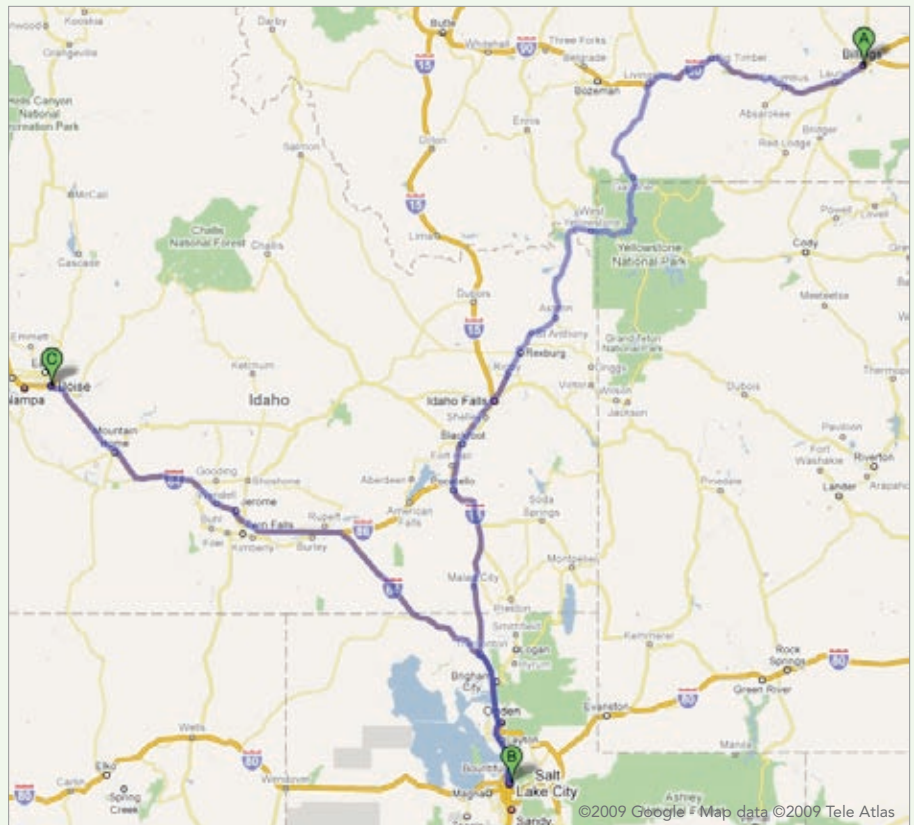


Welcome to Peaks & Valleys Country.



Head west to Montana to join the elk, bison and bears in Yellowstone, the nation's first national park. Visit the Little Bighorn Battlefield Monument and try a buffalo burger in the Custer Battlefield Trading Post and Cafe. Make your way to Salt Lake City, Utah, through Grand Teton National Park and go north to Boise, Idaho, for a splash in Roaring Springs Water Park.




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2-day itinerary - Billings, Montana

Welcome to Peaks & Valleys Country. Wake up refreshed at Country Inns & Suites By CarlsonSM and breathe the mountain air before you head out to experience a landscape that was the site of Custer's Last Stand and is the home of grizzly bears and geysers. Explore the beauty of America's geological backbone, and get a taste of the local foods—buffalo burgers and Indian tacos. Pull up a stool in a rustic café while you listen to the locals tell stories of legends and lore. Once back at Country Inns & Suites, curl up by the fire with a book from our Read It & Return Lending LibrarySM relax in the whirlpool, or enjoy some fresh cookies before bed.

Billings-area Country Inns & Suites By Carlson location:

 Country Inn & Suites - Billings – 0 miles from downtown


<p>Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument</p>	<p>Take in the sites of one of the most significant battles in American History. Known as "Custer's Last Stand," 263 soldiers were killed in combat with several thousand Lakota and Cheyenne warriors at the site in 1876. Admission is \$10 per vehicle, and \$5 for pedestrians and motorcycle riders.</p>	<p>nps.gov/libi</p>
<p>Custer Battlefield Trading Post and Cafe</p>	<p>Mom's Choice**: After visiting Little Big Horn, stop into the Custer Battlefield Trading Post and Cafe to find native crafts and art, and souvenirs and collectibles. While you're here, pull up a stool in the cafe and listen to stories of legend and lore from locals. From buffalo burgers to Indian tacos, you'll savor the flavors of this unique dining experience.</p>	<p>visitmt.com/categories/moreinfo.asp?IDRRRecordId=10518&SiteId=1</p>
<p>Billings Mustangs Baseball</p>	<p>A rookie-league affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds, the Mustangs host family-friendly games throughout the summer at pristine Dehler Park. Enjoy America's favorite pastime in the shadows of the Rocky Mountains. Tickets range from \$8 to \$11.</p>	<p>billingsmustangs.com</p>
<p>Yellowstone National Park</p>	<p>Teddy Roosevelt declared Yellowstone the first National Park in 1872. Home to hundreds of varieties of wildlife (elk, bison, grizzly bears and wolves), the park also is home to the Old Faithful geyser, which spouts boiling hot liquid every 45 minutes to 2 hours. Drive through the park yourself or enjoy a guided bus tour. Prices range from \$29 to \$68 per person. Or see the park via horseback or llama.</p>	<p>nps.gov/yell</p>
<p>Montana Jack's Restaurant</p>	<p>Montana Jack's is a locally owned and operated favorite, with restaurants in both Billings and Missoula. Be sure to check out the Mucho Nacho Grande and Buffalo Tender options in the "Appeteeaser" section of the menu.</p>	<p>mtjacks.net</p>

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4-day itinerary - Salt Lake City, Utah

After your Billings adventure, head south to Salt Lake City, passing through not only Yellowstone, but Grand Tetons National Park. Stop to smell the roses at the Wildflower Festival in Alta, Utah; inspect some working steam locomotives at the Golden Spike museum; and learn to feed the livestock at Wheeler Farm. Upon arriving at one of the Country Inns & Suites By Carlson properties in the Salt Lake City area, be prepared to experience an amazing glimpse into Western American culture and learn why Salt Lake City is one of the great vacation destinations in this Country.

