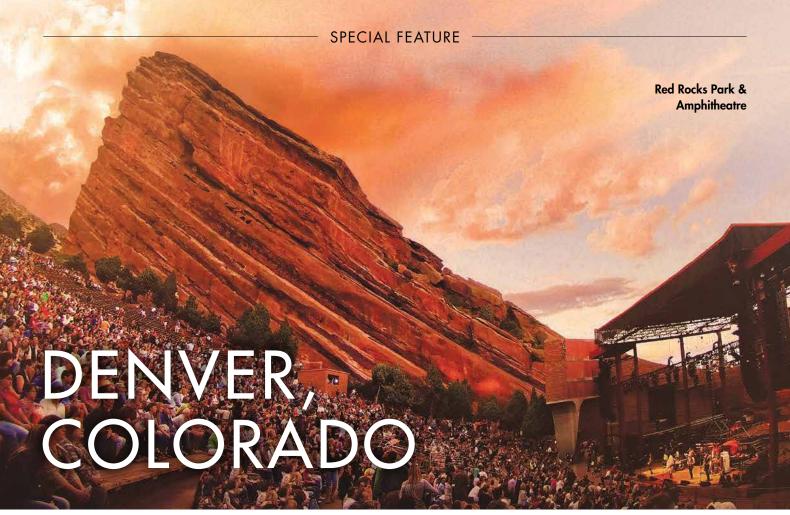
The international gateway of Minneapolis/St. Paul/Bloomington is comprised of three cities, each with unique

offerings and experiences. Minneapolis boasts the nation's #1-rated park system. Go canoeing, kayaking or take a scenic river cruise on the mighty Mississippi River. Enjoy the city's cultural offerings, including the Guthrie Theater and the world-renowned Minnesota Orchestra. Then hop on the Green Line light rail system to Saint Paul and explore the city's gangster past and flourishing craft beer 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!







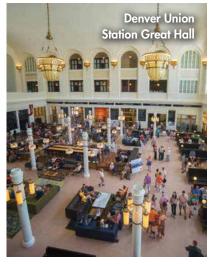


The outdoor city offering urban adventures for all ages

enver's 300 days of sunshine and the spirit of the Rocky Mountains inspire urban adventures for all ages. It's now easier to access the city center with direct rail service from Denver International Airport to Denver Union Station. Explore the 16th Street Mall with casual, outdoor cafés and pubs, to historic LoDo (Lower Downtown) with its farm-to-table restaurants, live music and art galleries.

Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre is a "must-see," great for hiking or amazing concerts under the stars. Locally crafted beer is a "must-taste," and the Denver Beer Trail is a handy guide to breweries. Grab a B-cycle to explore the city, shop in Cherry Creek, dine at Denver Union Station, or visit the Denver Art Museum, famous for its Western and Native American collections. And families love the dinosaurs at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

Just a short drive away is Rocky Mountain National Park, which features waterfalls, wildlife and magnificent scenery. Find out more at visitdenver.com.









all of America in Bloomington, Minnesota attracts more than 40 million visitors annually from throughout the world. Here are 10 reasons to plan a visit there:

Mall of America has over 520 stores, dozens of activities and attractions and more than 400 free events every year, including live musical performances, celebrity appearances and holiday activities.

Minnesota is one of only a few U.S. states with no tax on clothing or shoes!

1 tonly costs \$2 (\$2.25 rush hour) to get to the Mall on the train from MSP International Airport (13 minutes) or downtown Minneapolis (35 minutes).

Speaking of the airport, MSP features daily nonstop service from major cities in Europe, Asia and Canada, with direct connection from Dublin available in 2019.

🖊 If you have a three-hour airport flight Connection or more, you can easily visit the Mall on the train. Enjoy some tax-free clothes and shoes shopping or shake off jet lag on a thrill ride at Nickelodeon Universe®, with plenty of time to get back to the airport for your next flight.

