

## **Suggested Itinerary: Washington, Idaho and Montana**

With an international community and avant-garde spirit, Seattle is a can't-miss destination in the Pacific Northwest. Travelling eastward into Idaho and Montana takes visitors into some of the wildest and most rugged areas of the country.

### **Seattle, Washington**

*Suggested: 4 days*

There's no better introduction to this lively city than Pike Place Market, a historic bazaar known for its amazing array of goods, including handmade crafts and colourful produce, and the famous fish mongers tossing fresh catches to their customers. Seattle's Chinatown is legendary for Asian food, grocery stores and attractions. See the panoramic views from the top of the Space Needle, marvel at the glass sculptures at the Chihuly Garden and Glass and explore the Frank O. Gehry-designed Museum of Pop Culture - all within walking distance of each other. Stroll to the nearby waterfront to see the Olympic Sculpture Park. Harbour cruises are a fantastic way to get awesome pictures of the city, mountains and bay.

### **Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

*Suggested: 2-3 days*

The resort town of Coeur d'Alene is a one-hour flight, or five-hour drive, east of Seattle. On warm days, the lake is popular for swimming, kayaking and sunbathing. Boat tours take tourists to see the pretty views, upscale homes and Coeur d'Alene Resort. The area is also known for stellar golf. Thrill seekers can spend a day on the high-speed roller coasters at nearby Silverwood Theme Park.

## Kalispell, Montana and Glacier National Park

*Suggested: 3 days*

Kalispell's rugged mountains beckon visitors to explore nature. This vast wilderness has been home to the Blackfeet Tribe for thousands of years; Sun Tours takes visitors through Blackfeet Country along the scenic Going-to-the-Sun Road to learn about the tribe's history and culture. Kalispell is also a gateway town for visitors to Glacier National Park. Outdoor activities abound, including mountain biking, hiking and fishing in the summer, and snowshoeing and skiing in the winter. Road maintenance is limited in fall, spring and winter; check the park's website for seasonal access information.

## Missoula, Montana

*Suggested: 1 day*

The thriving college town of Missoula has its heart in Caras Park on the Clark Fork River, where concerts and events of all sorts take place throughout the year. Go for a ride on the Carousel for Missoula and check out the river surfers at Brennan's Wave. See Missoula's historic sites and buildings on a walking tour of the city centre. Browse in the boutiques and galleries, then enjoy a good meal in local restaurants and pubs. Take a half-day white-water rafting trip at Alberton Gorge for an unforgettable experience.

## Lewistown, Montana

*Suggested: 1-2 days*

On the drive to Lewiston, travellers will see why Montana is called Big Sky Country. This charming hamlet in the centre of the state is renowned for trout fishing, particularly in the frigid waters of Big Spring Creek. When the weather is nice, you can visit Bear Gulch to see thousands of Native American pictographs painted on the canyon walls. During September and October, huge herds of elk congregate at the Slippery Ann Elk Viewing Area.

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