HWY 55 GUIDE

HWY 55 is the essential Idaho road trip that takes you from sandy deserts to rugged mountains. Hit the trails, explore Idaho wine country and take in the views along the way. Don’t be afraid to venture off the beaten path!

IDAHO WINE COUNTRY
Wine critics and travel writers all across the US have been discovering the award-winning wineries of Idaho’s Snake River Valley, quickly earning the region its title as the next must-visit wine destination.

Here, you’ll find wineries that are unpretentious and down-to-earth. Check out some of our favorites:

HUSTON VINEYARDS
INDIAN CREEK WINERY
HAT RANCH WINERY
STE. CHAPPELLE
KOENIG

BOISE METRO AREA
Boise is one of the fastest growing cities in America. With mountain views, a thriving culinary scene and a river running straight through its urban core, the City of Trees has plenty to explore. Here are some spots you can’t miss:

THE BOISE RIVER GREENBELT
BOISE’S BASQUE BLOCK
THE 8TH STREET DINING SCENE
(Take a food tour with Indulge Boise!)
THE VILLAGE AT MERIDIAN
ROARING SPRINGS WATER PARK
EAGLE ISLAND STATE PARK

MCCALL & CASCADE
In the middle of Idaho’s wilderness is the much-loved ski and lake town — McCall. A true four-season recreation hub, this hidden gem is a gateway to adventure — from skiing to hiking to mountain biking and more!

PAYETTE RIVER
For 35 miles, HWY 55 follows along the path of the Payette River, known worldwide for its Class IV+ whitewater. Here are the best ways to enjoy the river:

Take a tour with Cascade Raft and Kayak
Launch the kayaks and rafts from Banks, Idaho
Stop at the lodge in Smith’s Ferry

PAYETTE LAKE
Less than two hours north of Boise, Payette Lake is one of the largest bodies of water in Idaho. Don’t miss out on these adventures:

Fishing
Boating
Stand Up Paddleboarding
Kayaking

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