Salt Lake City-area Country Inns & Suites By Carlson locations:

-  Country Inn & Suites By Carlson West Valley City – 8 miles from downtown
- Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Bountiful – 12 miles from downtown
- Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Salt Lake City-South Towne – 12 miles from downtown

<p>Wildflower Festival</p>	<p>Mom's Choice**: Head to the mountains to beat the heat in Alta, Utah, just outside Salt Lake City. You'll see more than 300 varieties of wildflowers. The festival, which runs throughout the month of July, offers guided tours with breathtaking views and scenery. Hike or mountain bike through more than 10 miles of trails.</p>	<p>discoveralta.com/sum_wildflower.html</p>
<p>Golden Spike Historical Site</p>	<p>Perhaps one of the most underappreciated historical spots in America, the Golden Spike represents the moment our country connected via railway. See steam locomotives similar to the train engines that powered across the Plains more than 140 years ago. Vehicle admission fee is \$7. You can also invest in the National Parks system and buy an \$80 annual pass, which gets you into every national park in the U.S.</p>	<p>nps.gov/gosp</p>
<p>Tabernacle of Temple Square</p>	<p>This dome-like structure towers over Salt Lake City and is home to the world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The beauty of this building will leave you inspired and singing a new tune as you continue on your way across Utah. Tours are free, and locals recommend allowing at least three hours to see everything Temple Square has to offer.</p>	<p>lds.org</p>
<p>Classic Cars International</p>	<p>This unique car dealer caters to car buffs looking for a showcase piece for their collection. Celebrity autos, movie cars and rare vehicles—in every condition—at just about every price point. It's free to browse, but be prepared to spend a few bucks if you like what you see.</p>	<p>classiccarmuseumsales.com</p>


<p>Wheeler Farm</p>	<p>This fully functional instructional farm will allow every member of the family to experience life "down on the farm." For just 50 cents a person, you can take part in chores, feed the livestock and justify the addition of overalls to your suitcase!</p>	<p>wheelerfarm.com</p>
<p>Hunt Mysteries</p>	<p>This long-standing dinner theater will fill your stomach with great food, and your soul with laughter. Your family will play an active role in figuring out the mystery while interacting with the cast and other audience members. Tickets are \$40.50 per person and include dinner and the show.</p>	<p>huntmysteries.com</p>

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7-day itinerary - Boise, Idaho

If two nights each in Billings and Salt Lake City weren't enough, continue north to the award-winning Country Inn & Suites By Carlson® property in Boise, Idaho. Relax in a luxury cabana while the kids splash down Thunder Falls at Roaring Springs Water Park. Or for the more adventuresome, raft down the Main Payette River. Calm the crowd down with a trip to Old Idaho Penitentiary before grabbing a nostalgic trolley ride through downtown Boise. Unwind with a leisurely swim before you head home from vacation, filled with memories of Adventure Country.

Boise-area Country Inns & Suites By Carlson locations:

 Country Inn & Suites By Carlson - Boise – 9.1 miles from downtown

<p>Roaring Springs Water Park</p>	<p>Mom's Choice**: The winters in Adventure Country can be brutal, and the summers are hot. This is where Roaring Springs Water Park comes in. Splash down on Thunder Falls, or relax in a Luxury Cabana. An afternoon at Roaring Springs will revitalize your road-weary mind. Admission is \$27 for adults, \$22 for children and seniors. Go after 3 p.m. and save \$7.</p>	<p>roaringsprings.com</p>
<p>Old Idaho Penitentiary Tour</p>	<p>Are the kids acting up? Throw them in the slammer. The Old Idaho Penitentiary offers daily tours of this retired jail. Hear stories of famous inmates, learn about brazen escape attempts and remind your kids how lucky they are when they only get a "time out." Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids and \$4 for seniors.</p>	<p>idahohistory.net/oldpen.html</p>
<p>Boise Trolley Tours</p>	<p>See Boise from the comfort of a vintage trolley car. Tours travel downtown and highlight the unique qualities of this Peaks & Valleys Country city. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$8 for kids 3 and up.</p>	<p>boisetroleytours.com</p>
<p>Cascade Raft and Kayak</p>	<p>Take the family on a whitewater rafting trip just 45 minutes from Boise. Overlooking the Main Payette, enjoy a mellow half-day river float or a full day of whitewater thrills. \$30-45 for a half-day trip.</p>	<p>cascaderaft.com</p>
<p>Epi's Basque Restaurant</p>	<p>Boise is home to the largest Basque community outside of the France and Spain border region. Epi's Restaurant features a unique menu of Basque cuisine served family style in a homey atmosphere. Open for dinner only.</p>	<p>1115 N. Main Street Meridian, ID 83642 208-884-0142</p>

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