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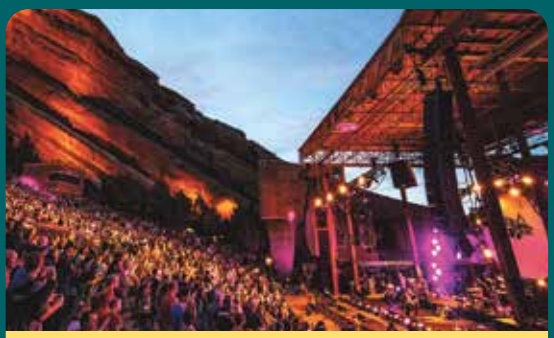
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In Denver, you'll find farm-to-table restaurants, lively bars, local shops.



RED ROCKS PARK & AMPITHEATRE

Don't miss the rare beauty of Red Rocks. Make plans to see a concert, hike, dine, or learn the park's history.

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All Ways Welcome

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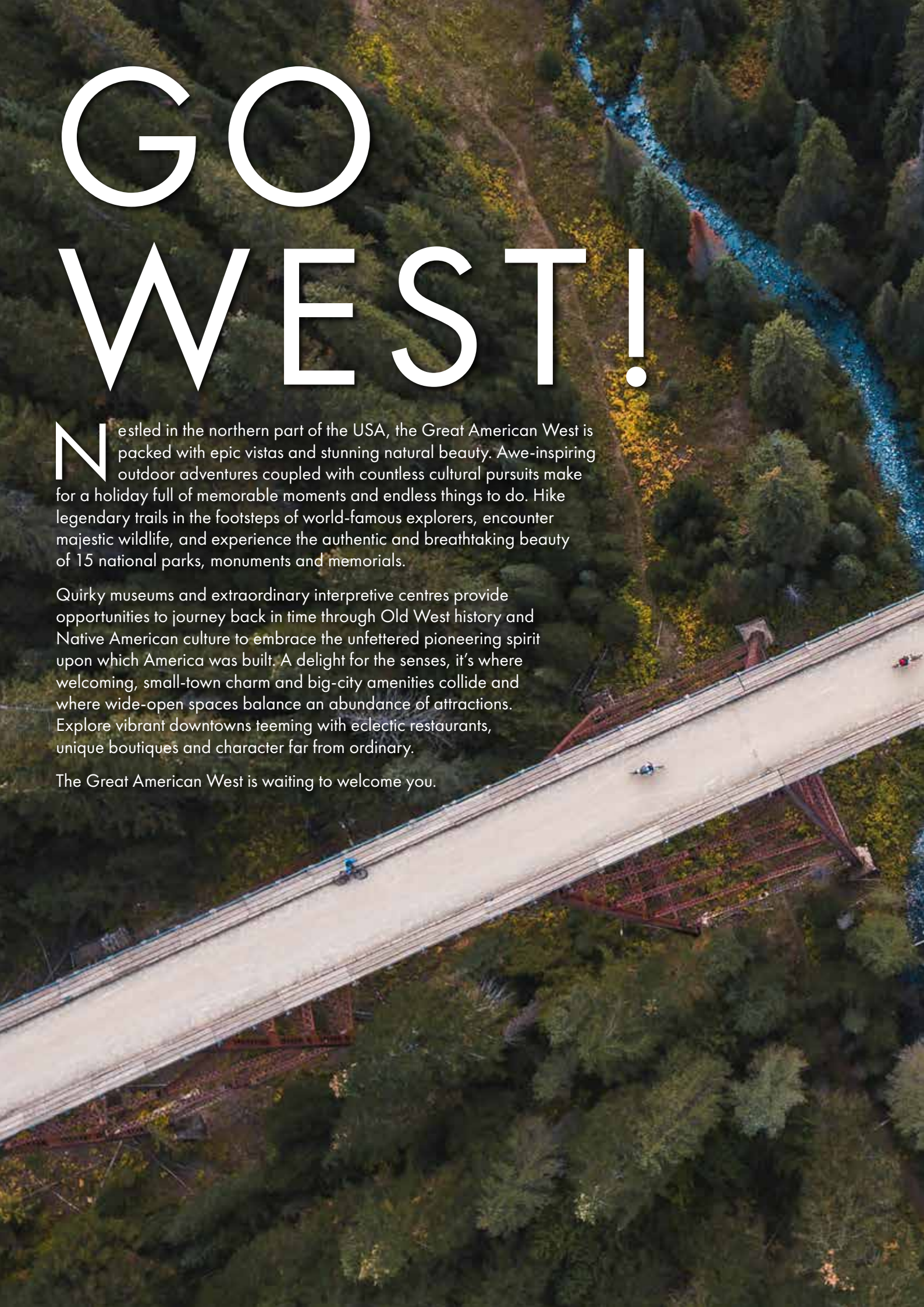
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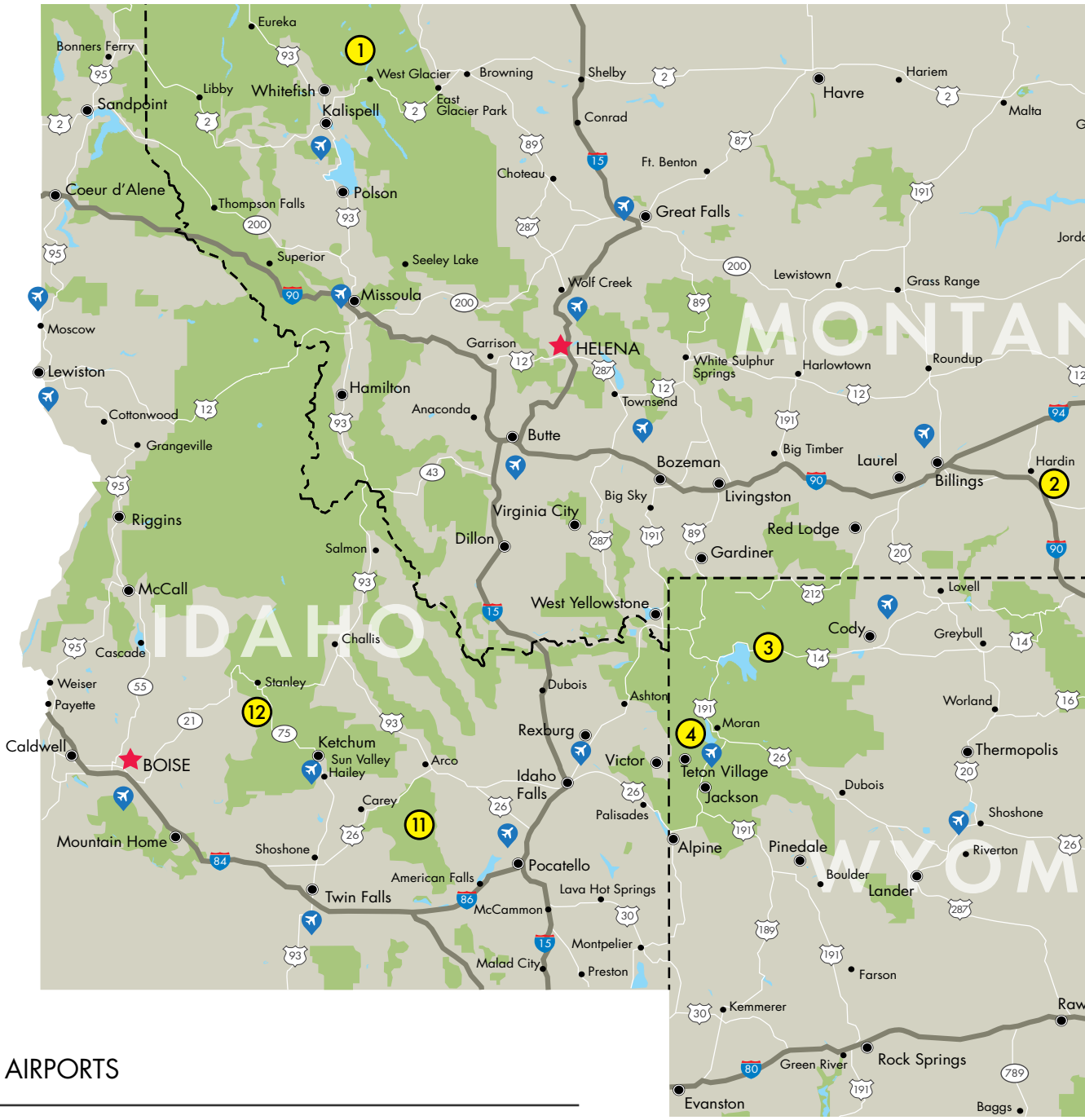
GO WEST!

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

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

The Great American West is waiting to welcome you.

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REGIONAL AIRPORTS

IDAHO

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

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)

SOUTH DAKOTA

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

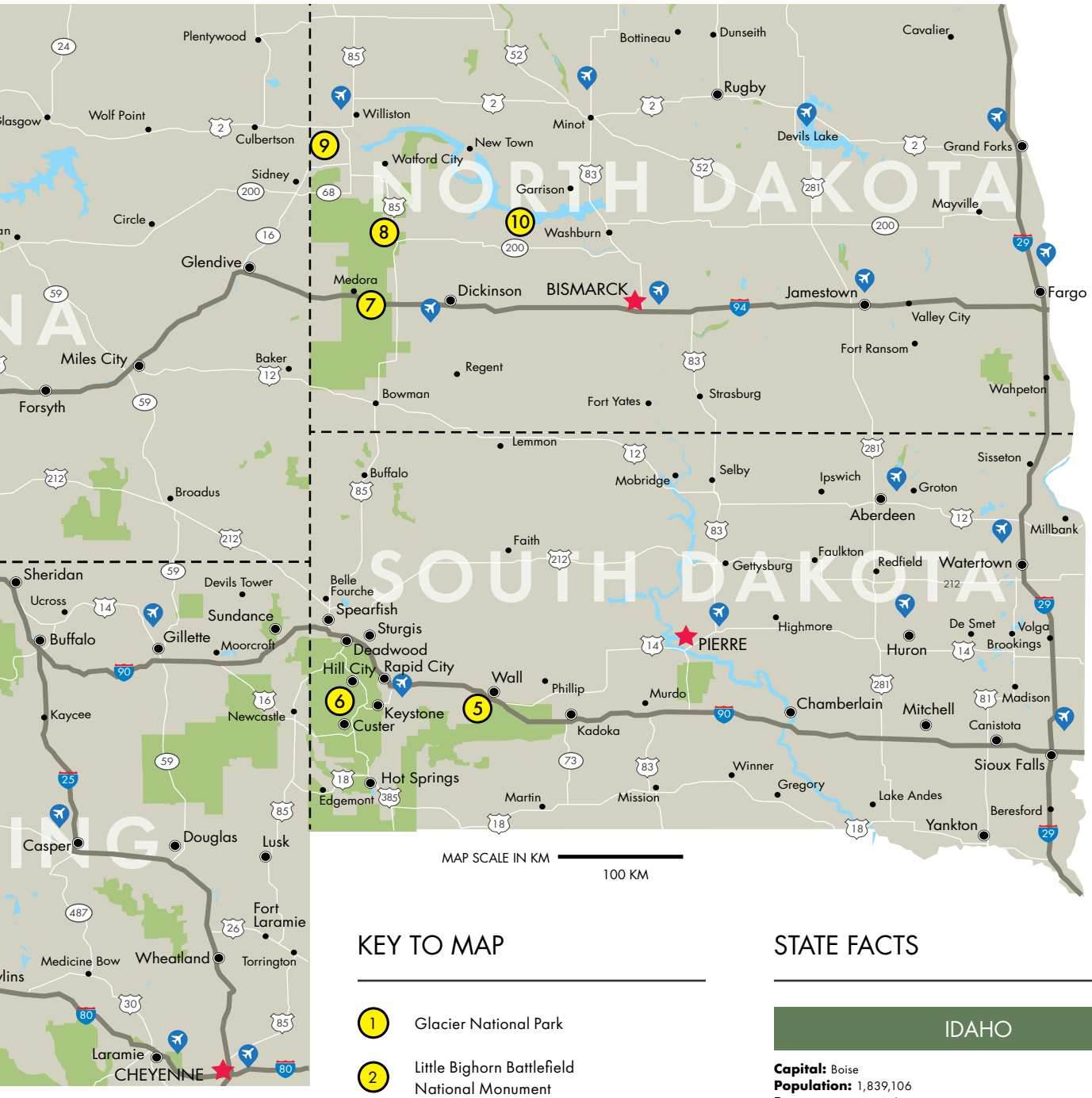
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Casper (CPR)
Cheyenne (CYS)
Cody (COD)
Gillette (GIL)
Jackson Hole (JAC)
Laramie (LAR)
Riverton (RIW)
Rock Springs (RKS)
Sheridan (SHR)

