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SEEKING ADVENTURE AMONG SYDNEY'S URBAN CHARMS
In Montana, the problem isn't what to do—it's figuring out how to do it all.

Montana is no hidden secret. The state's riches—in landscape, culture, history and more—have been celebrated in works of literature and art that span centuries. While the word may be out, visitors will find their own unique adventures under its vast blue skies and towering mountains.

Crafting an itinerary forces a few tough decisions, given the abundance of experiences Montana has to offer. Aficionados of arts and culture will find a host of festivals, an abundance of galleries and museums and, alongside it all, exceptional dining. Sportsmen can try their hand at fishing iconic rivers and enjoy the pursuit of big game. Thrill-seekers can bike, hike, raft or horseback ride into untouched backcountry and, in the winter, schuss down legendary ski runs.

Try it all or pick a few favorites—it won't take long to understand why no one could keep Montana a secret.

**ARTS AND CULTURE**
Art appreciators relish Montana's many magnificent galleries, ranging from Missoula's Montana Museum of Art & Cul-
ture—home to one of the most prominent fine-art collections in the Rocky Mountain West—to The Yellowstone Art Museum in Billings, Montana's largest contemporary art museum. Between them, in Great Falls, resides the C.M. Russell Museum, which occupies a full city block and showcases more than 12,000 pieces of American Western art and artifacts.

But Montana's cultural offerings come in other forms, too. Dig into prehistoric Montana at Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies (home to the largest collection of fossils in the world), step back in time at the state's most beautifully preserved pre-1900 mansion—the grand Conrad Mansion Museum in Kalispell—or reconnect with nature at either the Tizer Botanic Gardens or the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, the second-largest refuge of its kind in the lower 48 states.

SCENIC DRIVES
Almost every highway in Montana offers picturesque panoramas that will leave visitors elated, but there are a few drives that still stun even the most seasoned locals. The most notable by far is the Beartooth Highway. The National Scenic Byway All-American Road is the highest elevation
highway in the Northern Rockies, offering unforgettable views of the Beartooth Mountains and alpine plateaus peppered with glacial lakes, waterfalls, wildflowers and wildlife.

Other routes relished by tourists and residents include Pintler Veterans’ Memorial Scenic Highway (a 64-mile drive that weaves through pastoral farmland and conifer-filled mountains), the 81-mile Gallatin Corridor that runs from Bozeman to West Yellowstone Drive through the Gallatin River Canyon, and the Going-to-the-Sun Road, which spans the width of Glacier National Park—this spectacular 50-mile two-lane highway has been hailed as one of the most scenic drives in the United States.

**EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS**

Montana's nickname, the Treasure State, feels very appropriate when considering its top two tourist destinations: Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park, both of which offer unparalleled opportunities for open-air exploration.

Yellowstone, the world’s first national park, at 2.2 million acres, boasts more than 1,100 miles of hiking trails, 10,000 thermal features ranging from hot springs to geysers (including Old Faithful) and one of the most diverse collections of wildlife found in the United States.

Glacier National Park is smaller, at 1 million acres, but equally stunning, with pristine mountain lakes, flower-filled meadows, craggy peaks, more than 700 miles of trails and, of course, its 25 glaciers. It’s only a 45-minute scenic drive from Kalispell, and once in the park, visitors can easily take in popular activities such as the hike to Avalanche Lake, a paddle across Lake McDonald or a Red Bus Tour to Logan Pass—the highest point on the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

The big two aren't the only options in Montana. Those who crave adventure on two wheels can bike ride through the Badlands in Makoshika State Park in Glendive (the largest state park in Montana). Or for a more relaxed outing, picnic at Giant Springs Heritage State Park, the site of one of the largest natural freshwater springs in the United States.

