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## IDAHO'S TOP-FIVE UNIQUE HOT SPRINGS EXPERIENCES

Natural hot springs are a fun way to explore nature and relax at the same time. Idaho has more than 100 hot springs; some are completely untouched while others have been changed with devices like covers, 'plumbing' and developed pools with temperatures that range from 90 to 130 degrees. These five unique hot springs offer an unforgettable travel experience and are worth a weekend visit.

1. Lava Hot Springs in Southeastern Idaho are the most recognized hot springs in the state. It was once a winter village site for Native Americans. Even on the coldest modern winter days, guests can enjoy the hot pools with an average temperature of 107 degrees. Water circulates through the pools and back to the Portneuf River, keeping the pools clean. Spend a day relaxing in the pools for just \$7.50 per person or enjoy a relaxing massage. Family, weekday and annual pass specials are available. Some of the hotels in Lava Hot Springs also have access to the hot springs mineral water and have soaking tubs available for their guests.

2. Burdorf Hot Springs was established in 1870 and is located near the historic ghost town of Warren. It features two immense, sandy-bottom pools and the remnants of cabins and an old hotel can be seen surrounded by the beautiful Payette National Forest. If you'd like to stay the weekend, Burdorf offers 18 rustic cabins for rent that range in age from 70 to 132 years old. Lodging costs \$35 for the first person, per night, and access to the springs is \$5 per adult.

3. Miracle Hot Springs, located near Hagerman, offers guests public and private pool experiences indoors or out with professional masseuses available for hire. Along with two outdoor pools, there are 19 private soaking rooms that are a great option for adults and couples. Take an extra few days and rent one of the on-site domes for a relaxing vacation. Private pool rates are \$10 per pool for two hours.

4. Conveniently located between McCall and Boise, Gold Fork Hot Springs has six chlorine-free, mineral-rich pools and hydromassage. The hot springs are open daily from noon to 9 p.m. and until 11 p.m. on Saturdays. Credit and debit cards aren't accepted, so be sure to bring cash for a minimal entry fee of \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

5. Givens Hot Springs offers day camping and has historic cabins to rent, making it a great family-friendly weekend getaway. For hundreds of years, Native Americans wintered in the area and eventually Oregon Trail pioneers homesteaded here. The Hot Springs feed into a naturally heated pool perfect for swimming and relaxing. The Snake River is nearby, with endless opportunities for fishing, rafting and additional recreation.

The amenities at Idaho's hot springs range from scenic views of the Sawtooth Mountains to hydro-massages or mineral baths. Taking a dip in a hot spring is a naturally therapeutic, budget-friendly and unforgettable experience. Visit [www.visitidaho.org/thingsToDo/hotsprings.aspx](http://www.visitidaho.org/thingsToDo/hotsprings.aspx) to locate and learn more about all of Idaho's natural hot springs.

## DEAL OF THE MONTH: COEUR D'ALENE GOLF COURSE

Take advantage of the Coeur d'Alene Resort's Floating Green Spring Golf Package. The resort's most popular package, it includes overnight accommodations in your choice of room category and one round of award winning golf per person as well as shared use of a custom luxury golf cart, unlimited over-the-water practice range privileges on day of play, forecaddie service, secured club storage and a personalized, engraved bag tag.

Part of the Coeur d'Alene Resort and Spa, the course is located on the shores of beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene and was recently voted a top golf resort by readers of Condé Nast Traveler. The par 71 course designed by Scott Miller features the world's only floating green. Controlled by a computer, the green changes position daily to keep it challenging. The course boasts a view of the lake from every hole and is designed around four distinct geographic features: an expansive lakeshore, a forested ridge, gently rolling woodlands and Fernan Creek. Stay at the Resort and play the course for an experience you won't soon forget. Rates start at \$109 per player based on double occupancy and availability. [Package details](#)

## GETAWAY OF THE MONTH – WHITEWATER RAFTING WITH ROW ADVENTURES



Planning ahead for

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Dogwood Festival of the Lewis-Clark Valley

