

WHAT'S NEW IN MONTANA



MONTANA AIR SERVICE HAS NEVER BEEN BETTER

Montana is home to seven regional airports: Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, Missoula and Kalispell/Whitefish. Year-round direct flights are always available through Salt Lake City, Denver, Minneapolis, Chicago, Dallas and Seattle. Seasonal direct flights also include Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Houston, Phoenix and Portland. Carriers include Delta, United, American Airlines, Horizon/Alaska Air and Frontier.

BOZEMAN AIRPORT RANKS #5 OF US AIRPORTS

Money Magazine recently ranked the 15 best airports in the U.S. and Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport came in number 5. With two restaurants, beautiful views of the nearby mountains, easy access to Yellowstone National Park, and its friendly staff, it's no wonder Montana's largest airport is near the top of this list. time.com/money/5176917/best-us-airports-2018/



MONTANA'S GLACIER NATIONAL PARK: THE CROWN OF THE CONTINENT

Glacier National Park is easy to explore. The Going-to-the-Sun-Road takes visitors through the heart of the park over Logan Pass and is one of the most scenic drives you'll ever take. Summer is the busiest season in the park, Glacier is open year-round. Autumn offers a peaceful visit to the park, while winter provides a prime setting for snowshoeing, ice climbing, cross-country skiing and sightseeing. Explore more here: glaciermt.com/glacier-park.php.

THE CROWN OF THE CONTINENT MAPGUIDE and website offer many options for traveling throughout Montana, British Columbia and Alberta, with practical information and inspirational ideas for travelers. crownofthecontinent.natgeotourism.com

ACTIVITIES



EARLY SEASON BIKING AND HIKING IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS

Bicycling or hiking on our national park roads when they are first cleared of winter's snow can be an unforgettable experience. Sections of the road are open only to non-motorized travel until official opening dates. Both Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks invite visitors to explore these areas by bike or on foot in early season, before most facilities within the park open, when snow melts and baby animals start to appear. Discover this special time of year.

nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/bicycling.htm nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/springbike.htm



MONTANA'S TRIBAL TOURISM THRIVES

Native American tours in Glacier National Park, Little Bighorn Battlefield and on several Montana Indian Reservations focus on preserving and interpreting traditional customs, history and ways of life. Our website highlights new tours offered in several areas of Montana:

VISITMT.COM/places-to-go/indian-country.html

SUN TOURS

Daily Native-guided interpretive tours along Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park. Guides are lifelong residents of the Blackfoot Reservation and possess extensive knowledge of tribal history, culture and lifestyle. Private and group tours, 25 passenger coaches, pickups at various in-park locations. glaciersuntours.com



INDIAN BATTLE TOURS

Native American historical interpretive tours about various battles between tribes as well as against the US government, across southeastern Montana. Battles showcased are the Battle of the Rosebud 1878, Battle of Pryor Creek 1864, and Battle of Little Bighorn 1876. Step-on guides available. Also offered is a traditional Crow style camp and teepee rentals adjacent to Little Bighorn Battlefield.

facebook.com/ndnbattletours



MUSIC AND FESTIVALS CELEBRATE THE UNIQUENESS OF BIG SKY COUNTRY

NEW MISSOULA MUSIC VENUE OPENS. Kettlehouse Amphitheater, located just minutes from Missoula on the banks of the Blackfoot River, is an intimate outdoor live music venue. Lyle Lovett, Pat Benatar, Melissa Etheridge and Tedeschi Trucks Band have all performed there since its opening in summer 2017. This 4,000 person capacity venue is located near world class fishing, hiking and outdoor recreation. kettlehouseamphitheater.com

SUMMER FESTIVALS UNIQUE TO MONTANA. Montana's towns come alive in the summer with a variety of unforgettable events which bring together the state's food, music, and businesses. See unique summer festivals here: VISITMT.COM/things-to-do/events.html



TAKING NOTICE OF MONTANA FILMS AND YELLOWSTONE TV SERIES

Movies such as The Horse Whisperer, A River Runs Through It, Nebraska, and The Revenant that were filmed in Montana showcase the scenery and unique lifestyle of the state. New films such as Certain Women, Walking Out, and The Ballad of Lefty Brown continue that tradition and are receiving international attention. The Paramount Network has announced they will start filming for a second season of "Yellowstone." It stars Kevin Costner in the lead role as the head of the largest ranch in the US. Filming for the outdoor ranch scenes are in various locations across Montana.

