

BOISE, IDAHO

Boise, Idaho is the capital and largest city in this mountainous northwestern state. Located in the Treasure Valley area of central Idaho, this city sits in a tree-filled oasis among the high desert, hugging the Boise river and offering ample access to the outdoors. Learn why nearly 800,000 Americans call the Boise metropolitan area home!



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Living, Dining, Events & Culture



Living in Boise is slightly more expensive than the national average, for both buying and renting, but it's one of the cheapest metropolitan areas to live in the Pacific Northwest when compared to other large cities like Seattle and Portland. The weather in central Idaho is milder than other western cities. Average temperatures range from around 77 degrees Fahrenheit in summer to around 32 degrees Fahrenheit in winter.

In Boise, the emphasis restaurateurs place on local sourcing is no joke. It's the reason why locals and visitors alike love spots such as Cottonwood Grille that use local items like beef, beer and wine on their menu. For those who love breakfast, the trip just outside city limits to Terri's Café located in Meridian is also highly recommended for its use of local, fresh flavors. If a more sophisticated dining experience is what you're in the mood for - Chandler's Steakhouse is a winner in anyone's book with live jazz and an extensive wine list.



Source: [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)



Source: [ThisisBoise.com](https://www.thisisboise.com)

Boise hosts over 50 annual festivals, but a few that stand out include the city's Alive After 5: Free Summer Concert Series, Boise Entrepreneur Week and Art in the Park. Culturally, Boise is a historic gold rush town. Before that, the Boise Valley was known as a gathering place for a multitude of Native American peoples. This rich history can be explored through walking tours and at the Idaho State Museum.

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Outdoor Activities & Sports



Looking for reasons to get outside? There are more than 95 parks located in Boise for you to choose from! The Ridge to Rivers trail system is a popular pick for hikers, runners, cyclists and equestrians. Not only do you have over 210 miles of land to discover, but the landscape is always changing with each new season so it's a different experience every time you go. The Boise River is also a fun way to spend the day if you love to boat, fish or waterski.

While there may not be any major league sports teams in Boise, you can find many locals cheering on the Idaho Horsemen (NAL), Idaho Steelheads (ECHL) and Boise State University Broncos! The university is located within city limits, so it's worth catching a quick football, soccer or basketball game.



Source: Gohorsemen.com

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Entertainment, Major Employers & Getaways



Downtown Boise is bustling with nightlife, shopping and monthly events. For example, First Thursdays are a great way to entertain the entire family with in-store events, food, drinks, live music and art! The Boise Trolley Tours are another great way to spend the day and get to know your new home's history.

Industries like technology, food production and advanced manufacturing make up the majority of opportunities in this city. Albertsons, Blue Cross of Idaho and Fred Meyer are just a few of the companies that employ a majority of Boise residents. As the city continues to flourish, Micron and Meta are currently expanding their operations in Boise.



For those weekends when you want to get out of town, there are plenty of options just a short drive away. Shoshone Falls Park is often called the "Niagara Falls of the West," and the views don't disappoint. You can see one of the largest natural waterfalls in the country when you make the three-hour drive. Also located within three hours of city limits is Sun Valley. A ski town during winter, this site also offers hiking, whitewater rafting and festivals.