**ONLY-IN-MONTANA EVENTS**

Visitors come from all around for the world-class musical performances at the Montana Folk Festival in Butte, the classical music concerts at the Amadeus Festival in Whitefish and Bozeman’s Sweet Pea Festival (the event's parade is one of the largest and most popular parades in the state). A part of the summer festival circuit since 2011, the annual Red Ants Pants Festival in White Sulphur Springs brings more than 10,000 people together in July for four days of top-caliber music.

Plan a visit for next August to partake of the state's two largest happenings: Crow Fair, the largest modern-day American Indian encampment in the nation, and MontanaFair, where nearly 10,000 exhibitors and a quarter-million attendees enjoy...
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Sports broadcasting legend, SEC Network lead game commentator and Montana resident.

LOCAL ROOTS: I moved to Billings when I was just a baby and was raised there. My parents were both from Montana so I’ve always retained my roots. I now live south of Missoula.

MUST-SEES: The one thing people probably don’t know about Montana is the number of great little hot springs that exist in the state. There is a hotel outside of Livingston called Chico Hot Springs Resort and Day Spa. Swing by the bar—you’ll never know what celebrity may wander in.

SPORTS ADVICE: If you’re a golfer, the most interesting public golf course in the United States is the Old Works located in Anaconda.

TRAVEL ADVICE: Be prepared to be surprised. A retreat to Montana is a return to when things were much simpler and the visitors are struck by how friendly most Montanans are—there’s still that old charm here.

Dinner at Red Bird in downtown Missoula.

nine days of concerts, rodeos and friendly competition.

Summertime is also packed with other events ranging from Wolf Point’s Wild Horse Stampede (Montana’s oldest pro rodeo) and The Event at Rebecca Farm in Kalispell—the latter, a four-day equestrian contest, is one of the most significant of its kind in the nation. Autumn in Montana offers the chance to run alongside hundreds of sheep through the main street of Reed Point during the internationally renowned Great Montana Sheep Drive. Or head to Missoula and sample the state’s largest collection of Montana-made beer at the Montana Brewers Fall Festival.

FOOD AND DRINK
In an agricultural Arcadia like Montana, finding cuisine that stuns the senses isn’t impossible—it’s inevitable.

For a fine dining experience, sample some of the state’s locally grown fare at Red Bird in downtown Missoula, Jake’s steak house in Billings, Livingston’s French-infused 2nd Street Bistro or Whitefish’s award-winning Café Kandahar. Or for a more casual culinary experience, enjoy a pork chop sandwich at Matt’s Place in Butte (Montana’s oldest drive-in restaurant), try the restaurant at Buck’s T-4 Lodge in Big Sky for some wild game and great steaks or, if time allows, jump on the Charlie Russell Chew Choo—it’s a three-and-a-half-hour round-trip full-course dinner at sunset through the rolling hills and ranchlands of central Montana.

A few must-dos include taking a walking brewery tour through Billings, watching “mermaids” wave as they swim behind a glass wall at the Sip ‘N Dip Lounge in Great Falls and grabbing an Indian taco (taco fixings on authentic American Indian fry bread) at Custer Battlefield Trading Post in Crow Agency. But don’t leave Montana without trying a Butte pastry (a meat-and-potato pie staple of Butte miners) or anything made from the state’s indigenous huckleberries—both native nibbles or visit the St. Ignatius Mission located at the western base of the Mission Mountains (the first residence of the Sisters of Providence is also home to 58 arresting hand-painted murals along its walls and ceiling).

Those with an interest in military history can see an actual intercontinental ballistic missile at the Malmstrom Air Force Base Museum and Air Park in Great Falls (the location of the United States’ first Minuteman missile complex), or venture over to Montana’s third-most-visited
attraction, the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument.

Those who prefer guided tours will enjoy a trek through Bannack and its state park—the ghost town is the site of Montana’s first major gold strike. Or experience what it was like in the Wild West on the Havre Beneath The Streets tour of the century-old underground business district that once thrived below the city of Havre.