From time-tested brands to one-step-ahead Ostyle, the 520 stores at Mall of America have it all. Browse, shop and create the looks you'll be loving this season - at North America's largest style destination.

Bought more than you can carry? If you're staying at the attached Radisson Blu or JW Marriott hotels, the concierge will meet you anywhere in the Mall, pick-up your shopping bags and drop them off in your room - free!

8 If your energy starts to dip, take a spin on a few rides in Nickelodeon Universe, the largest indoor theme park in North America in the center of the Mall.

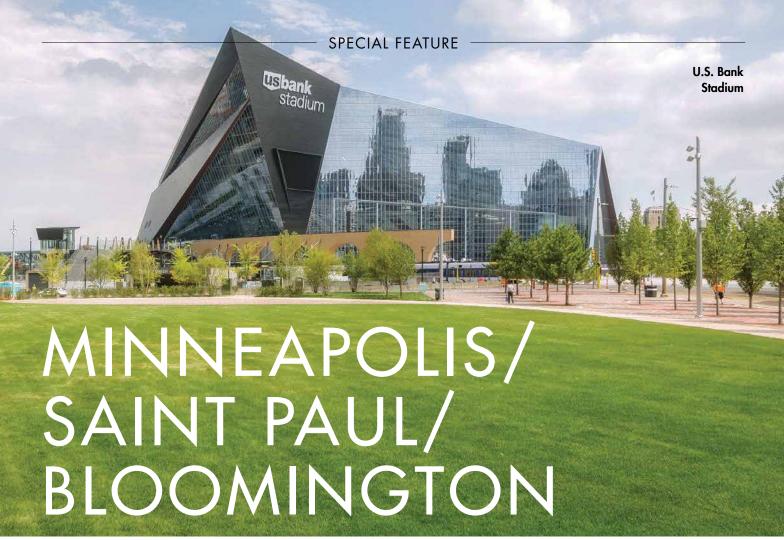
Hungry? Mall of America has over 50 restaurants, ranging from elegant dining and fun family eateries to fast casual.

What? You've never touched a stingray? Here's your chance! SEA LIFE® Minnesota Aquarium has a hands-on exhibit, including baby stingrays that will swim up and nuzzle your hand. Then enter another world while walking through the 300-foot aquarium tunnel, spying on sharks, sea turtles, (much larger) stingrays, sawfish, and a variety of fresh water fish.

Visit mallofamerica.com for full details.

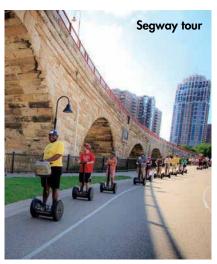






inneapolis/Saint Paul/Bloomington, the MSPB international gateway cities, welcome you to experience city life, as well as beautiful lakes, parks and the Mississippi River – all in one visit! Perhaps the top experience – due in part to no tax on clothing and shoes - is world-class shopping at Mall of America, the largest shopping and entertainment center in the United States. For sports fans, a must-see is the new U.S. Bank Stadium, where the Minnesota Vikings play American football – and where the 2018 Super Bowl football game was held. For soccer enthusiasts, Major League Soccer will come to Saint Paul with the new franchise team, Minnesota United. And Prince fans can follow the Prince Trail, including tours at his recording studio, Paisley Park.

The gateway cities also boast the largest collection of Signature Experiences in the United States, which allow visitors to get "up close and personal" at various attractions and restaurants. The 30+ experiences include feeding a giraffe at Como Zoo, tasting your way through a culinary experience at Mall of America, or enjoying a guided Segway tour around the historic Mississippi Riverfront! Details about these one-of-a-kind experiences can be found at *mspbgateway.com*.









hat better way to discover the Great American West than by camper? Enjoy the freedom and independence of travelling anywhere on your own time. Admire the stunning natural beauty of these five states by choosing your own path and spontaneously changing route. Look at the stars in the night sky while you are camping in the middle of nature. And with plenty of campgrounds to choose from, you never have to worry about a good night's sleep.

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