

# SPOKANE

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At the heart of Spokane, Riverfront Park is an urban playground where nature and culture converge. Covering one hundred acres, this park offers scenic trails, striking public art, and dramatic views of Spokane Falls, the largest urban waterfall in the United States, set within a site that once hosted a World's Fair. By day, visitors can ride a beautifully restored 1909 Looff Carrousel or float above the roaring water on the SkyRide gondola, passing beneath the majestic arches of the historic Monroe Street Bridge. As the sun sets, the park comes alive with spectacular light shows at the Pavilion and open-air concerts under the stars. In late June, the vibrant energy of Hoopfest, the world's largest 3-on-3 basketball tournament, transforms downtown streets into lively courts filled with enthusiastic players and spectators alike. After exploring, unwind downtown at the iconic Steam Plant brewpub, housed in a century-old former steam power plant, and complete your evening at one of Spokane's intimate live-music venues featuring local artists and handcrafted beverages.

Browne's Addition, Spokane's oldest neighborhood, offers an authentic blend of historic charm and contemporary culture. Walk along streets lined with ornate 19th-century mansions, many repurposed into inviting cafés or stylish apartments, before exploring the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture. This Smithsonian-affiliated Museum showcases the region's history, art, and Native American heritage, and offers guided tours of the lavishly preserved Campbell House from 1898. Later in the day, mingle with locals in Coeur d'Alene Park, where seasonal concerts and neighborhood festivals fill summer evenings with joyful music and community spirit. As the neighborhood transitions into nightlife, dine on inventive Italian dishes at charming local bistros, or enjoy curry fries and craft beers at the popular Elk Public House. End the night soaking up the neighborhood's artistic energy at intimate live-music venues like The Chameleon, where indie bands perform in a uniquely Spokane atmosphere.

Experience Spokane's dynamic sports culture and historic roots in the vibrant Gonzaga University district. During basketball season, join locals and students at Jack & Dan's, a lively tavern where spirited crowds gather to cheer for the beloved Bulldogs basketball team, making each game night an event. Afterward, delve into Spokane's musical legacy by visiting Bing Crosby's childhood home nearby, now a free museum showcasing an extensive collection dedicated to the legendary crooner. Stroll along the Spokane River towards downtown as evening progresses, stopping to sample unique regional brews, including local favorites like huckleberry ale, at riverside breweries. Cap off your adventure by enjoying a live music performance in a cozy lounge, perfectly blending Spokane's enthusiasm for outdoor exploration, local flavor, and vibrant entertainment into one unforgettable experience.

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## BEYOND THE CITY

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### **COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO**

Just a short hop east, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is a picturesque lakeside town that blends natural beauty with charming streets and excellent food. Enjoy water activities like boating, paddleboarding, swimming in Lake Coeur d'Alene, or exploring the scenic Tubbs Hill trails for panoramic views. Stop by the Museum of North Idaho to dive into the region's history, then treat yourself to a lakeside dinner with spectacular views as the sun sets.

### **LEWISTON, IDAHO**

Roughly two hours south of Spokane, Lewiston, Idaho, lies at the Snake and Clearwater Rivers, rich in history and outdoor thrills. Take the stunning drive through the Palouse before heading to Hells Gate State Park, where you can launch into Hells Canyon on an exhilarating jet boat ride or explore the riverside trails. The town's Nez Perce National Historical Park adds cultural depth, and downtown offers a diverse dining selection from refined to casual American fare. End the evening with a laid-back drink and live tunes at a local bar.

### **FARRAGUT STATE PARK, IDAHO**

North of Spokane in just over an hour, Farragut State Park hugs the shores of Lake Pend Oreille and invites visitors to explore forested trails, sandy beaches, and peaceful water perfect for kayaking or swimming. Once a WWII naval training station, its Museum at the Brig offers fascinating insight into this unique past. Today, the park is a haven for hiking, mountain biking, and disc golf, with abundant wildlife and scenic picnic spots. Nearby Bayview offers simple but satisfying lakeside dining with a small-town feel.

### **ROUTE OF THE HIAWATHA BIKE TRAIL, IDAHO**

If adventure is calling, go to the Route of the Hiawatha, about two hours east near the Idaho-Montana border. This fifteen-mile downhill bike trail follows an old railroad route through the Bitterroot Mountains, taking riders through ten dark tunnels and across seven high trestles with breathtaking views. Rent bikes and gear at Lookout Pass and enjoy the shuttle ride back up after coasting through forests, historic markers, and some of the most scenic cycling terrain in the Northwest. A perfect finish to the day awaits in Wallace, Idaho, a quirky former mining town, where you can grab a hearty meal and reflect on your mountain adventure.



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