RANCH LIFESTYLE

Guest and working ranches statewide offer the chance to learn to ride, rope and brand, but there are a few standouts for those who want to try out cowboy life in serious style.

One of those is The Resort at Paws Up, set on a 37,000-acre working ranch outside of Missoula. “Glamping”—glamorous camping—got its start here and guests can kick back in luxury tent suites or wilderness homes after a day of cattle driving, trail riding, fly-fishing, ATV touring and more. The resort also hosts exclusive culinary experiences, including its Montana Master Chefs and Montana Master Grillers events, throughout the year.

Others include Mountain Sky Guest Ranch, which sits on more than 8,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness right in the heart of Yellowstone Country and the five-star Ranch at Rock Creek, located on the outskirts of Philipsburg, which offer helicopter excursions along the stunning Northern Rockies along with a multitude of ranch activities.

For a smaller taste of wrangler life—minus the overnight stay—in the summer, jump on a horse-drawn wagon tour at the Grant-Kohrs Ranch in Deer Lodge (the national historic site operates much as it did back in the 19th century) or stroll through the Range Riders Museum in Miles City. The authentic Western town is also known for its world-famous Bucking Horse Sale every May, at which some of the best rodeo stock can be found.

SPORTS AND LEISURE

From camping and hunting to hiking and white-water rafting, Montana is ripe with sporting activities.

Cast a line in any of Montana’s blue-ribbon fishing spots to snag walleye, trout and bass. Just a few examples include the world-renowned Big Horn River near Fort Smith, Flathead Lake—the largest natural freshwater lake in the West—and the 1,520-mile shoreline of Fork Peck Reservoir.

Fans of A River Runs Through It can fish the Blackfoot River near Missoula—the river featured in Norman Maclean’s novella—or the Yellowstone River near Livingston, which was shown in the film adaptation. Serious anglers should come in July to compete in the Montana Governor’s Cup Walleye Tournament—the premier national fishing event awards more than $75,000 in cash and prizes.

Golf fans love hitting the links at the Jack Nicklaus signature-designed Old Works Golf Club in Anaconda and the Eagle Bend Golf Club in Bigfork—its 27-hole course is ranked among the top 50 in the nation. Prefer riding two wheels over reaching for a nine iron? Then grab a bike and pedal the Highwoods Mountain Loop northeast of Great Falls, the Sawmill-Cur-
ry Loop near Missoula or practically anywhere in Helena. The capital city offers more than 75 miles of single-track and access to the Continental Divide Trail. Montana's 16 ski areas vary in size, but they all deliver on offering endless acres of untouched terrain and soft powder.

Montana's most renowned ski spot is Big Sky Resort, the largest ski resort in the United States. Located in southwest Montana between Bozeman and West Yellowstone on Montana 64, off of US Highway 191, Big Sky offers access to more skiing than anywhere in the nation—5,750 acres of skiable terrain, 4,250 feet of vertical drop and 295 marked runs.

A few ski resorts that always earn high praise from beginners to expert-level alike include Whitefish Mountain Resort, which offers captivating views of Glacier National Park, Flathead Valley and the Canadian Rockies, as well as Discovery Ski Area, known for having some of the steepest lift-served terrain in the state.

In addition, there are thousands of kilometers of cross-country ski trails statewide, ranging from Rendezvous Ski Trails in West Yellowstone (where you're likely to be passed by a few Olympians in training) to public access areas (such as Mount Hagglin south of Anaconda) and private trails such as Homestake Lodge.

Those craving heights of a different kind can chalk up and head to Hyalite Canyon outside of Bozeman—the canyon found in Gallatin National Forest is revered for its rock climbing (as well as ice climbing), but it's easy to find multiple spots throughout Yellowstone Country that can boast equally challenging climbs. Or hang on tight on a zip line tour in Billings with Outlaw Canyon Adventures or through Yellowstone Country—Paradise Valley on the Gallatin River and Big Sky Resort are both breathtaking locations not to be missed.