Great Falls, Montana is a place for independent, outdoor adventurers looking for a true, authentic Montana experience, located on the Missouri River in the heart of Montana provides a basecamp for a wide range of outdoor adventures and offers a haven of rich arts, culture, and history in a vibrant, modern community where an expansive, unspoiled, diverse landscape renews one’s spirit.

**ELEVATION:** 3,330 feet [1,015 meter]

**CLIMATE**

Great Falls, Montana is in the Northern and Western hemispheres, receiving all four seasons of Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter! Temperatures vary by season as well, with average highs and lows ranging.

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*Data from US Climate*

**DIRECT FLIGHTS**

Great Falls is serviced by Alaska Airlines, Delta, United and Allegiant Air with direct flights from Salt Lake City, Denver, Minneapolis, Chicago (seasonally), Seattle, Phoenix & Las Vegas.
SIP 'N DIP LOUNGE
The #1 bar worth flying for, according to GQ Magazine & home to Montana’s only live mermaid show, famed lounge singer Piano Pat, & Montana’s Best Tiki Drink!

ELECTRIC CITY WATER PARK
Open seasonally when the weather gets warmer, the Electric City Water Park provides the opportunity to cool off with the only 3-in-a-row Flow Rider in Montana, the Lazy River, Power Tower slides 20 feet above the park, & the state’s largest children’s water play structure.

GIANT SPRINGS STATE PARK
Giant Springs is home to one of the largest freshwater springs in the country. The spring flows at a rate of 156 million gallons of water per day and the water stays at a temperature of 54 degrees. As Montana’s most visited state park, it is accessible from The River’s Edge Trail, the park offers views of Black Eagle Falls, a variety of bird life, a fish hatchery, and fishing ponds. Plan a walk, picnic, or simply renew your spirit.

RIVER’S EDGE TRAIL
With nearly 60 miles of paved and single-track trail along the Missouri River, the River’s Edge Trail provides the perfect opportunity for walking, hiking, jogging, skating, and biking. The diverse, dramatic landscapes will surround you.

MISSOURI RIVER/THE FALLS
The longest river in North America, with headwaters 160 miles south of Great Falls, flows through the heart of Great Falls. From boating, kayaking, paddleboarding, and more, the Missouri River is an ideal location for your genuine Montana adventure.

FISHING
The Missouri River, running through the heart of Great Falls, promises the most varied fishing opportunities, from the trout-rich runs below Holter Dam to the National Wild and Scenic float downstream from Fort Benton. Access points abound throughout the city. Whether you’re an experienced fly fisher or you’ve never tried the sport, local outfitters can provide you with a great fishing experience.

PADDLEBOARD
Standup paddleboarding has become a popular activity in Great Falls. With the Missouri River running through the city, there are several access points that make it easy to enjoy a gorgeous summer day.

MOUNTAIN BIKING
Great Falls is home to open spaces under the Big Sky that provide challenging mountain bike riding. Serious bikers flock to Mayhem, a maze of technical and rugged trails created by local bike experts and enthusiasts.

KAYAK
The Missouri River and the Sun River offer kayak enthusiasts and beginners an opportunity to experience a great outdoor adventure within 15 minutes. Winding through the Electric City, the Missouri River is an ideal location to drop a kayak in the water, soak up the sun, and relax under the Big Sky. For a more extensive trip, the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River offer an incredible journey into an unspoiled land.

HIKING
Whether you are a seasoned outdoorsman aiming for the summit or a day hiker looking for a leisurely stroll, Great Falls is a basecamp to amazing hiking opportunities under the Big Sky.

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SKIING
Montana’s pristine mountains are a ski-lover’s paradise. Great Falls is rich with small ski areas, the kind of ski area you can take your kids, enjoy the beauty, and get in lots of runs without waiting in line.

TETON PASS
Teton Pass is a 400-acre ski resort, located in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, less than 2 hours from Great Falls. At Teton Pass you will find zero lift lines, and some of the best back country skiing in Montana, and some of the friendliest folks around.

