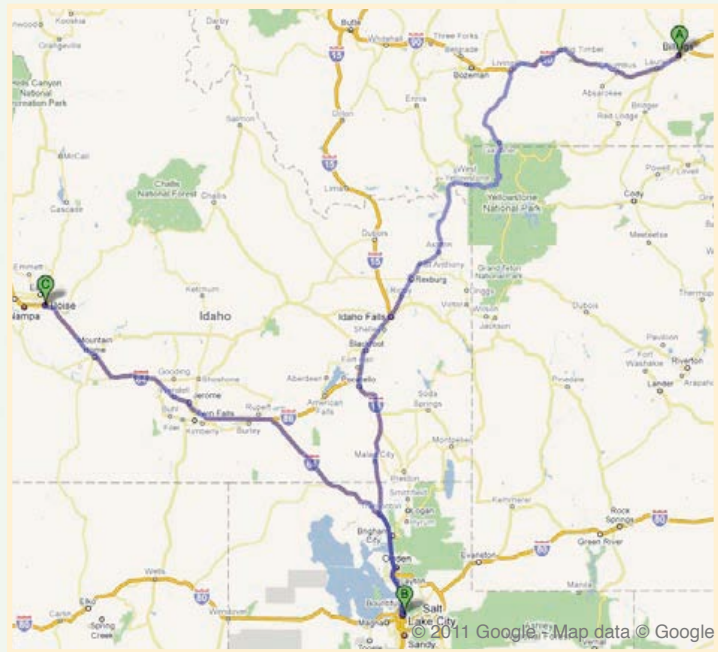




Head west to Montana to join the elk, bison and bears in Yellowstone, the nation's first national park. Visit the Little Bighorn Battlefield Monument and try a buffalo burger in the Custer Battlefield Trading Post and Cafe. Make your way to Salt Lake City, Utah, through Grand Teton National Park and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



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2-day Itinerary - Billings, MT

Wake up refreshed at [Country Inns and Suites By CarlsonSM](#) and breathe the mountain air before you head out to experience a landscape that contains the location of Custer's Last Stand as well as grizzly bears and geysers. Explore the beauty of America's geological backbone, and get a taste of the local cuisine – 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 locations:

- [Country Inn & Suites - Billings](#) – 0 miles from downtown

Custer Battlefield Trading Post & Cafe	Mom's Choice**: After visiting Little Bighorn, stop into the Custer Battlefield Trading Post & Cafe to find native crafts and art, 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.	http://visitmt.com/categories/moreinfo.asp?IDRRecordId=10518&SiteId=1
Zoo Montana	With the perfect blend of native and exotic animals, your little beasts will love getting up close and personal with nature. The only zoo of its kind for some 500 miles, this 70-acre park hosts more than 70,000 visitors a year. Admission is \$6.25 for adults, \$3.25 for children ages 3-15 and seniors pay just \$4.25.	http://www.zoomontana.org
Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument	Take in the sites of one of the most significant battles in American History. Known as 'Custer's Last Stand', in 1876, 263 soldiers were killed in combat with several thousand Lakota and Cheyenne warriors. Admission is \$10 per vehicle, \$5 for pedestrians and motorcycles.	http://www.nps.gov/libi
Billings Mustangs Baseball	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.	http://billings.mustangs.milb.com
Yellowstone National Park	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 water 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.	http://www.nps.gov/yell
Montana Jack's Restaurant	Montana Jack's is a locally owned and operated favorite. It features great food and exceptional service.	http://www.mtjacks.com

** Family Choice and Mom's Choice designation based on fun for all ages, cost and Mom's approval.

4-day Itinerary – Salt Lake City, UT

After your Billings adventure, head south to Salt Lake City, where you'll pass through not only Yellowstone, but Grand Teton National Park. Stop to smell the roses at the Alta, Utah Wildflower Festival, inspect some working steam locomotives at the Golden Spike museum, and learn to feed 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

Wildflower Festival	Mom's Choice**: Head to the mountains to beat the heat in Alta, Utah, just outside Salt Lake City and see more than 300 varieties of wildflowers. The festival runs throughout the month of July, offers guided tours, breathtaking views and scenery that'll add some 'buzz' to your vacation. Hike or mountain bike through more than 10 miles of trails.	http://www.discoveralta.com/sum_wildflower.html
Golden Spike Historical Site	Perhaps one of the most under-appreciated historical spots in America, the Golden Spike represents the moment the country connected. See steam locomotives, similar to the engines that powered across the Plains more than 140 years ago. Vehicle admission fee is \$7, seven days a week. Or, invest in the National Parks system and buy an \$80 annual pass, which gets you into every National Park across the country.	http://www.nps.gov/gosp
Museum of Ancient Life	Come stomp around the former stomping grounds of dinosaurs and other prehistoric beasts. The Museum of Ancient Life features an expansive collection of dinosaur bones and even allows your little diggers to search for fossils of their own. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and seniors.	http://thanksgivingpoint.org
Tabernacle of Temple Square	This dome-like structure towers over Salt Lake City and is home to the world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The uplifting 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.	http://www.visittemplesquare.com
Classic Cars Int'l	This unique car dealer caters to anyone looking for a showcase piece for their collection. Celebrity cars, 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.	http://www.classiccarmuseumsales.com

Wheeler Farm	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!	http://www.wheelerfarm.com
Hunt Mysteries	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, interacting with the cast and other audience members. Tickets are \$40.50 and include dinner and the show.	http://www.huntmysteries.com

7-day Itinerary – Boise, ID

If two nights each in Billings and Salt Lake City aren't enough, continue north to the award-winning [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson® property in Boise, Idaho](#). Relax in a luxury cabana at Roaring Springs Water Park while the kids splash down Thunder Falls 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 the memories and senses of adventure Country.

Boise-area Country Inns & Suites By Carlson locations:

- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Meridian](#) – 9.1 miles from downtown

Roaring Springs Water Park	Mom's Choice**: The winters in Adventure Country can be brutal, but the summers are hot - this is where Roaring Springs Water Park comes in. Splash down on Thunder Falls, or relax in a Luxury Cabana. Either way you go, an afternoon at Roaring Springs will revitalize your road-weary mind. Admission is \$27 for adults, \$22 for children and seniors. Go after 3pm and save \$7.	http://www.roaringsprings.com
Old Idaho Penitentiary Tour	Are the kids acting up? Toss 'em 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.	http://history.idaho.gov/oldpen.html
World Center for Birds of Prey	Your imagination will soar as you admire the work scientists are doing to help nurse wounded birds of prey back to flight. From falcons, to owls, to eagles, the World Center for Birds of Prey lets visitors get an up close look at some truly majestic birds. If you're lucky, you might even get to see a bird released back into the wild. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors are \$6	http://www.peregrinefund.org/index.php

Boise Trolley Tours	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 kids 3 and up.	http://www.boisetrolleytours.com
Cascade Raft and Kayak	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 half day trip.	http://www.cascaderaft.com/
Epi's Restaurant	Boise is home to the largest Basque community outside of the France and Spain border region. Epi's Restaurant features a menu of unique Basque cuisine served family style in a homey atmosphere. Open for dinner only.	