

# YOUR TRAVEL STYLE: This n' That (Summer)

"variety's the very spice of life" – William Cowper



Someone who is interested in doing a little of this and a little of that. Good news! Southwest Idaho is a perfect destination. Here you can golf in the morning, kayak in the afternoon, then take in a fine meal and enjoy a ballet in the evening before capping the day off with some dancing. It would be exhausting... but you could do it. Here are some specific examples.

**RAFTING & KAYAKING:** Idaho is known to have some of the best whitewater in the nation. And we're not just saying that. The Payette River (both its north & south forks) provide a wide range of fun, from "just-enough excitement" Class II rapids to "that was freakin' crazy" Class IV rapids. Guided trips from a few hours to a few days are available.

**HELL'S CANYON:** Southwest Idaho is your jumping off point to jet boat or raft North America's deepest canyon. Big water. History. Fun.

**LIVE THEATER:** Live theater in Southwest Idaho is alive and well. The Idaho Shakespeare Festival performs the bard's and other playwrights work in a stunning riverfront outdoor theater in Boise. For Broadway musicals, visit Garden Valley's Starlight Mountain Theatre. Or explore the area's many other options, including Boise Little Theater, Knock 'Em Dead Dinner Theater, and Boise Contemporary Theater.

**GOLF:** Blue skies & green fairways....what could be better? Southwest Idaho has 20+ golf courses. Tee off of elevated high desert mesas or putt beside a lakeside green.

**HISTORIC TOWNS:** 150 years ago or so, Southwest Idaho had some of the West's great mining boomtowns. You can still explore them today. Walk along historic wooden sidewalks and peek through the bars of the old Territorial Jail in Idaho City. Enjoy a meal in the historic Idaho Hotel in Silver City. Or explore the other "ghost towns" that dot Southwest Idaho.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE:** Sure, Boise's been recognized by Bike Magazine as the nation's "#1 Mountain Biking Town," but mountain biking runs deep throughout Southwest Idaho. Bike the deserts and canyons of the Owyhee Canyonlands or the ridges of Idaho West Central Mountains. The choice is yours.

**FISHING:** Try wetting your line on Cascade, Anderson Ranch, CJ Strike, Lucky Peak or Horsethief Reservoirs for trout. How about the Snake River for bass or sturgeon? Another option is cast your fly line in any of the many streams and mountain lakes that dot the area stretching from Garden Valley to McCall.

**CAMPING:** Your options are nearly endless. Some favorites include camping on the shores (a peninsula, actually) of Payette Lake at Ponderosa State Park, at the base of North America's tallest sand dune at Bruneau State Park. You can also find dozens of other options along the Snake River or near Idaho City. For a unique experience, stay at Givens Hot Springs or camp on-site at Starlight Mountain Theatre.

## Things To Do

## Where To Stay

Southwest Idaho offers a wide range of accommodations, from chic urban hotels to guest ranches and everything in between.



## Also Consider

For those who want to do it all, take a look at these attractions:

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**WINE:** The Snake River Valley Appellation, one of the nation's newest wine region is right here. Tour wineries. Taste. Relax.

**SNAKE RIVER BIRDS OF PREY:** Visit Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey to learn through interactive exhibits and intimate encounters with live birds, including the endangered California Condor, Harpy Eagle, and Aplomado Falcon.

## Start Planning

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