GATEWAY CITIES

Denver (DEN)
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Seattle (SEA)
Calgary (YYC)





LEGEND

- Cities
- Interstate
- Highway
- State Capital
- Airport
- State/National Parks

KEY TO MAP

1. Glacier National Park
2. Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument
3. Yellowstone National Park
4. Grand Teton National Park
5. Badlands National Park
6. Mount Rushmore National Memorial
7. Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit
8. Theodore Roosevelt National Park North Unit
9. Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site
10. Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site
11. Craters of the Moon National Monument
12. Sawtooth National Recreation Area

STATE FACTS

IDAHO

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

MONTANA

Capital: Helena
Population: 1,084,225
Became a state: November 8, 1889
Nicknames: Big Sky Country; Treasure State

NORTH DAKOTA

Capital: Bismarck
Population: 779,094
Became a state: November 2, 1889
Nicknames: Peace Garden State; Flickertail State; Roughrider State

SOUTH DAKOTA

Capital: Pierre
Population: 886,667
Became a state: November 2, 1889
Nickname: Mount Rushmore State

WYOMING

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



IDAHO

ADVENTURE LIVES HERE; WITH 115 NAMED MOUNTAIN RANGES AND 3,500 MILES OF RIVER AS A BACKDROP, THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF PLACES TO GET YOUR HEART PUMPING.

Getting to the destination is part of the excitement. As you navigate the 31 scenic byways, stop at any of the 27 state parks, such as Harriman or Thousand Springs. Find history, culture and nature woven into each corner of the state. Wander a ghost town like Chesterfield or the Wallace silver mines, attend an annual rodeo or powwow like the Snake River Stampede or Shoshone Bannock Indian Festival, or ride down river-wrapped paths like Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes or the Boise Greenbelt. "Ida-home," as the locals call it, brings outdoor enthusiasts and city dwellers together to "cheers" over their favourite beverage at one of the 80-plus local breweries and 60-plus wineries.

SMALL-TOWN CHARM:

- Sandpoint – Just four hours west of Glacier National Park at the northern tip of Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho's deepest lake, is a place for adventure seekers and wildlife lovers. Take a sunset cruise to spot eagles or enjoy the trails in summer and winter at nearby Schweitzer.
- Salmon – Nestled next to the Salmon River four hours northwest of West Yellowstone, this small town is full of history, life and good brews. After walking the trails at Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural & Educational Center, enjoy a cold beer from one of the two local breweries.
- McCall – Tucked in the Payette National Forest on the edge of Payette Lake two hours north of Boise is the gateway to an outdoor mecca. Try whitewater rafting on the Middle Fork of the Payette River, biking or golfing at Jug Mountain Ranch, or horseback riding at Ya-Hoo Corrals.



RIVAURA WINERY, NEAR LEWISTON



NORTH FORK OF THE PAYETTE RIVER

RELAX & UNWIND:

- Soak Your Cares Away – From naturally heated geothermal pools formed alongside a flowing river to fully developed retreats with resort amenities, one of Idaho's 130-plus area hot springs will help soothe aching muscles after a long day of adventure.
- Sleep Among the Treetops – For the chance to truly get away from it all, stay in a fire lookout. These memorable lodging options offer a bird's-eye view of the sunset over the mountain ridgelines.
- Admire the Dark Skies – Marvel at the Milky Way and countless stars as the night sky unfolds before your eyes with a visit to one of the four designated International Dark Sky sites in Idaho: Central Idaho's International Dark Sky Reserve; Craters of the Moon Dark Sky Park; City of Rocks Dark Sky Park; or Ketchum, a Dark Sky Community.



GOLDBUG HOT SPRINGS



SILVER CREEK, NEAR KETCHUM

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Native History – Forge a connection with the first people to walk the land as you learn about Niimipuu's creation at the Nez Perce National Historic Sites.
- Fishing – Cast a line out over a pristine mountain river like the St. Joe or Henry's Fork, and feel the thrill of the pull as you breathe in the fresh pine scents of the forests enveloping you.
- Jet Boating – Enjoy the rush of zipping down the river on a jet boat as the walls of Hells Canyon tower overhead and mountain goats, eagles and black bears peer at you from the rocky slopes.

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GREAT OUTDOORS:

- Take on the Waves – Idaho has an abundance of whitewater rafting adventures for thrill-seekers. From half- and full-day trips down the Payette and Lochsa Rivers to multi-day excursions into the wilderness on the Salmon River, a river trip should be on everyone's bucket list.
- Hit the Slopes – Idaho is a hidden gem for winter sports enthusiasts, with 19 ski areas around the state. Sun Valley is the most well-known, home to the very first chairlift, while others like Tamarack and Brundage near McCall have little to no wait times to shred the powder.
- Reach New Heights – Natural skyscrapers await rock climbers dreaming of their next steep slope. For great views, try the climbing routes at City of Rocks National Monument or the Selkirk Mountains near Priest Lake.



SCHWEITZER, NEAR SANDPOINT



SOUTHWEST IDAHO

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SOUTHWEST IDAHO DELIVERS BIG ON OUTDOOR ADVENTURE, ESPECIALLY IN THE CITIES OF BOISE AND MCCALL. FIND THE BEST OF THE WEST HERE: RUGGED FOOTHILLS AND MOUNTAINS PAIRED WITH WIDE-OPEN SPACES; RIVERS RENOWNED FOR BOTH FISHING AND WORLD-CLASS RAPIDS; AND SCENIC BYWAYS THAT BEG YOU TO TAKE THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED.

BOISE

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

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



SUNNYSLOPE WINE TRAIL



BOISE'S FOOD SCENE



WHITEWATER RAFTING WITH CASCADE RAFT & KAYAK



VIEW FROM BOISE FOOTHILLS

SCENIC BYWAYS

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



TRAIL RIDES IN MCCALL



CALM WATERS IN SOUTHWEST IDAHO



PAYETTE LAKE IN MCCALL

MCCALL

Approximately 160 km north, McCall sits on Payette Lake, with 5,330 acres of glacial water ideal for all types of water sports. Whether swimming, sailing, waterskiing, jet skiing, canoeing, kayaking, SUP or boating, the lake offers endless activities. You can also relax and enjoy a scenic boat ride with McCall Lake Cruises.

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

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

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

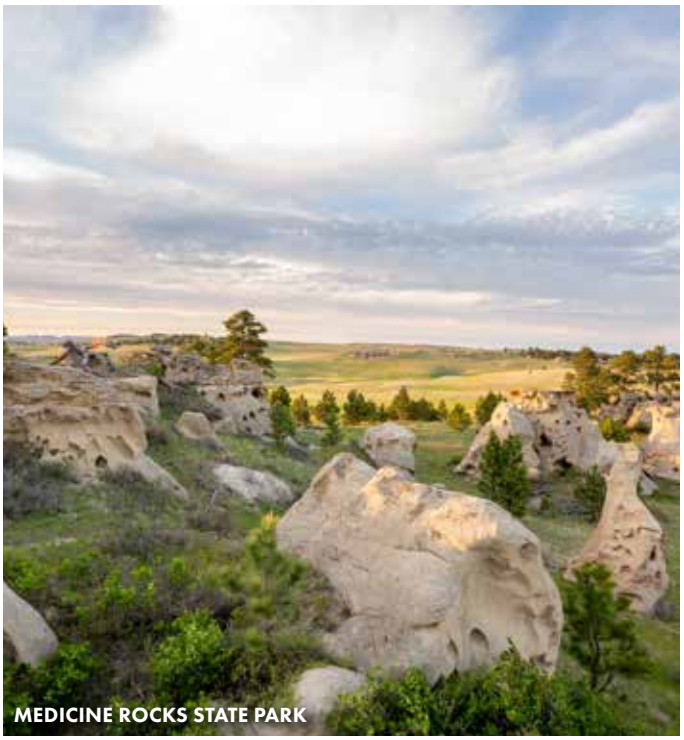
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MONTANA

WELCOME TO BIG SKY COUNTRY. WITH MORE WILDLIFE THAN PEOPLE, AMERICA'S FOURTH-LARGEST STATE GIVES NEW MEANING TO THE PHRASE "WIDE-OPEN SPACES."



MEDICINE ROCKS STATE PARK

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

OFF THE BEATEN PATH:

- Medicine Rocks State Park – Considered sacred by local Native tribes, search for rock art and pictographs during the day and see the solar system open at night at one of Montana's only certified dark sky sites.
- Anaconda – The small and sophisticated town of Anaconda sprang to life on the hard work and ingenuity of laborers, craftsmen and business tycoons coupled with the vast natural resources in southwestern Montana. The Anaconda Copper Mining Company was at one time the world's largest supplier of copper, and although smelting operations were suspended in 1980, "The Stack" remains an important landmark and state park.
- Havre – Go for a self-guided walking tour of a historic railroad town where military posts and Indian sites await. Or take in an underground tour exploring the honky-tonk, bordello and bakery beneath the streets.