See which movies were filmed in Montana here: montanafilm.com/film-news/montana-filmography-2

LODGING

BIG SKY

The Wilson Hotel a Marriott Residence Inn.
Scheduled to open April 2019.

BOZEMAN

The Lark, addition of 29 guestrooms - larkbozeman.com
RSVP Motel - rsvpmotel.com
Springhill Suites Bozeman

BUTTE

Miner's Boutique Hotel - theminershotel.com

HELENA

Home2 Suites by Hilton Helena

KALISPELL

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson. Located two minutes from the
Glacier Park International Airport. (FCA)

MISSOULA

Residence Inn by Marriott – coming soon, December of 2018.

WHITEFISH

Hampton Inn & Suites Whitefish
TownePlace Suites by Marriott

WEST YELLOWSTONE

1872 Inn - 1872inn.com



WINTER

WHITEFISH RANKED #3 BEST SKI TOWN IN A RECENT USA TODAY POLL

USA Today's Readers' Choice Poll called Whitefish "part rustic western, part artsy chic" with an impressive array of restaurants and a lively après-ski scene. Whitefish Mountain Resort and Glacier National Park is just a short drive away. All are easily accessible from nearby Glacier Park International Airport. 10best.com/awards/travel/best-ski-town-2016-2017

BIG SKY RESORT IS A TOP FAMILY FRIENDLY SKI DESTINATION AND GREAT FOR EXPERTS AS WELL!

On the Snow named Big Sky Resort one of the top three family-ski destinations in the Rocky Mountains. onthesnow.com/news/a/625966/infographic--top-3-rocky-mountain-resorts-for-families. Its Lone Peak Tram climbs 433 meters up a sheer rock face to land skiers and snowboarders on the summit of Lone Mountain at 3,403 meters. This gives experts the chance to complete a 4,350 vertical meter, six-mile descent in one run. Big Sky Resort is the largest ski resort in North America with 5,750 acres of terrain and over 30 ski lifts, and is an easy 45 minute drive from Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport. bigskyresort.com

MONTANA OFFERS PLENTY OF OUTDOOR WINTER ACTIVITIES Float on the snow and enjoy peaceful winter scenery on a snowshoe trip. Enjoy the rush of gliding through snowy trails behind a dogsled team, or on your own snowmobile, then take a relaxing soak in one of Montana's hot springs. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride to a secluded cabin for a delicious dinner.

VISITMT.COM/things-to-do/winter-activities/snowshoeing.html

RESOURCES

DISCOVER MONTANA FOR YOURSELF WITH ONE OF OUR DETAILED ITINERARIES

We have numerous trip ideas to assist you in navigating the many experiences in Big Sky Country.

Those can be found at VISITMT.COM/places-to-go/trip-ideas.html

MONTANA VIDEO STORIES SHOW THE VARIETY OF ADVENTURES TO BE FOUND HERE

Montana TV might inspire you to pursue your own dreams in Montana – just like characters featured in our videos. Travel along with today's Montanans as they experience the endless possibilities waiting for them in Montana. Watch someone create a unique music festival under the stars of Big Sky Country, see the development of a small town gem in Philipsburg, or learn how an athlete uses her inner artist and science to create detailed maps of Montana. Montana's travel information website has some great video to share.