SHOWDOWN MONTANA
Showdown is Montana’s first ski area, open since 1936. With a base area elevation of 6,800 feet, it’s higher than many other ski area summits. One of the few ski resorts that uses only natural, from the sky, snow for your skiing enjoyment. Showdown offers two restaurants, a bar, pro shop, day care, and ski school. A triple chair lift, double chairlift, rope tow and poma lift transport skiers to 34 trails. The top elevation is 8,200 feet.

HUNTING
The plains stretching east and north of Great Falls offer some of the finest antelope, deer, and upland bird hunting in the west. Elk, bighorn sheep, bear, and mountain lion are plentiful in the Rocky Mountain Front to the west or in the Little Belt and Big Belt ranges to the east.

SNOW SHOEING & CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Eagle Falls Golf Club offers cross-country skiing and snow shoeing during the winter months. Enjoy the great outdoors along the banks of the Missouri River while you shush in the snow. The course is well marked and covers the perimeter of the golf course on the south side of the railroad tracks for a 2-mile loop. There is no charge to ski or snowshoe at Eagle Falls, and this is the prefect activity for winter enthusiasts of all ages.

CM RUSSELL MUSEUM
400 13th Street North | 406-727-8787
Dedicated to the famed cowboy artist’s work, you can find the most complete collection of Charles M. Russell art and memorabilia in the world in Great Falls. Voted Montana’s best museum worth traveling for, the museum has over 2,000 Russell works of art and artifacts in its permanent collection.

LEWIS & CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER
4201 Giant Springs Road | 406-727-8733
Artfully positioned on a scenic bluff overlooking the Missouri River and designed to blend into the landscape, the interpretive center offers North America’s most extensive display of exhibits detailing the Lewis and Clark expedition. Journey through each part of the expedition, beginning in St Louis and ending at the Oregon coast. Choose your return trip by following either Lewis or Clark.

FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP
342 Ulm Vaughn Road Ulm, MT | 406-866-2217
First Peoples Buffalo Jump tells the story of one of the largest prehistoric bison kill-sites in the United States and captures a portrait of daily life for Montana’s first peoples. Atop the cliff, accessed by a 3.5-mile [5.5 km] hiking trail or a short drive, you can take in a panoramic view of the Rocky Mountain Front, the Missouri River Valley, and the buttes that make this Montana landscape so memorable.

PARIS GIBSON SQUARE MUSEUM OF ART
1400 1st Avenue North | 406-727-8255
The stately sandstone structure that serves as the Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art is a nationally registered historic site named for the founder of the city of Great Falls. Established in 1896 as a high school, the building was refurbished in 1977 and now is a community center with a growing outdoor sculpture garden.

MANSFIELD CENTER/GREAT FALLS SYMPHONY
2 Park Drive South | 406-455-8510
The historic Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts is one of the key contributors to the cultural and economic vitality of Great Falls. The plush Mansfield Theater showcases its historic elegance through intricate architecture and acoustics that are unrivaled in the state. The 1,782-seat venue is adaptable for concerts, ballet, grand opera, road shows, country and rock music spectacles, musicals, stage productions, travelogues, conventions and lectures. True to the beauty of Great Falls, the Center is flanked by two parks, and hosts the Great Falls Farmers Market every summer. The Center features an annual Christmas Show, Halloween Spectacular, Easter performance, and Great Falls Symphony performances.

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Dining

DOWNTOWN
Downtown you will find Montana’s Best Irish Pub, Celtic Cowboy. Other options include quiche, sushi, burgers, pasta, sandwiches, soups, tacos, baked goods, coffee, steak, seafood, microbrows and pizza.

10TH AVENUE SOUTH
Name-brand dining includes Café Rio, Pizza Hut, McDonald’s, Taco Johns, Teriyaki Madness, Taco Bell, Noodle Express and Jimmy John’s. Other options include BBQ, Mexican, sandwiches, Chinese, burgers, Greek, baked goods, coffee, and steak.

MARKETPLACE
The Marketplace Shopping Center holds name-brand dining options Pizza Hut, McDonald’s, Chili’s and Taco del Mar.

