



IDAHO

TOURISM

Idaho offers pristine wilderness, nature, and adventure. Outdoor activities abound with whitewater rafting and kayaking, mountain biking, hiking, and winter recreation. Western heritage is a significant attribute in Idaho with the ruts of the Oregon Trail crossing southern Idaho, and to the north, the route of the Lewis & Clark expedition following ancient Indian trails from buffalo country. Sacajawea was born in what became Idaho and her people, along with the other tribes of Idaho, still welcome visitors to their homeland.

General tourism information and brochures:

www.visitidaho.org

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CLIMATE

Idaho enjoys a four-season climate with very low humidity. The southern part of the state has warmer summer temperatures than the north and is drier throughout the year.

Average high temperature in July is 87°F with temperatures dropping in the evening. Average low temperature in January is 20°F with daytime temperatures above freezing. Most of Idaho's precipitation occurs as snowfall in the mountains from November through March.

For climate information on Idaho cities, see the Western Regional Climate Center Idaho web page: www.wrcc.driedu/summary/climsmid.html



TOURISM ATTRACTIONS

- 31 Scenic/Historic Byways
- City of Boise
- Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, 72-mile bike trail
- Craters of the Moon National Monument
- Destination Resorts:** Grand Targhee & Schweitzer
- Hells Canyon National Recreation Area
- Route of the Hiawatha Bike Trail
- Nez Perce National Historic Park Oregon Trail
- Resort Towns:** Coeur d'Alene, McCall, Sandpoint, Sun Valley/Ketchum, and Wallace
- Rivers:** Salmon, Payette, and Snake
- Sacajawea Interpretive Cultural Education Center
- Sawtooth National Recreation Area
- Yellowstone National Park

TRANSPORTATION

Gateways to Idaho are Boise, Idaho; Spokane, Washington; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Boise Airport is served by United, Delta, Allegiant, Southwest, Alaska/Horizon, American and in-state charter companies:

www.cityofboise.org/departments/airport



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Idaho Resorts and Recreation on the way to Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks

Blessed with great weather from June through October, Idaho is a lovely Rocky Mountain surprise. Unique resorts deliver understated elegance and world-class recreation in an easy-going, unpretentious and affordable manner. Since Ernest Hemingway retired to Idaho, many celebrities, politicians and savvy travelers have come to appreciate the Gem State and its varied offerings. Boise, well served by most US air carriers, offers an excellent access point to Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.



DAY ONE

Arrival into **Boise**, the delightful capital city of Idaho, on United, American, Delta, Alaska/Horizon, or a low-cost carrier. Guests arriving on Wednesday should be sure not to miss the weekly free summertime community concerts at the **Grove Plaza**. Any night of the week dinner can be enjoyed at one of the many outdoor dining venues found clustered along and near **Eighth Street**. Overnight Boise. Early arrivals should consider taking one of the **Boise Township Tours** or a float down the Boise River for a fun city overview.

DAYS TWO-THREE

Travel north along the **Payette River Scenic Byway** to the city of **McCall**. This casual, lakeside resort town is surrounded by forests with access to boating, swimming, and fishing, or enjoy the alpine views from the water with **McCall Lake Cruises**. Hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding are also popular activities in this area. Overnight in McCall or nearby Cascade.

DAY FOUR

This is a good day for river rafting on the **Salmon River**, or if natural history is the preference, take a trip into **Hells Canyon** via jet boat. Rafters should stay overnight in **Riggins** at the **Salmon Rapids Lodge**. Natural history travelers will enjoy **Best Western Plus Lodge at River's Edge** in **Orofino** for two nights.

DAY FIVE

Welcome to **Nez Perce Country**. Many fascinating Nez Perce Trail sites are on the itinerary today. Visit the **Nez Perce National Historic Park**. If travelers have not already visited Hells Canyon, consider an overnight jet-boat tour into the **Hells Canyon National Recreation Area**, staying at one of the unique lodges in the canyon.

DAYS SIX-SEVEN

Traveling through the scenic **Palouse** landscape, arrive in the **Coeur d'Alene** area to enjoy a multitude of activities. This area is especially renowned for the **Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes** bike path and several world-class golf courses. Evening lake dinner cruises are a highlight here as well.

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DAY EIGHT

Western history, ghost towns and the **Route of the Hiawatha** are featured attractions in and around the photogenic vintage silver-mining town of **Wallace**. “Dante’s Peak” and “Heaven’s Gate” selected Wallace as an ideal location for a movie set.

DAYS NINE-TEN-ELEVEN

Travel through the National Forest regions of western Montana to Flathead Lake, Kalispell and on to the resort town of Whitefish for easy access to exploring, hiking and viewing Glacier National Park. Overnight all three nights in Whitefish.

DAY TWELVE

From Whitefish, Montana, travel south through the beautiful Bitterroot Valley, returning to Idaho and the homeland of Sacajawea, the Lemhi Shoshone woman who assisted Lewis and Clark on their great expedition 200 years ago. The **Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Education Center** offers Native American interpretation of the woman, her tribe and the expedition. A half-day to three-day rafting trip is highly recommended. Overnight **Salmon**.

DAYS THIRTEEN-FOURTEEN-FIFTEEN-SIXTEEN

Travel through the forests of eastern Idaho with a stop on State Highway 20 at **Upper and Lower Mesa Falls** on the way to Western Yellowstone and Yellowstone National Park. Highlights the next few days should include the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River with the Upper and Lower Falls, Lake Yellowstone, Thermal Basin, Old Faithful and Grand Teton Park with the last overnight at **Teton Springs Lodge and Spa** in **Victor**, just 30 miles from Jackson Hole, Wyoming on the Idaho side of the Teton Mountains. While in the area, travel north through the scenic Teton Valley to the city of **Rexburg**. **Yellowstone Bear World** is just south of the town and a great stop for wildlife viewing. It would also make a great start to day seventeen!



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DAYS SEVENTEEN-EIGHTEEN

Traveling west, plan a visit to **Craters of the Moon National Monument** on the way to the Sun Valley area. **Sun Valley**, America's first destination ski resort and the birthplace of the chairlift, is equally popular in the summertime. This part of Idaho boasts nearly one million acres of surrounding wilderness and a long list of summer activities. Guests are invited to enjoy the many natural wonders: fly fishing in beautiful **Silver Creek Preserve**, hiking through fields blanketed with wildflowers on Bald Mountain, or riding the rapids of the **Middle Fork of the Salmon River**. Thirty miles of paved bike trails, award-winning golf courses, a skateboard park and scenic chairlift rides add a multitude of manmade marvels to Sun Valley's stunning backdrop. Overnight in Sun Valley, **Stanley** or **Redfish Lake** in the **Sawtooth National Recreation Area**.

DAY NINETEEN

If not already there, travel north from **Sun Valley** into the **Sawtooth National Recreation Area** to see "America's Alps," where jagged peaks pierce the sky and 300 high alpine lakes beckon hikers and horseback riders. Four beautiful and easily accessible glacial lakes invite picnicking, swimming, canoeing or relaxing with a good book on a white sandy beach. From **Stanley**, travel south along Highway 21, the Ponderosa Pine Scenic Byway. Enjoy a picnic and a soak in a natural hot spring along the way. Stop for a piece of pie at **Trudy's** as you explore **Idaho City** and enjoy the quirky ambiance of this historic village that almost became a ghost town. Return to Boise for the evening and any last-minute shopping in **Downtown Boise**.

DAY TWENTY

Departure from Boise.



This tour can be booked through:

Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours, www.rmhtours.com

Western Leisure, www.western-leisure.com

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