HORSEBACK RIDING IN PARADISE VALLEY



TROLLEY IN DOWNTOWN BUTTE

SMALL-TOWN CHARM:

- Explore Red Lodge – Basecamp to the Beartooth Mountains, this small town with a big personality has a surprising culinary scene, local boutiques, galleries and the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary, where you can get up close and personal with bears, coyotes and reptiles.
- Get to Know the Quirky Mining Town of Butte – Explore above and below ground at the place once known as the "richest hill on Earth." Take an underground mine tour or head to Hell Roarin' Gulch for a trolley ride to one of the nation's largest national historic landmark districts.
- Stay A While in Gardiner – The original entrance to America's first national park, the historic Roosevelt Arch is your gateway to Yellowstone. Grab a guide and explore "American Serengeti," Yellowstone's Northern Range, home to one of the country's most diverse collections of large wildlife. Or get your nature fix rafting, horseback riding or hiking on nearly 10 million acres of public lands.
- Find Authentic Charm in Lewistown –In this small, central agriculture community, embrace your Western roots hiking, hunting and fly fishing with a backdrop of five beautiful mountain ranges.

HIGHLIGHTS:

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



GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS BOAT TOUR



GLAMPING AT GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

GREAT OUTDOORS:

- Be Our Guest – Sleep at a guest ranch; head to Hidden Hollow Hideaway for an intimate family farm stay or enjoy upscale amenities at the award-winning, luxury Triple Creek Ranch with all-inclusive guided experiences from fly-fishing to horseback riding.
- Find Fossils and Badlands at Montana's Largest State Park – Hike, bike or camp at Makoshika State Park and get a glimpse into the prehistoric life of the Tyrannosaurus rex and Triceratops.
- Raft the Gorge – The Alberton Gorge section of the Clark Fork River has some of the best whitewater in western Montana thanks to high-octane rapids and spectacular canyon walls carved during the Ice Age.
- Sleep Under the Stars – Known for their rugged, safari-style tents, Under Canvas has glamping locations in Glacier National Park, West Yellowstone and Livingston that connect you to nature in a whole new way.

MONTANA

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GLACIER COUNTRY, MONTANA

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AMONG THE DRAMATIC, GORGEOUS LANDSCAPES OF WESTERN MONTANA'S GLACIER COUNTRY, YOU'LL FIND EXTRAORDINARY OUTDOOR RECREATION, NINE SCENIC TRAVEL CORRIDORS, 75+ CAPTIVATING SMALL TOWNS AND ADVENTURES YOU'LL REMEMBER FOREVER.

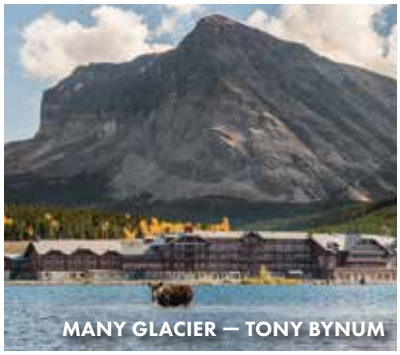
Discover Flathead Lake – the largest freshwater lake in the West – featuring Montana's coveted Flathead cherries, storybook villages, water sports and year-round adventure. Fly-fish a legendary river or blue-ribbon trout stream, stroll a "Best of the West" famers market, stargaze the most mesmerizing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

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

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



GLACIER NATIONAL PARK — MAX LAU



MANY GLACIER — TONY BYNUM



RED BUS TOUR — ANDY AUSTIN



BILLINGS, MONTANA

THE RIMROCKS IN BILLINGS

FORGE YOUR OWN PATH TO MONTANA'S LARGEST CITY AND LET THE ADVENTURES BEGIN.

Take advantage of urban amenities without losing a small-town, Montana feel. Enjoy unique Montana hospitality as you explore the unparalleled views of Billings from the Yellowstone River to the unique 70+-million-year-old sandstone Rimrocks. Both define the city's landscape.

Billings is alive with history, museums, retail and art by day and award-winning cuisine, live music and the Billings Brew Trail by evening. Plus, more than 50 hotels and motels will help you book your itinerary.

With more than 40 miles of trails and paths, mountain biking, walking or hiking allows you to encounter the great outdoors at every turn. There is plenty of room under Montana's big sky in and around Billings. Step back in time at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument less than an hour away, or 25 miles away, walk the path of the Lewis and Clark Expedition at Pompey's Pillar National Monument. Stand in the footsteps of William Clark as you look upon his signature, only 202 steps to the top for breathtaking views of the Yellowstone River valley. And, an hours' drive south, you can experience the scenic Beartooth Highway: the most scenic entrance to Yellowstone National Park via the northeast entrance and a bucket list destination all on its own.

Plan today by going to ***VisitBillings.com***



BILLINGS BREW TRAIL



LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT



BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY



DOWNTOWN BILLINGS MUSIC FESTIVAL



NORTH DAKOTA

ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST-KEPT SECRETS, NORTH DAKOTA IS LACED WITH HISTORY AND INTERTWINED WITH ADVENTURE.

From the large cities to small towns brimming with charm, you will always find a friendly "hello" in North Dakota. Locals are happy to let you in on their favourite entertainment venue, watering hole or hiking trail, and some may even share the secret spot where fish are biting. With 70,000 square miles of rugged terrain, outdoor adventures are abundant. Whether you're reeling in a walleye at Lake Sakakwea, reaching the summit of a trail through the Badlands or sleeping under the stars at a state park, North Dakota is a haven for mountain bikers, hikers, skiers, kayakers, wildlife- and bird- watchers, and those looking to catch fish year-round. With more wildlife refuges than any other state and Theodore Roosevelt National Park nestled among the million-acre Little Missouri National Grasslands, it's not hard to find the perfect place to escape the crowds and recharge.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- See the Northern Lights – Big horizons mean big skies, and in North Dakota, they're filled with some of nature's most beautiful sights. Watch the northern lights dance above the prairie while countless stars keep you company.
- Experience Tribal Tourism – Visitors can explore the tribal lands of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara; the Yanktonai, Sisseton, Wahpeton, Hunkpapa and other Dakota/Lakota/Nakota (commonly known as the Sioux); and the Chippewa and Metis people, and discover the beauty and diversity of Native American culture. Check out the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Earth Lodge Village; the MHA Interpretive Center; and the Knife River Indian Village National Historic Site, where Lewis and Clark met Sakakawea.
- Find Your New Favourite Festival – From Native American history to Viking traditions, the United Tribes International Powwow and Norsk Hostfest put two very different and unique cultures on display.



MHA INTERPRETIVE CENTER



NORTHERN LIGHTS AT GOVERNMENT BAY

MUST-HAVE ADVENTURES:

- Let the River Be Your Guide – Before there were roads, the Missouri River was your compass. Today, it invites you to kayak or fish the longest river in America.
- Swim, Sun or Sail – The third-largest man-made reservoir in the U.S., Lake Sakakawea boasts more shoreline than California and is home to the North Country National Scenic Trail, stretching 4,600 miles to Vermont.
- Make Epic Memories – Traverse the Badlands' 144-mile Maah Daah Hey Trail on foot, horseback or bike (it has earned an EPIC designation from the International Mountain Biking Association).
- Tour a Presidentially Declared Big Game Preserve – Head to White Horse Hill National Game Preserve and drive the 4-mile loop in search of bison, elk and 250 species of birds. Visit the prairie dog town and hike to the top of White Horse Hill for panoramic views of Devils Lake.



MAAH DAAH HEY TRAIL



INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN

GREAT OUTDOORS:

- Admire the Flora and Fauna – On the border of the USA and Canada, explore the beautifully manicured grounds of the International Peace Garden and connect with nature on a canoe ride along the lakes. Over 100,000 flowers bathe the landscape in a rainbow of colour.
- Cast a Line – Devils Lake, the state's largest natural body of water, is known as the "Perch Capital of the World," but anglers can also reel in walleye, northern pike and white bass.
- Get Off the Grid – The Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area is one of the state's largest uninterrupted stretches of woodlands.

SCENIC DRIVES:

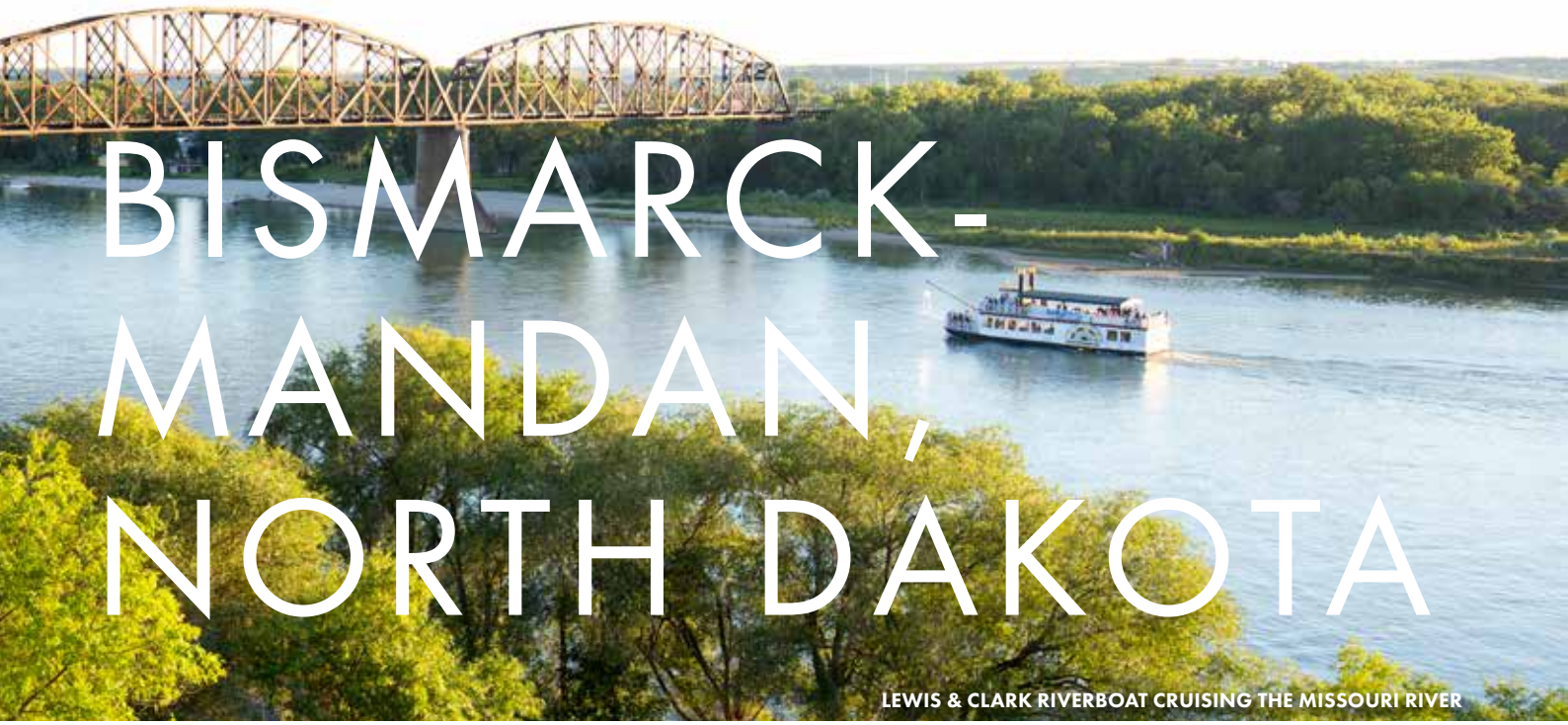
- Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway – North Dakota's first nationally recognised scenic byway promises unmatched views, archaeology, history, culture and recreation aplenty.
- Killdeer Mountain Four Bears Scenic Byway – From the rugged Killdeer Mountains to the deeply entrenched Little Missouri River and Badlands, this byway provides an enchanting and unique landscape in one of the most scenic areas of western North Dakota.