NORTHWEST BYPASS
Name-brand options include Buffalo Wild Wings, Little Caesars, Pizza Hut, Arby’s, McDonald’s and Taco Bell. Other options include BBQ, sandwiches, microbrows, burgers, tacos, and more!

Shopping

DOWNTOWN
Downtown is home to Montana’s Largest Specialty Dry Goods Store, Dragonfly Dry Goods. Unique shops featuring brands such as Cuisinart, Le Creuset, Woolrich, Frye, BB Dakota, Vera Bradley, Nicole Miller, Ugg, and more, can be found throughout downtown.

10TH AVENUE SOUTH
This corridor includes Walmart, Conlin’s Furniture and Ashley Home Stores; North 40 Farm & Ranch Supply, Big Sky Harley Davidson, Jo-Ann Fabrics & Crafts, Target, Walgreens, CVS Pharmacy, and retail opportunities for buying recreational vehicles, clothes, groceries, and more.

MARKETPLACE
National chain stores include Barnes & Noble, Famous Footwear, Home Depot, Office Max, Old Navy, Michaels Arts & Crafts, Petco, Denver Mattress, Oak Express, Sofa Mart, Pier 1 Imports and AMC Movie Theatre.

NORTHWEST BYPASS
Name-brand stores include Wal-Mart, Sam’s Club, TJ Maxx, Shopko, Ace Hardware, Staples, Aaron’s Sales and Leasing, and ProBuild.

Breweries

Grab your Montana Brewery Passport and explore the refreshing local brews of Great Falls Montana. The barley used in the brewing process is grown within 50 miles of Great Falls and malted within minutes of the breweries’ front door.

THE MIGHTY MO BREW CO
412 Central Ave | 406-952-0342
Located in the middle of Downtown, The Mo, as it’s called by locals, gives patrons a family-friendly, hip, and vibrant atmosphere. Mighty Mo has a full kitchen, offering pizza, wings, sandwiches, salads, and appetizers to go with your high quality, flavorful craft beer.

THE FRONT BREWING PUBLIC HOUSE
215 3rd St NW | 406-952-0872
The Front is a spectacular stretch of Montana where the prairies and mountains converge. The Front has many brews, but Mountain Man, an award winning Scotch Ale, is by far a local favorite.

BLACK EAGLE BREWERY
1600 25th Ave NE | 406-315-3082
Overlooking the Missouri River and offering views of Great Falls, the Pit Stop Tavern houses the Black Eagle brewery. Unwind, join friends, and catch the game in the spacious restaurant that offers a full menu.

HARVEST MOON BREWERY
7 5th St S, Belt MT | 406-277-3188
Harvest Moon Brewing set up operation in Belt, a rural community located 20 miles southeast of Great Falls, in 1996, and produce some of Montana’s well-known beers, Beltian White, Pigs Ass Porter, and Charlie Russell Red.

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Lodging

Find your base camp while in Great Falls, Montana!

**Alberta Motel**  |  1101 Central Avenue West  |  406-452-3467  
- Pet Friendly

**Best Resting Motel**  |  5001 River Drive North  |  406-268-8333  
- Pet Friendly

**Best Western Plus Heritage Inn**  |  1700 Fox Farm Road  |  406-761-1900  
- Pet Friendly  
- Pool

**Central Motel**  |  751 Central Avenue West  |  406-453-0161  
- Pet Friendly

**Comfort Inn**  |  1120 9th Street South  |  406-454-2727  
- Pet Friendly  
- Pool  
- Breakfast Included

**Comfort Inn & Suites**  |  1801 Market Place Drive  |  406-455-1000  
- Breakfast Included

**Crystal Inn & Suites**  |  3701 31st Street SW  |  406-727-7788  
- Pool  
- Breakfast Included

**Days Inn**  |  101 14th Avenue NW  |  406-727-6565  
- Pet Friendly  
- Breakfast Included

**Econo Lodge**  |  220 Central Avenue  |  406-761-3410  
- Pet Friendly  
- Pool

**Extended Stay America**  |  800 River Drive South  |  406-761-7524  
- Pet Friendly

**Fairfield Inn by Marriott**  |  1000 9th Avenue South  |  406-454-3000  
- Pet Friendly  
- Pool  
- Breakfast Included

