

## YOUR TRAVEL STYLE: City Fun

"a great city is not to be confounded with a populous one" – Aristotle



### WHERE THE ACTION IS.

As a city, Boise gives you access to a unique combination of urban amenities and outdoor fun. Downtown Boise is wrapped in the outdoors, nestled between the pristine Boise River and the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. But just because it is close to nature, doesn't mean it isn't chalk full of culture. Shopping. Dining. Dancing. Comedy. It's all here.

**LIVE THEATER:** Live theater in Southwest Idaho is alive and well. The Idaho Shakespeare Festival performs Shakespeare and other playwrights in a stunning riverfront outdoor theater in Boise. Or explore the area's many other options, including Boise Little Theater, Knock 'Em Dead Dinner Theater.

**MUSIC AND DANCE:** Boise is home to Boise Philharmonic and Opera Idaho as well as several dance companies, including the Trey McIntyre Project, Ballet Idaho, and Idaho Dance Theatre. Or hit one of downtown's many clubs for live music, dancing and other entertainment.

**ART:** Explore Boise's art galleries or head over to the Boise Art Museum to browse its permanent collection or ever-changing exhibitions.

**A GOOD MEAL:** Look to downtown Boise for fine dining, including restaurants specializing in steak houses, Northwest cuisine and more ethnic fare.

**URBAN WINEMAKER'S COOPERATIVE** A unique opportunity to tour a cooperative winemaking facility only a few miles from downtown Boise. Three wineries have come together to share equipment and space so they can spend more time concentrating on the art and science of winemaking. More at [www.urbanwinemakerscoop.com](http://www.urbanwinemakerscoop.com).

**TAKE A FLOAT:** By far, the most popular float in Idaho is the Boise River right through downtown Boise. Thousands of locals and visitors use this family-friendly 6-mile float to beat the heat. The put-it in is in Southeast Boise and the take-out is right in the center of town in Ann Morrison Park. Restrooms, equipment rentals, even a shuttle bus are all available.

### Things To Do

### Where To Stay

Boise has several key districts. You can stay near the airport for easy access to, well, the airport. Or near the Spectrum entertainment center with its movie theaters, large arcade and multiple dining options. If shopping is your thing, there are numerous hotels near the Boise Towne Square Mall. Finally, many people choose to stay in the heart of downtown where dining, shopping and entertainment are all within an easy walk.



### Also Consider

**BASQUE MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER:** Housed in a former Basque Boarding House, this interactive museum lets you learn all about the Basque traditions, history and important contributions to Idaho.

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



**TAKE A DRIVE:** Boise is a great jumping off point for numerous scenic drives. Follow the Oregon Trail, explore the mountains and lakes or head to wine country. It's all just an hour or so away.

### Start Planning

**DINING:** Cottonwood Grille 208-333-9800

**BOTANICAL GARDEN:** Idaho Botanical Garden 208-343-8649

**AMUSEMENT:** Wahooz 208-884-8842

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