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BISMARCK-MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA



LEWIS & CLARK RIVERBOAT CRUISING THE MISSOURI RIVER

THE 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 Native Americans who lived there from 1575-1781. The Lewis and Clark Trail, meanwhile, takes visitors to the still-unspoiled landscape first witnessed by the famous explorers in the early 1800s.

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

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

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AXE THROWING AT LAUGHING SUN BREWING



ON-A-SLANT INDIAN VILLAGE AT FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN STATE PARK

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

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AUTHENTIC, ADVENTUROUS AND NORTH OF NORMAL. THAT'S FARGO.



LOCAL ARTIST WITH HER MURAL — DOWNTOWN FARGO



BREWHALLA



RED RIVER MARKET



VIKING SHIP — NORWEGIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

Fargo is far from ordinary. Its uniqueness is shown when travelers visit and discover no mountains, beaches or masses of tourists, but the perfect combination of a small-city atmosphere and big-city vibe. Separating North Dakota from Minnesota with the Red River of the North, you'll be surprised by the nightlife, food, art and people who've coined "Midwest Nice." You'll find an adventurous pioneering spirit alive and well in Fargo with a surprising array of cultural influences, attractions and activities far beyond what is characteristic of a city its size. Discover canoe parades in the fall, gorgeous wineries along the prairie and vintage markets on Downtown streets.

Visit historic downtown Fargo and explore the unique experiences that live there. The 1920s Fargo Theatre's art deco marquee lights up the heart of downtown alongside landmark boutique hotels, music venues and locally owned one-of-a-kind shops. Broadway Square is in the heart of the downtown district and hosts events like weekly Red River Markets, circus-themed Night Bazaars, and ice-skating events in the wintertime. The rooftop patio views of the sunsets cannot be beaten, and the inspired food and crafted drinks are a perfect match. Outside of downtown proper, you can immerse yourself in the historical stave church and Hjemkomst Viking ship, or step back in time at Bonanzaville, the pioneer village. Whatever you were expecting in Fargo, we promise we will deliver much more. Experience north. North of Normal.



SOUTH DAKOTA

THE LAND OF GREAT FACES, GREAT PLACES. SOUTH DAKOTA IS HOME TO SIX NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SITES, 63 STATE PARKS AND 200,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS OF NATURAL SPLENDOUR.



ROSEBUD RESERVATION

Known as "the land of infinite variety," it is part of the Great Plains yet boasts more miles of shoreline than Florida. Admire epic landscapes from the buttes of the Badlands to the flowing rivers and streams. Marvel at history carved in stone, see thousands of free-roaming bison or hike the highest natural point east of the Rocky Mountains. Get off the grid by UTV, Jeep or mountain bike; chase wildlife and wildflowers; or go back in time digging for fossils.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE:

- Pay Tribute to the Past – The Crazy Horse Memorial is the world's largest in-progress mountain carving, a spellbinding tribute to the heroic Oglala Lakota warrior who stood up for what he believed in as he fought against Custer's army.
- Learn About Native American Culture – For a look into their way of life and connection to the land, the Oglala Lakota Living History Village offers stories and songs told by the Lakota people.
- Walk (or Drive!) in Their Footsteps – The Native American National & State Scenic Byway provides breathtaking views of the Missouri River, diverse landscapes and tribal history throughout central South Dakota.
- Experience a Powwow – Beating drums. Soulful singing. Dances that mesmerize and intrigue. A powwow, like the one that is seen at Rosebud Wacipi, Fair & Rodeo, is a celebration of community that must be seen in person to be truly experienced.



BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK

GREAT OUTDOORS:

- The Mighty Mo' – The Missouri River flows through the entire state with opportunities to paddle, boat, splash, camp or chill. Popular spots include the Lewis & Clark Recreation Area near Yankton and Farm Island Recreation Area outside of Pierre.
- Hike to Waterfalls – Frank Lloyd Wright called Spearfish Canyon "the most magnificent canyon in the West," best in autumn bathed in colour.
- Bike or Hike Mickelson Trail – The George S. Mickelson Trail features 15 trailheads and 109 miles through the heart of the Black Hills connecting Edgemont to Deadwood.
- Wander Falls Park – The #1 attraction in Sioux Falls (South Dakota's biggest city), this urban waterfall has a five-story observation deck, Stockyards Ag Experience and the delicious Overlook Café.



SIOUX FALLS

OFF THE BEATEN PATH:

- Black Hills Playhouse – This historic theatre tucked into Black Hills National Forest is home to a legacy of summer theatre performances in an authentic atmosphere.
- Mount Roosevelt/Friendship Tower – Just outside Deadwood sits a tower commissioned by Wild West legend Seth Bullock to honour President Teddy Roosevelt. Not many know about it, but those who do come back with an appreciation for the views and the story.
- Faulkton Murals – This small town has a big claim to fame with two large-scale murals by acclaimed Australian artist Guide van Helten adorning a 33-meter-tall grain elevator.
- On the quarter-section of land Laura Ingalls Wilder's family homesteaded near De Smet, visitors can ride a covered wagon across the prairie to a one-room schoolhouse session, make corncob dolls and ropes, see demonstrations of hay twisting and wheat grinding, drive a pony cart, wash clothes and interact with farm animals.



LAURA INGALLS HOMESTEAD



MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Custer State Park – South Dakota's first and largest state park is the jewel of the state. Drive the Wildlife Loop to see thousands of free-range bison, prairie dogs and other animals. Hike Black Elk Peak to see the highest point between the Rocky Mountains and the Pyrenees Mountain Range in France.
- See the Real Wild West – Home to outlaws, gold-seekers, characters and re-enactors, Deadwood was once a rough-and-tumble 1800s Gold Rush town. Today, you can dine, gamble and tour museums dedicated to pioneers and the once-thriving brothel industry. Plan your trip around the Days of '76 Rodeo, one of Deadwood's biggest annual events.
- Classic Americana – Near Keystone, the majestic figureheads of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln are a dedication to American changemakers at Mount Rushmore National Memorial.
- Badlands National Park – Called the land of stone and light, the rugged beauty of the Badlands puts a variety of ecosystems and striking geologic deposits on full display south of Wall.

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RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

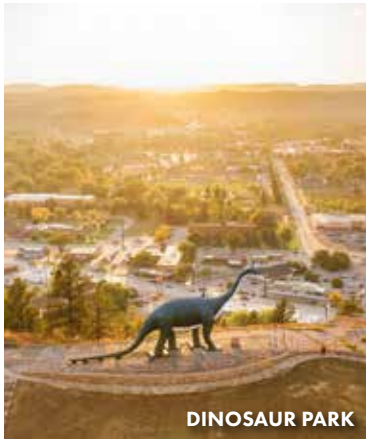
BLACK HILLS POWWOW – ICEMAN PHOTO

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WAS NAMED ONE OF THE BEST SMALL TOWNS TO VISIT IN 2023. APART FROM ITS PROXIMITY TO THE 60-FOOT CARVINGS OF PRESIDENTS' HEADS IN THE BLACK HILLS, THE BREATHTAKING "BADLANDS" AND FOUR OTHER NATIONAL PARKS, THE TOWN OFFERS UNIQUE SURPRISES.

Giant concrete dinosaurs have been straddling the city skyline and capturing traffic heading to Mount Rushmore since 1936. Life-sized bronze statues of American presidents decorate downtown streets next to charming facades of historic buildings filled with shopping and restaurants. Look closely at each pose in "The City of Presidents"; you'll be surprised how well local artists have depicted their time in office. History continues at the Berlin Wall exhibit, paying homage to the local Air Force Base's role in the Berlin Airlift. Nearby, the Stratobowl marks the onset of the Space Age. Visit in September for an annual balloon launch from the center of the stunning bowl-shaped limestone cliffs.

Take part in other forms of celebration at the Black Hills Powwow or the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo® – two iconic events that represent the diverse culture of the region. Western culture can also be found at a Fort Hays chuckwagon and live music variety show, situated next to the "Dances With Wolves" film set. Along the same stretch of road also lies a diverse assortment of wildlife, from exhilarating gator shows at the world's largest reptile zoo to a drive-through park inhabited by with free-roaming North American wildlife such as black bear, elk and mountain lion.

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DINOSAUR PARK



STRATOBOWL HISTORIC HOT AIR BALLOON LAUNCH



FORT HAYS CHUCKWAGON AND LIVE MUSIC VARIETY SHOW



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BLACK HILLS/ BADLANDS, SOUTH DAKOTA

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EXPLORE MONUMENTAL WORKS OF MAN AND NATURE IN THE BLACK HILLS & BADLANDS. THIS REGION BOASTS SIX NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS, INCLUDING ICONIC LANDMARKS LIKE MOUNT RUSHMORE, THE "SHRINE OF DEMOCRACY" AND THE OTHERWORLDLY BADLANDS.

The Black Hills & Badlands, a region of unlimited variety, encompass scenic byways, historic Old West towns, rich Native American culture, gaming and a plethora of attractions, providing visitors with abundant opportunities to explore and enjoy.

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Crazy Horse Memorial®, located north of Custer, South Dakota, 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 favorite, buffalo stew. Explore the extensive museum, cultural center and sculptor's studio home. Enjoy special events and Native American performers- in season.

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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 Columbian mammoths in the world at one of only two accredited museums in the Black Hills. You'll see where Columbian and woolly mammoths as well as over 87 other species became trapped, leaving an ancient treasure trove of fossil remains. Enjoy hands-on learning and ongoing scientific research and STEAM education. 2023 Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice award winner.

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BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK



THE MAMMOTH SITE



WYOMING

THE LEAST-POPULATED STATE WITH THE MOST ROOM TO ROAM, WYOMING IS WHERE THE WEST REMAINS WILD.

