

# 50 Travel Tips From Locals: Explore the Unforgettable Montana

## Uncover the Hidden Gems and Local Secrets of the Treasure State

Montana, the Treasure State, is a land of breathtaking beauty, legendary landscapes, and fascinating history. Whether you're seeking outdoor adventures, cultural immersion, or simply a peaceful escape, Montana has something to offer. But to truly experience the heart and soul of this extraordinary state, it's essential to go beyond the typical tourist hotspots and discover its hidden gems.



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With this in mind, we've partnered with Greater Than Tourist Montana, a local collective dedicated to showcasing the state's hidden gems, to bring you 50 travel tips from locals. These insider tips will guide you to places

and experiences that most tourists overlook, ensuring an authentic and unforgettable journey.

### **Tips for Exploring Montana's Cities**

1. **Attend a Bozeman Symphony Concert:** Enjoy a world-class musical experience at the Bozeman Symphony, a renowned orchestra that features an eclectic blend of classical and contemporary works.
2. **Discover Helena's Historic Walking Trail:** Step back in time as you walk along Helena's Historic Walking Trail, lined with opulent Victorian mansions, historic landmarks, and charming shops.
3. **Visit the Missoula Art Museum:** Immerse yourself in the vibrant art scene of Missoula at the Missoula Art Museum, showcasing a diverse collection of contemporary and historical artworks.
4. **Explore the Billings Depot Museum:** Uncover the rich railroad history of Billings at the Billings Depot Museum, which houses a variety of vintage locomotives and rolling stock.
5. **Enjoy a Riverfront Stroll in Great Falls:** Take a leisurely walk along the scenic Riverfront Trail in Great Falls, offering breathtaking views of the Missouri River and towering sandstone cliffs.

### **Tips for Venturing into Montana's Wilderness**

1. **Hike to the Iceberg Lake Trailhead:** Embark on a challenging but rewarding hike to the Iceberg Lake Trailhead in Glacier National Park, leading to a stunning alpine lake nestled amidst towering peaks.
2. **Float the Yellowstone River:** Experience the tranquility of the Yellowstone River on a relaxing float trip, offering a unique perspective

of the park's abundant wildlife and stunning scenery.

3. **Visit the Craters of the Moon National Monument:** Explore a surreal volcanic landscape at the Craters of the Moon National Monument, featuring lava flows, cinder cones, and bizarre rock formations.
4. **Discover the Big Sky Country Scenic Byway:** Drive along the scenic Big Sky Country Scenic Byway, a 55-mile route that winds through rolling hills, vast prairies, and breathtaking views of the Absaroka-Beartooth Mountains.
5. **Camp at the Many Glacier Campground:** Spend a night under the stars at the Many Glacier Campground in Glacier National Park, surrounded by towering mountains, pristine lakes, and abundant wildlife.

### **Tips for Uncovering Montana's Hidden Gems**

1. **Visit the Montana Dinosaur Center:** Journey back in time at the Montana Dinosaur Center, where you can uncover the fascinating history of dinosaurs and explore a collection of real fossils.
2. **Experience the Philipsburg Sapphire Mine:** Discover the thrill of gemstone mining at the Philipsburg Sapphire Mine, where you can search for sapphires and other precious stones.
3. **Attend the Red Ants Pants Music Festival:** Immerse yourself in the vibrant music scene of Montana at the Red Ants Pants Music Festival, a three-day festival featuring a diverse lineup of local and national artists.
4. **Explore the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area:** Discover the scenic and historic Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area,

offering hiking trails, boating opportunities, and stunning views of the Bighorn River.

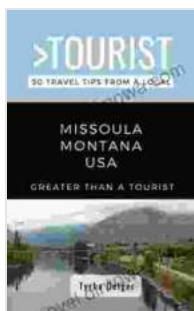
5. **Visit the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument:** Learn about the pivotal Battle of the Little Bighorn at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, commemorating the clash between the U.S. Army and Native American tribes.

### **Tips for Interacting with Montana's Locals**

1. **Respect the Environment:** Montana's natural beauty is its greatest treasure. Be respectful of the environment by staying on designated trails, packing out what you pack in, and avoiding disturbing wildlife.
2. **Be Open to New Experiences:** Part of the joy of traveling is embracing the unexpected. Be open to trying new things, meeting new people, and exploring beyond your comfort zone.
3. **Support Local Businesses:** The livelihood of Montana communities depends on tourism. Support local businesses by shopping at independent stores, dining at local restaurants, and hiring local guides.
4. **Engage with the Locals:** Strike up conversations with locals to gain insights into the region's history, culture, and hidden gems. You may be surprised by what you learn.
5. **Be Respectful of Native American Culture:** Montana is home to seven Native American reservations. Be respectful of their culture, traditions, and sovereignty.

With these 50 travel tips from locals, you're equipped to embark on an unforgettable journey through the Treasure State. From hidden gems to local secrets, this guide will lead you to the heart and soul of Montana,

ensuring an authentic and enriching experience. Remember, the true beauty of Montana lies beyond the typical tourist hotspots, waiting to be discovered by those who seek the path less traveled. Embrace the spirit of Greater Than Tourist and uncover the hidden wonders that make Montana a truly extraordinary destination.



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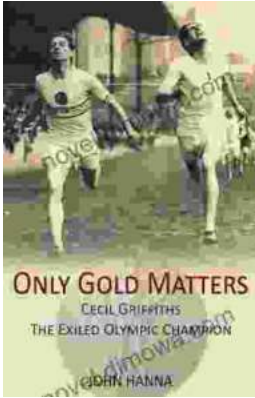
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