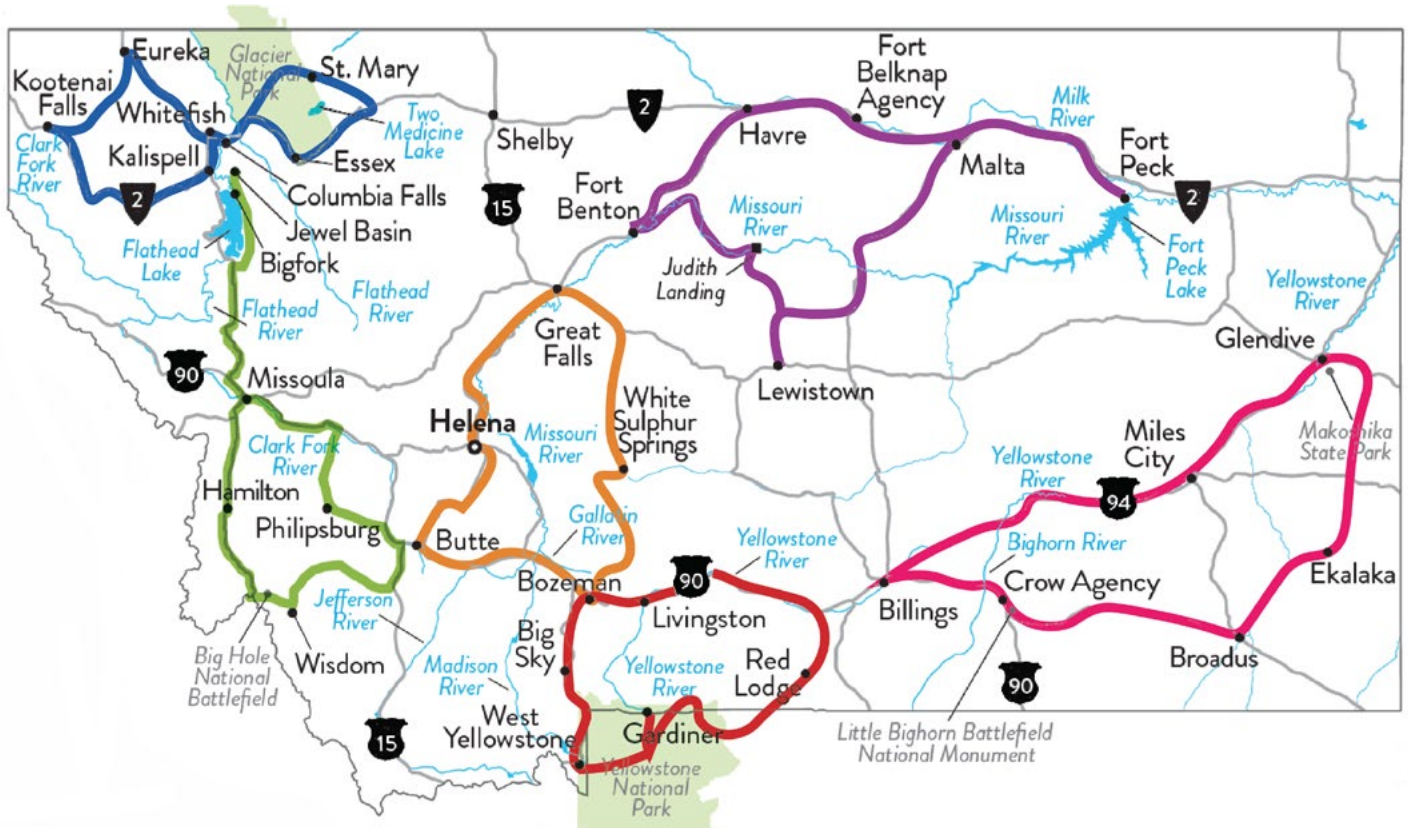
Find it here: VISITMT.COM/campaign/montana-tv.html

DISCOVER MONTANA'S SIX DIVERSE REGIONS AND TOP TEN ADVENTURES IN EACH

From Central Montana's scenery and Lewis & Clark Expedition sites, to Glacier Country's wildlife and majesty, you'll discover new adventures in each region. VISITMT.COM/places-to-go/regions.html

MONTANA'S SIX ADVENTURE ROAD TRIPS

Explore the many routes between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks and discover what makes Montana's small towns, scenic roads, historic attractions, and outdoor activities so unique. VISITMT.COM/places-to-go/trip-ideas/outside-trip-inspirations.html



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