Discover incredible outdoor spaces, incomparable cowboy culture and a rugged frontier spirit unbridled even after all these years. Flanked by two of the most popular national parks in America – Yellowstone and Grand Teton – Wyoming is the place to find stunning views, catch a rodeo or discover fascinating Western history. It's a place where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid aren't just household names, they're icons; and where cattle drives and chuckwagon dinners offer a hands-on look at Western tradition. It's where gushing geysers and bubbling hot springs are just some of many unexpected natural wonders and where every moment takes you back to a simpler place and time.

RELAX & UNWIND:

- Hot Springs Hop – Saratoga Hot Springs invites relaxation and rejuvenation with natural mineral-rich waters that offer a soothing escape amidst scenic Wyoming landscapes. Astoria Hot Springs entices visitors with geothermal waters nestled in the picturesque surroundings of the Teton Mountains, creating a tranquil oasis for relaxation.
- Spend the Night in Luxury – The Lodge and Spa at Brush Creek offers an upscale retreat in the heart of Wyoming's wilderness with unparalleled comfort, adventure and relaxation. The Amangani in Jackson provides a serene mountain sanctuary with luxurious accommodations, stunning views and world-class amenities for an unforgettable getaway.
- Find Your New Favourite Small Town – Sheridan captivates visitors with a blend of Old West charm and modern amenities, boasting stunning vistas and a vibrant downtown. Buffalo offers outdoor adventures, a rich community spirit and Western hospitality, while Sundance is known for its rich history, breathtaking views of the Black Hills and connection to iconic outlaw the Sundance Kid.



ASTORIA HOT SPRINGS


GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

HIGHLIGHTS:

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


DEVILS TOWER NATIONAL MONUMENT


WILD HORSES IN PARK COUNTY

GREAT OUTDOORS:

- Wildlife Watching – Experience the captivating beauty of Wyoming's wildlife as you embark on thrilling animal-spotting adventures. Encounter majestic bison, graceful elk, elusive wolves and more in their natural habitats. It's an animal-lover's paradise.
- Let the Wind Guide You – Home to more than 40 peaks over 4 km, seven of the largest glaciers in the Rocky Mountains and the natural phenomenon located in Sinks Canyon State Park, the Wind River area is one of Wyoming's premier mountain playgrounds.
- Play at Wyoming's Largest Reservoir – Surrounded by stark red canyons and lush green forest, Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area is a mecca for fishing, boating, hiking and biking, where wild horses roam and adventure awaits.
- Go for a Drive – The Snowy Range Scenic Byway, Flaming Gorge Scenic Byway and Bighorn Canyon Scenic Byway are just a few drives that put the state's epic landscapes on full display.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH:

- National Bighorn Sheep Center – This unique centre educates and inspires visitors about the iconic Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and its habitat through engaging exhibits and programs.
- South Pass City – South Pass City immerses visitors in the history of the Gold Rush era with well-preserved buildings, captivating exhibits and an authentic Western atmosphere.


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CODY, WYOMING

CODY NITE RODEO

ADVENTURE. OLD WEST HISTORY. UNTAMED WILDERNESS. NO DESTINATION PUTS ON A SHOW QUITE LIKE CODY YELLOWSTONE. WHERE ELSE CAN YOU WATCH COWBOYS IN A SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE, CATCH A GLIMPSE OF NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST LAND MAMMAL AND CHUCKLE AT THE ANTICS OF ICONIC WILD WEST CHARACTERS?

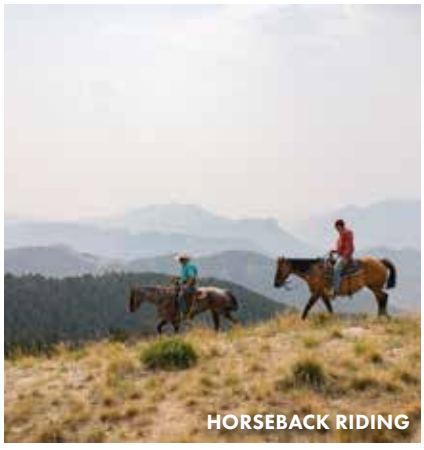
Established by "Buffalo Bill" Cody more than a century ago, Cody Yellowstone is a place where you can ride horses, rope cattle and live the ways of the Wild West. Step back in time at Old Trail Town and wander through authentic frontier buildings from the 1890s, located on the original site of historic Cody City. Explore legends, cultures and artwork of the West at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. Or take in the wild and fun action of cowboys and bullfighters in the Rodeo Capital of the World.

Try your hand at exploring Buffalo Bill's personal playground with a hike through the Absaroka Mountains; cast a fly into the spectacular Shoshone River; or take a wildlife viewing tour to spot the abundant bison, deer, moose, elk, bears and more. Explore one of the newest options by visiting the alluring ghost town of Kirwin. Or take your adventure further afield into nearby Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park, with the East Gate and Northeast Gate accessible from our warm and charming town.

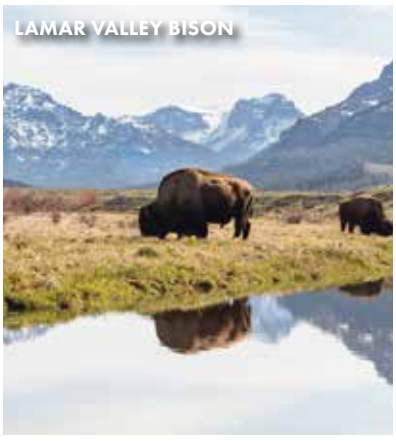
Cody Yellowstone is a place where the Spirit of the West is alive and well. A place with wide-open spaces and stories to tell. Treasured by those who keep it wild. You're welcome to explore our wild side any time of year; there's no shortage of outdoor fun and adventure in any season here.



OLD TRAIL TOWN



HORSEBACK RIDING



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THE NATURE OF THE WEST.
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million acres of pristine wildland in the Bighorn National Forest, encompassing 1,200 miles of trails, 30 campgrounds, 10 picnic areas, 6 mountain lodges, legendary dude ranches, and hundreds of miles of waterways. The Bighorns offer limitless outdoor recreation opportunities.

101

places to drink and dine, including restaurants, bars, food trucks, lounges, breweries, distilleries, tap rooms, and saloons. That's 101 different ways to après-adventure in the craft capital of Wyoming. Sheridan County also features numerous hotels, motels, RV parks, and B&Bs.

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seasons in which to get WYO'd. If you're a skijoring savant, check out the Winter Rodeo every February. July features the beloved WYO Rodeo. Spring and fall are the perfect time to chase cool mountain streams or epic backcountry lines during the Bighorn Trail run or the Dead Swede Gravel Race.

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Sheridan features a thriving, historic downtown district, with western allure, hospitality and good graces to spare; a vibrant arts scene; bombastic craft culture; a robust festival and events calendar; beautiful bedroom communities; and living history from one corner of the county to the next.

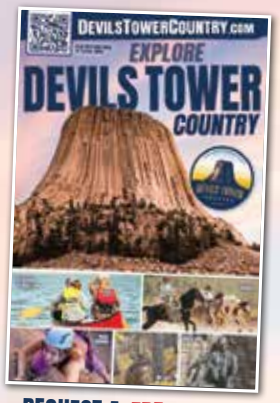
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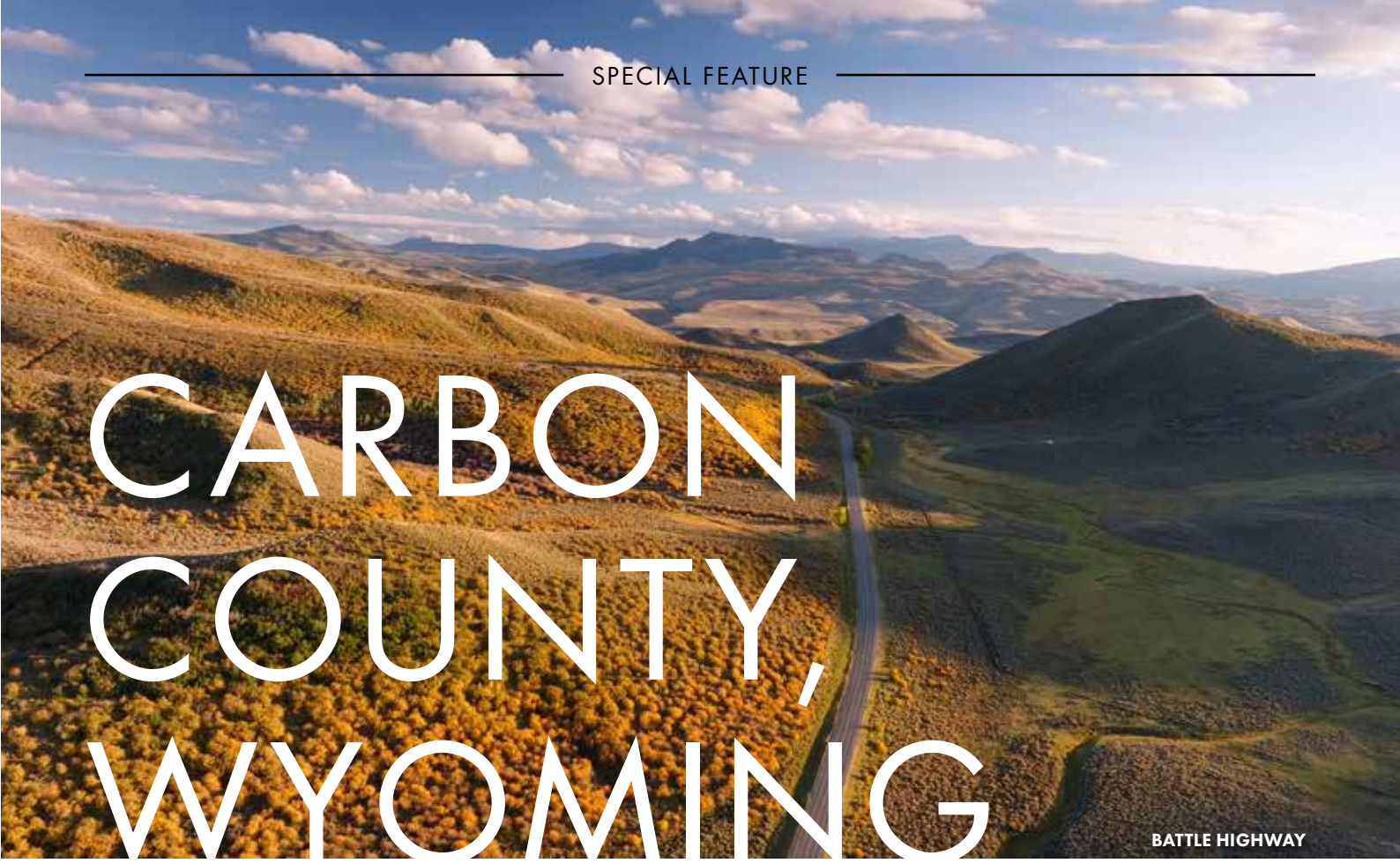








CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING


BATTLE HIGHWAY

EXPLORE THE ALLURE OF CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING, AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A CAPTIVATING BLEND OF LOCAL CULTURE, STUNNING SCENERY AND ABUNDANT OUTDOOR ADVENTURES. FROM LUXURIOUS RESORTS TO FAMILY-FRIENDLY HOTELS AND CHARMING BED AND BREAKFASTS, THE COUNTY OFFERS DIVERSE LODGING OPTIONS.