**Great Falls Inn**  |  1400 28th Street South  |  406-453-6000  
- Pet Friendly  
- Breakfast Included

**Greystone Inn**  |  621 Central Avenue  |  406-452-1472

**Hampton Inn**  |  2301 14th Street SW  |  406-453-2675  
- Pet Friendly  
- Pool  
- Breakfast Included

**Hilton Garden Inn**  |  2520 14th Avenue SW  |  406-452-1000  
- Pool

**Holiday Inn of Great Falls**  |  1100 5th Street South  |  406-727-7200  
- Pet Friendly  
- Pool

**Holiday Inn Express**  |  1625 Marketplace Drive  |  406-453-4000  
- Pool  
- Breakfast Included

**Historic Hotel Arvon**  |  118 1st Avenue South  |  406-952-1101  
- Breakfast Included  
- Lounge

**Imperial Inn**  |  601 2nd Avenue North  |  406-452-9581

**La Quinta Inn and Suites**  |  600 River Drive South  |  406-761-2600  
- Pet Friendly  
- Pool  
- Breakfast Included

**Mid-Town Motel**  |  526 2nd Avenue North  |  406-453-2411  
- Pet Friendly

**Motel 6**  |  #2 Treasure State Drive  |  406-453-1602  
- Pet Friendly  
- Breakfast Included

**O’Haire Motor Inn**  |  17 7th Street South  |  406-454-2141  
- Pet Friendly  
- Pool

**Plaza Inn**  |  1224 10th Avenue South  |  406-452-9594

**Royal Motel**  |  1300 Central Avenue  |  406-452-9548

**Ski’s Western Motel**  |  2420 10th Avenue South  |  406-453-3281

**Sleep Inn/Mainstay Suites**  |  520 Country Club Blvd  |  406-761-4600

**Springhill Suites**  |  421 3rd St NW  |  406-453-3281

**Staybridge Suites**  |  201 3rd Street NW  |  406-952-4444  
- Breakfast Included

**Super 8 Motel**  |  1214 South 13th Street  |  830-798-4190  
- Pet Friendly  
- Breakfast Included

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**Been There...Done That!**

Looking for a place to start? With all there is to do in Great Falls, we understand. From great food and entertainment to exhilarating events and spirit-renewing outdoor experiences, we have compiled a check list of some of our most unique experiences that you can use as a guide. **How many can you check off? Prove it by sharing socially with #GreatFallsMontana.**

- SIP ‘N DIP LOUNGE
- LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER
- CM RUSSELL MUSEUM
- WESTERN ART WEEK
- THE FALLS | CROOKED, COLTER, RAINBOW, BLACK EAGLE, GREAT FALLS
- RIVER’S EDGE TRAIL ART COLLECTION
- MONTANA’S BEST COFFEE SHOP | CROOKED TREE COFFEE
- URBAN ART DISPLAY
- ELECTRIC CITY WATER PARK
- MONTANA’S BEST IRISH PUB | CELTIC COWBOY
- PIZZA CAPITAL CHALLENGE
- MORONY TOWN SITE
- FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP
- MONTANA STATE FAIR
- GIBSON PARK
- GIANT SPRINGS
- LEWIS AND CLARK FESTIVAL
- MANSFIELD CENTER PERFORMANCE
- MONTANA’S BEST BURGER | FORD’S DRIVE IN
- GREAT FALLS SYMPHONY PERFORMANCE
- ROE RIVER
- LEE STEEN EXHIBIT
- RYAN ISLAND PARK
- BLACK EAGLE MEMORIAL ISLAND PARK
- BENTON LAKE WILDLIFE REFUGE
- HISTORIC TROLLEY TOUR
- HORSE RACES
- GREAT FALLS VOYAGERS GAME
- PRCA CIRCUIT FINALS RODEO
- STAR PARTY
- GREAT FALLS AMERICANS GAME