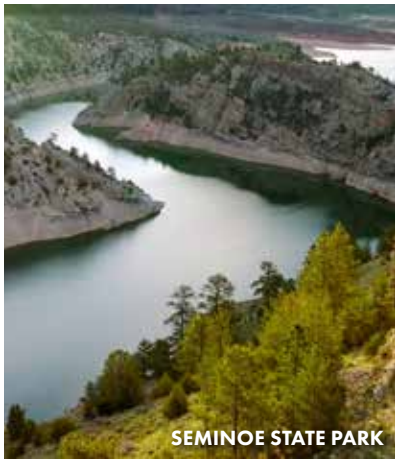
Venture along scenic byways and backcountry roads to witness Wyoming's breathtaking natural beauty. With four gorgeous scenic drives, including the beloved Battle Highway spanning the Sierra Madre Mountains, these routes promise awe-inspiring views. Battle Highway, a 57-mile paved journey, leads you through the Medicine Bow National Forest, treating you to panoramic vistas and a glimpse of the historic ghost town of Battle.

Saratoga beckons with its Hobo Hot Springs, providing natural relaxation in soothing pools with temperatures ranging from 101-120 degrees Fahrenheit. After your soak, savor local craft brews and pub-style cuisine at The Snowy Mountain Brewery. Unwind at the Saratoga Hot Springs Resort, featuring a private 70-foot mineral hot springs pool and smaller teepee-covered pools.

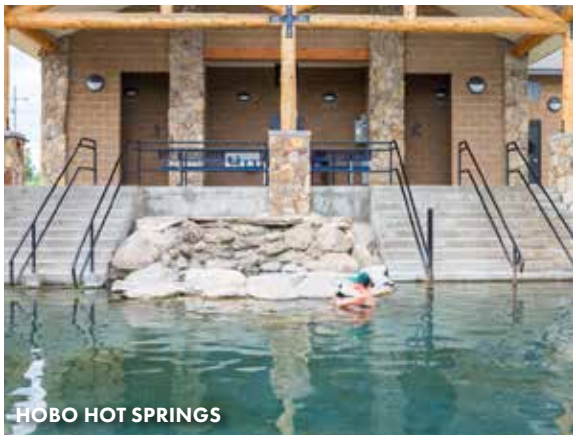
In historic Rawlins, explore a nationally designated historic district boasting 19th-century architecture, murals and sculptures. Visit the Carbon County Museum and delve into the county's rich heritage. Explore the historic Wyoming Frontier Prison, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and consider a guided tour or the famous Haunted Halloween tours.

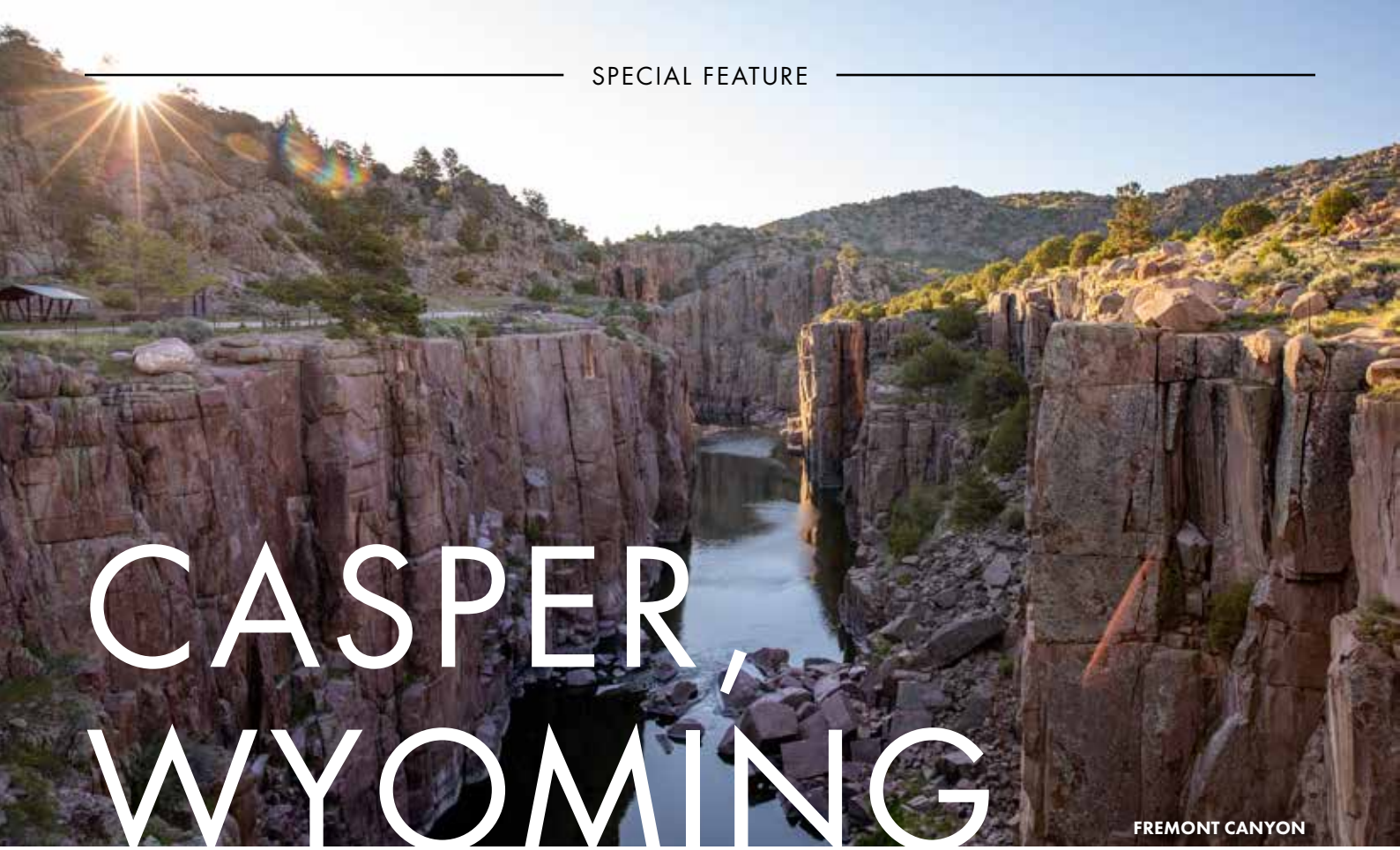
Plan a visit to Seminoe State Park in the Seminoe Mountains, a hidden gem where history and nature converge. Enjoy swimming, fishing, boating, hiking and exploring various historical sites. Start planning your Carbon County adventure at ***wyomingcarboncounty.com***.


MEDICINE BOW NATIONAL FOREST


SEMINOE STATE PARK


WYOMING FRONTIER PRISON


HOBO HOT SPRINGS



CASPER, WYOMING

FREMONT CANYON

IN THE HEART OF THE COWBOY STATE IS THE AUTHENTIC AND BEAUTIFUL CITY OF CASPER. WITH SO MUCH TO EXPERIENCE, TO MAKE YOUR TIME WITH US EASIER, WE ROUNDED UP THREE AMAZING MUST-SEE AND -DO EXPERIENCES OF CASPER.

TOUR ALCOVA RESERVOIR

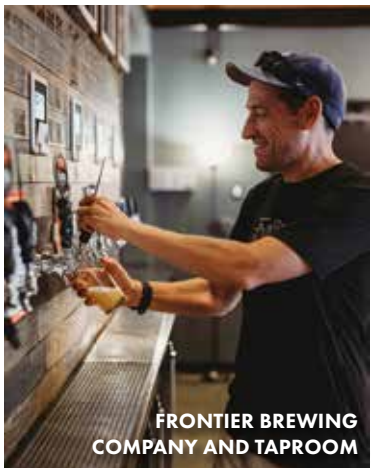
Whether it's by pontoon, kayak or jet-ski, an afternoon spent exploring Alcova Reservoir is as memorable as it is relaxing. Groups can book an excursion to experience one of Casper's blazing sunsets on the water or navigate their way into Fremont Canyon and immerse themselves in the scenery of the towering rock walls. With world-class fishing and new adventures around every turn, Casper's waterways are one of the best ways to enjoy Wyoming's great outdoors.

RIDE THE OREGON TRAIL

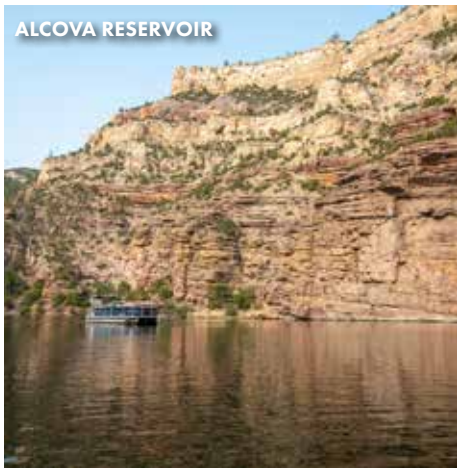
Like the pioneers who came before us, you can travel along the ruts of the historical Oregon Trail in an authentic covered wagon right here in Casper. Historic Trails West guides visitors along the same path that some of our earliest settlers traveled along as they expended westward in the 1800s. You'll learn why pioneer history continues to be a part of our identity and spirit as you're surrounded by the same untouched landscape that they were. Complete with a Dutch oven meal along the banks of the infamous North Platte River, you can even stay overnight in a traditional tipi under the stars.

REFRESHING WESTERN BREWS

With an expanding culinary scene featuring authentic ramen, Thai, Latin American and Italian food, it only makes sense for our microbrewery scene to expand right along with it. With eight local breweries to choose from, the best way to not get overwhelmed and ensure you taste each of their unique crafts is to download our free Local Ale Trail passport, which features discounts and the opportunity to win a $20 gift card to one at random. There truly isn't anything more refreshing than a Wyoming-themed ale after a day exploring our wide-open spaces.



FRONTIER BREWING COMPANY AND TAPROOM



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HISTORIC TRAILS WEST

DOUGLAS & GLENROCK

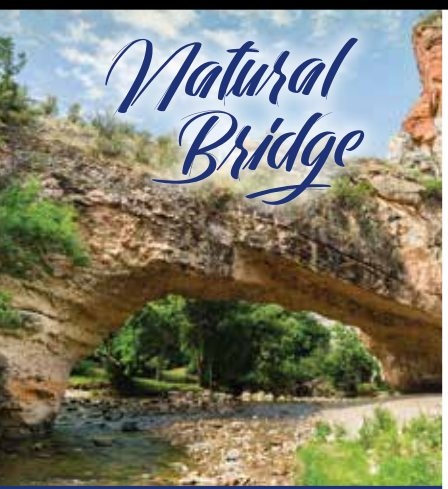
Trains

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The Douglas Railroad Museum & Visitor Center is housed in the historic FE & MV Railroad Passenger Depot. The building is listed on the National Historic Register and is surrounded by seven historic rail cars, including the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad 4-8-4 Steam Locomotive #5633.



Natural Bridge

Crafted by the hands of Mother Nature, Natural Bridge, located south of I-25 west of Douglas off exit 151, is one of only three natural bridges in the United States with water beneath.



History

Glenrock's Deer Creek Museum and Douglas' Wyoming Pioneer Museum are treasure troves of Western history.



Dinosaurs

If you dig dinosaurs, then you're going to love the Glenrock Paleontological Museum.



Rodeo

Douglas is home to the Wyoming State Fair and many other rodeo and Western events!

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THE GREAT AMERICAN WEST

WHERE HISTORY IS ALIVE

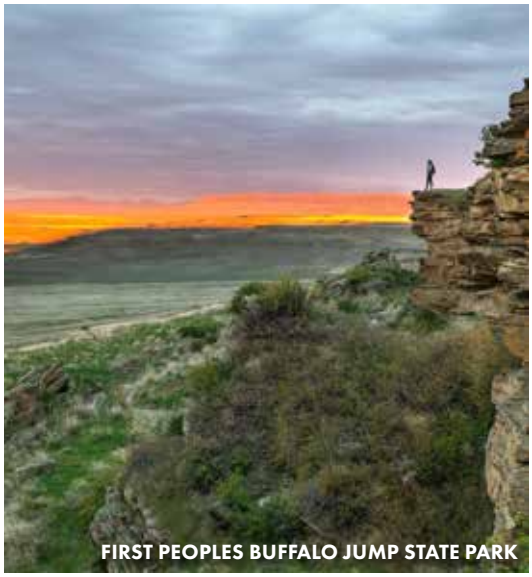
Every place has a history that helped shape its future. We make a point to celebrate the people and tell the stories that made these states what they are today, because you can't truly appreciate the present without embracing the past. The good ol' days are still alive and well out West.

IDAHO

Known as the Gem State, Idaho's population exploded in the late 1800s as settlers came to try their luck in the gold and silver mines. Relive the boom-and-bust era wandering the still-active silver mining town of Wallace or the ghost towns of Land of the Yankee Fork State Park. Listen to an oral history, pan for gold and tour the exhibits. See wagon wheel ruts rooted in the landscape, left by travellers on the Oregon and California Trails, at the National Oregon/California Trail Center in Montpelier. Located on the original Oregon Trail, the center offers a firsthand look at the 2,000-mile journey westward with a simulated wagon ride that guides as you shop for supplies at the trading post and lets you experience being a pioneer. Marvel at etchings in the stones at City of Rocks National Reserve, where weary westward travellers carved their names. Beyond an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities, the "City of Spires" remains an important gathering place for local tribes today.



BAYHORSE GHOST TOWN



FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK

MONTANA

Travel way back in time to the prehistoric era at Montana's Dinosaur Trail and Museum of the Rockies, where dinosaurs are still being discovered today. Native Americans were the first inhabitants before the Lewis and Clark Expedition crossed into the state, and archeological evidence shows indigenous people lived in the area for more than 12,000 years. Tour Indian country, a scenic, sacred and storied destination that's home to 12 tribes with unique cultures, histories, languages and traditions. Visit Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (aka Custer's Last Stand) and First People's Buffalo Jump State Park, the largest buffalo jump in North America. See where intrepid pioneers tried to strike it rich at Bannack State Park, where the Gold Rush started and Montana's first territorial capital, now a ghost town rich with history.



CITY OF ROCKS NATIONAL RESERVE, ID

NORTH DAKOTA

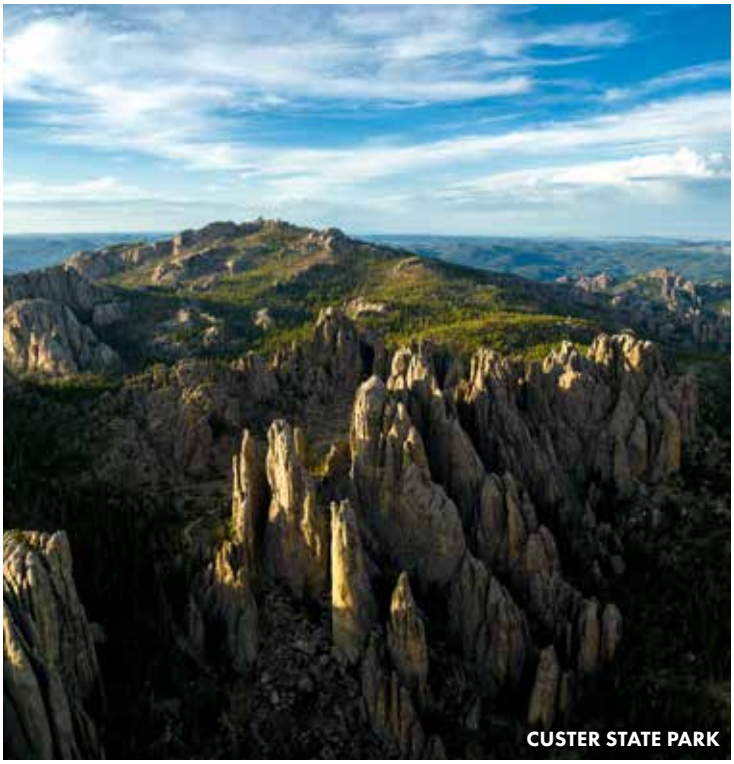
Some stories are too good for the big screen – they're for the history books. As you meander through Theodore Roosevelt National Park, hear untold stories of the national park and imagine the thrill of battling the roaring Missouri River through rolling clay buttes and zero-degree weather in hot pursuit of a soon-to-be president's suspects. The idea of pursuing armed and dangerous robbers on a flooded and ice-filled river is a life-threatening task, but a sheriff named Theodore Roosevelt lived for rugged adventures and, using the element of surprise, managed to apprehend all three culprits. Bring tales like that and more to life with a show by Joe Weigand, the world's best Theodore Roosevelt reprisor. Weigand also hosts "Guided Strenuous Life Hikes" on the Pancratz Trail and "Mornings on Town Butte."



THEODORE ROOSEVELT IMPERSONATOR

SOUTH DAKOTA

The search for gold brought thousands to the Black Hills area you can still explore today, where you can wander prehistoric paths or immerse yourself in a powwow or recreated cowboy shootout. Mount Rushmore National Memorial is a must for the four iconic presidential heads carved into the cliffside. Believed to represent the most important events in United States history, it's a celebration of American perseverance and diversity. Just miles away is Crazy Horse Memorial, honouring the heroic legacy of the Lakota warrior and Native American culture. A continual work in progress, that alone is more symbolic than anything else.



CUSTER STATE PARK



YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

WYOMING

Early explorers to Wyoming uncovered a land rich with geysers and towering waterfalls so extraordinary part of it was designated America's first national park, Yellowstone. Get a living history lesson at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a captivating complex of five museums under one roof. Head to the Northern Arapahoe Experience Room for an immersive tribal experience; or Medicine Wheel, a sacred Native American site atop Wyoming's Bighorn Mountains. The Oregon Trail brought intrepid pioneers in search of gold and riches; some were successful, others ended in epic battles in true Wild West fashion. See the original ruts near Guernsey and Independence Rock, "the great registry of the desert" where thousands inscribed their names, and visit the interactive exhibits and educational programmes at the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center. The convergence of the Oregon, California, Mormon and Pony Express Trails, here you can take a wagon ride, push a handcart and ride a stagecoach to get a hands-on look at what it would be like to cross the raging Platte River.


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NOT-TO-MISS EVENTS

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IDAHO

Caldwell Night Rodeo (August) – One Idaho's largest outdoor rodeos and a Top 5 professional outdoor rodeo in the U.S. Expect nightly events like bareback riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing, bull riding and roping.

Trailing of the Sheep (October) – A weeklong celebration of the history of sheepherding in the West; watch 1,500 sheep parade down Ketchum's Main Street. Enjoy lamb-centric culinary experiences, a folklife fair, sheepdog trials and wool workshops.



TRAILING OF THE SHEEP



CALDWELL NIGHT RODEO, ID

MONTANA

Montana Folk Festival (July) – This is one of the Northwest's largest free outdoor music festivals. Head to Butte for a mid-summer celebration of performances and demonstrations by traditional musicians, ethnic dancers and craftspeople in the nation's largest National Historic Landmark District.

Crow Fair and Rodeo (August) – The largest Native American event in Montana, the Crow Fair is one of the biggest powwows in the country, with cultural activities like horse racing, parades and dances in the "Tipi Capital of the World."



MONTANA FOLK FESTIVAL



UTTC INTERNATIONAL POWWOW

NORTH DAKOTA

Mandan Rodeo Days (July) – The world's oldest rodeo takes place over Independence Day weekend in Mandan. What started as a baseball game and pony races has evolved into three days of bucking bulls, heart-pounding races, fireworks and street dances.

United Tribes Technical College International Powwow (September) – Experience authentic dancing, singing and drumming at one of the largest Native American celebrations in the U.S. as talented performers compete for prizes in Bismarck.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Levitt at the Falls (June-September) – Catch a free outdoor concert at this open-air venue in downtown Sioux Falls. Over 50 acts from a variety of musical genres will have the town grooving all summer long.

Buffalo Roundup (September) – Watch as cowboys and cowgirls drive a thundering herd of more than 1,300 bison through gorgeous Custer State Park as part of the annual Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup and Arts Festival – a true sight to behold!



CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS



BUFFALO ROUNDUP

WYOMING

Cheyenne Frontier Days (July) – The world's largest outdoor rodeo and Western celebration! Fans come from around the globe for a taste of the Old West with 10 days of rodeo events, parades, big-name concerts, Native American village and a full carnival.

Green River Rendezvous (July) – At this lively annual festival in Pinedale, attendees can immerse themselves in the spirit of the early 19th-century fur trade and enjoy re-enactments, parades, music, delicious food and traditional arts and crafts that honor the historic Mountain Man era.

GREAT DRIVES

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 – Start your trip in 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 bison, 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.



GUERNSEY STATE PARK, WY


SYLVAN LAKE ROAD, SD

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.-Canada 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. Next stop is Missouri Headwaters State Park, where the Lewis and Clark Expedition camped in 1805. 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, for an overnight camping or in a tipi.


MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK, MT


LITTLE MISSOURI STATE PARK, ND


BEAR LAKE STATE PARK, ID

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

DAY 10: IDAHO/WYOMING – Start your day 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. Continue your trip to Bear River State Park in Wyoming, home to a small herd of captive bison and elk kept for public viewing.

THIS ROUTE STARTS FROM DENVER, BUT YOU COULD BEGIN THE LOOP IN ANY ONE OF THE GREAT AMERICAN WEST'S GATEWAYS CITIES: DENVER, BLOOMINGTON-MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AND SALT LAKE CITY





GATEWAY CITIES

THE INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY CITIES OF DENVER, COLORADO; BLOOMINGTON-MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA; AND SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, ARE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR EXPLORING THE GREAT AMERICAN WEST.

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

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

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



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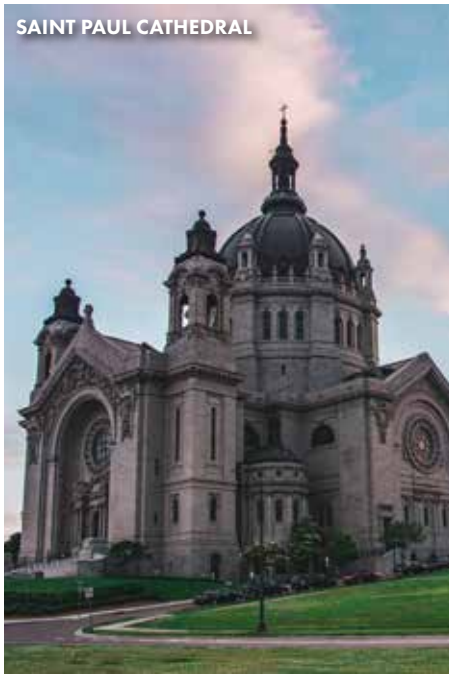

MINNEAPOLIS SKYLINE

The international gateway of Bloomington-Minneapolis-St. Paul is comprised of three cities, each with unique offerings and experiences. With over 180 parks, 22 lakes and one iconic river in the city of Minneapolis, green space is everywhere! Go biking, canoeing, kayaking or take a scenic river cruise on the mighty Mississippi River. Enjoy the city's cultural offerings, including the Walker Art Center and Paisley Park, or cheer on one of our six professional sports teams. Then hop on the Green Line light rail system to Saint Paul and explore the Capital City's historic architecture, gangster past and flourishing food scene. Bloomington, home of Mall of America, provides serious shoppers with 520 stores, more than 50 restaurants and endless entertainment options. Plus, there's no sales tax on clothing or shoes in Minnesota!


BOOM ISLAND, MINNEAPOLIS



MALL OF AMERICA, BLOOMINGTON


SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL

With daily non-stop service to nearly 100 cities, Salt Lake City is your basecamp for adventure. Accessible by all major U.S. airlines, Salt Lake International Airport (SLC) is just 10 minutes from downtown attractions like Temple Square, Red Butte Garden and numerous family-friendly museums. Looking to explore the greater region? Tour the Great Salt Lake and Antelope Island with Southwest Adventure Tours. With over 10,000 hotel rooms, you're spoiled for choice, including the new Asher Adams property opening early in 2024. Pro tip: Save some cash by checking out the Visit Salt Lake pass programs for a variety of savings by interest – the Connect Attractions Pass, Brewery Pass, or Ski Super Pass for winter sports aficionados.


RED BUTTE GARDENS


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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

DOWNTOWN SKYLINE

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A year-round destination for outdoor enthusiasts, the Wasatch mountains offer world-class skiing and snowboarding in the winter and hiking, mountain biking and rock climbing in the warmer months. The Great Salt Lake is the largest saltwater lake in the western hemisphere, which invites visitors to float effortlessly in its buoyant waters, a truly one-of-a-kind experience with white sandy beaches and turquoise waters.

The mountains are our playground, but the city is where we get our fill of culture and cuisine. Only 10 minutes from Salt Lake International Airport (SLC), the city has a thriving arts scene, world-class museums, galleries and theatres, in addition to a variety of tantalizing cuisine, innovative gastronomy and nightlife to whet your whistle after a long day exploring the outdoors. History buffs can view a unique glimpse into the Mormon faith at Temple Square and explore the Utah State Capitol, a slightly smaller replica of our nation's Capitol.

Whether you are an art aficionado, a cultural connoisseur, a family looking for a dynamic getaway or an adventure junkie, Salt Lake is ideal for every type of traveler. Explore the city's vibrant downtown or wander through the historic neighborhoods, where you'll find a warm and welcoming reception from a community that makes you feel right at home. Start your mountain west adventure in Salt Lake City.

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BLOOMINGTON-MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

PROSPECT PARK, MINNEAPOLIS

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Along with being an international gateway, it is also a natural gateway to The Great American West. The METRO light rail travels between each city, with key stops at Mall of America®, MSP, and downtown Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Each of the three cities offer unique attractions and experiences. Green space is everywhere: go biking, kayaking or take a scenic river cruise on the mighty Mississippi River, and during the winter, try snowshoeing or ice skating on a frozen lake. Sports fans will find plenty to cheer about with six professional sports teams.

Bloomington's Mall of America is the nation's largest retail and entertainment complex, with 500+ stores, 50+ restaurants, and entertainment options like Nickelodeon Universe® theme park, SEA LIFE® at Mall of America and more. Plus, there's no sales tax on clothing and shoes in Minnesota!



MALL OF AMERICA®



PARADISE CHARTER CRUISES

Saint Paul is home to the state capital along with many of the state's most storied institutions – the Cathedral of Saint Paul, world-class museums, and a long list of colleges and universities. Next door in Minneapolis, experience the vibrant theater and art scene, explore the walkable downtown district, or catch a game at any of the three professional sports stadiums located downtown. At Paisley Park, visit the former home, recording studio and performance space of music legend Prince. A flourishing food scene, unique neighborhoods and exceptional events round out the cities' one-of-a-kind offerings.



SAINT PAUL SKYLINE



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As the largest shopping and entertainment complex in North America, the four levels of this incredible building encompass a mix of stores that range from designer to small businesses, restaurants for any appetite and attractions to fill any number of days, making it a one-of-a-kind experience.

NICKELODEON UNIVERSE® THEME PARK

Among the shops is the thrilling theme park Nickelodeon Universe®. With rides for all ages, there's something to match every adventure level. Take a trip over America's most beautiful skylines with FlyOver America's virtual flight technology. Kids and those young at heart will have a blast at Crayola Experience where you can show off your personalized crayon, learn how they're made and more. If you enjoy a good puzzle or riddle try The Escape Game, where you're in a race against time to solve a series of clues. You can also play games and have fair food at The Fair on 4, or immerse yourself in an underwater experience at the glass-enclosed walkway of SEA LIFE® at Mall of America. If you need to relax, catch the latest blockbuster at B&B Theatres, where top-notch technology makes every showtime memorable.



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MALL OF AMERICA® TOUR

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- MOA transit station is the #1 transit hub in the Twin Cities
- 32 million-plus annual visitors from around the world
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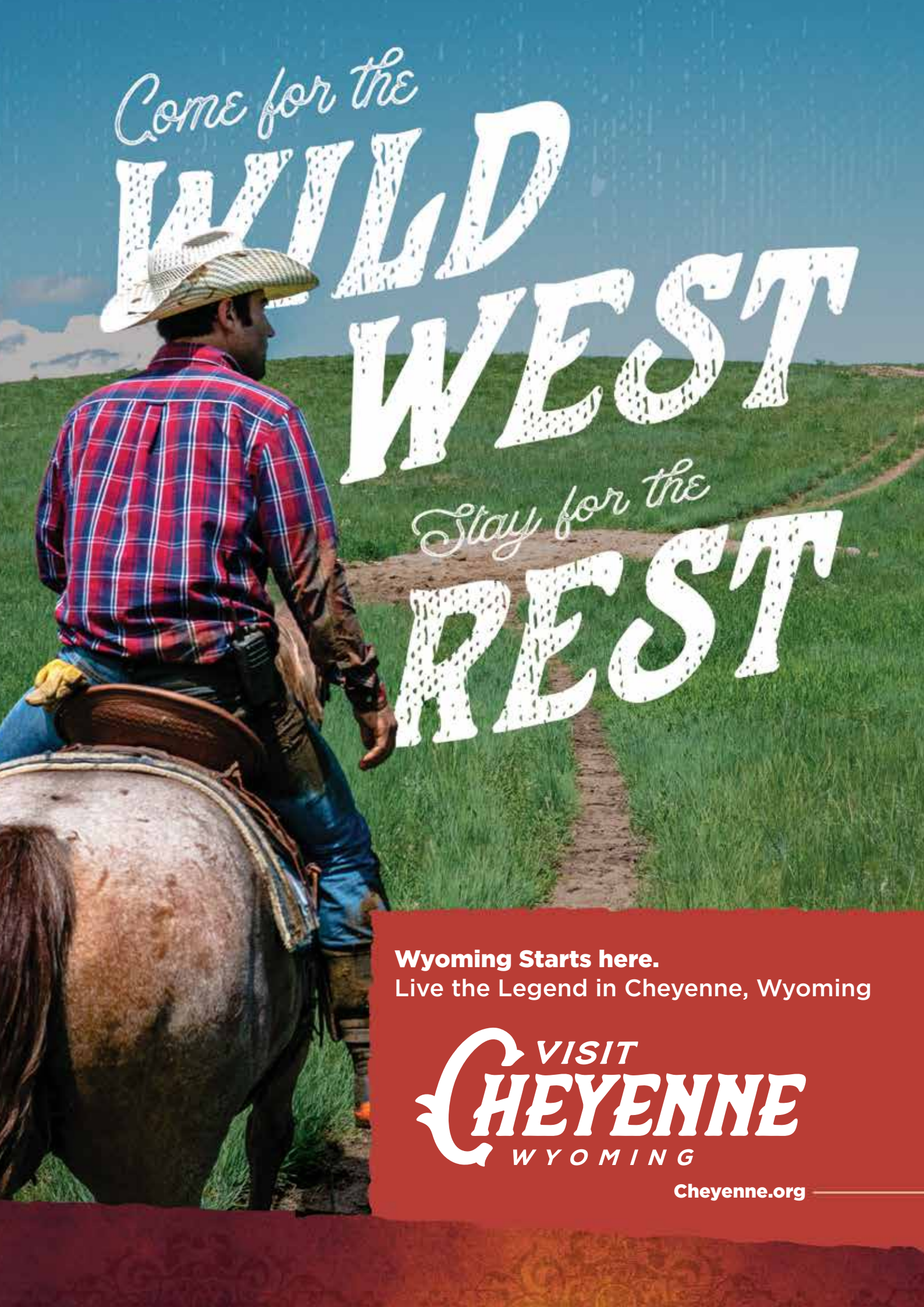
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