April 1-30, 2011  
Lewiston, Idaho

#### The Coeur d'Alene Blues Festival

April 1-3, 2011  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

#### Lula Washington Dance Theatre

April 2, 2011 - 7:30pm  
Sandpoint, Idaho

#### Western Frontier Pro Rodeo

April 6-9, 2011 - ISU Holt Arena  
Pocatello, Idaho

#### Gene Harris Jazz Festival

April 7-9, 2011  
Boise State University  
Boise, Idaho

#### PBR Bull Riding

April 8-9, 2011 - 7pm  
Idaho Center  
Nampa, Idaho

#### Sons of the Pioneers Live in Concert

April 9, 2011  
Post Falls, Idaho

#### Easter Bunny Rail on Thunder Mountain Line

April 9-24, 2011 - Saturdays and Sundays  
Horseshoe Bend, Idaho

#### The Story of Rocks: Idaho's Geologic Wonders

April 12, 2011 - Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center  
Nampa, Idaho

#### Wildflowers, Wild Lands and Wild Times Along the Centennial Divide

April 13, 2011  
Sandpoint Community Hall  
208-946-9127  
Sandpoint, Idaho

#### Idaho Dance Theatre's Spring Show

April 14-17, 2011  
BSU Special Events Center  
Boise, Idaho

#### Boise Philharmonic Classical Series "Carmina Burana"

April 15, 2010  
Caldwell, Idaho

#### Salmon River Jet Boat Races

April 15-17, 2011  
Riggins, Idaho

#### Jane Austen Weekend

April 15-17, 2011  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

#### Easter "Egg"stravaganza

April 16, 2011  
Zoo Boise  
Boise, Idaho

#### Boise Philharmonic Classical Series "Carmina Burana"

April 16, 2011  
Boise, Idaho

#### Snecross Racing, Hillcross Racing and Snoblie Championship Race

April 16-17, 2011  
Sandpoint, Idaho

#### Kenya Safari Acrobats

April 20, 2011  
Twin Falls, Idaho

#### Earth Day Festival

April 22, 2011  
4-8 pm - Sandpoint Events Center  
Sandpoint, Idaho

#### Earth Day Celebration

April 23, 2011  
Idaho Falls

#### Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour

April 23, 2011 - 4pm and 7pm Shows  
Boise, Idaho

#### Wine Extravaganza

April 29-30, 2011  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



your family summer vacation?

Consider a multi-day white-water rafting trip with ROW Adventures. These family-focused trips include a River Jester, a specially trained guide who entertains kids with games, nature hikes and activities. The family trips are slowed down a little, with extra stops to play on the beaches and explore Indian rock art and pioneer homesteads. After a fun-filled day on the water, guests arrive at camp to find the tents set up and the riverside dining room ready to go. Dinner for the kids is served early, followed by a gourmet meal for the adults (but kids are welcome). The evening is capped off with stories and entertainment around the campfire before turning in for the night under a star studded sky.

On a ROW family trip, parents celebrate the undistracted time spent together as a family, while the kids learn, explore and experience the thrill of a lifetime. Families may choose a four or five day trip offered July through September. ROW offers many other adventure trips that would be a good fit for families, depending on age, skill level and interest. Learn more at [www.rowadventures.com](http://www.rowadventures.com).

#### FEATURED IDAHO BUSINESS: IDAHO'S BED AND BREAKFAST INNS



Looking for a little rest and relaxation? Or maybe a romantic getaway with your special someone? Or maybe you're searching for the perfect base camp for your outdoor activities? No matter the reason, Idaho's Bed & Breakfast, Guest Ranches, Farm Stays, Country Inns, Cottages and Tent Cabins are committed to providing inviting and memorable lodging for Idaho visitors. Wherever you travel in Idaho you are sure to find unique accommodations to suit your needs: quaint Victorian just blocks from vibrant downtown; log cabin lodges overlooking sparkling rivers; rustic working ranches where you can help wrangle the livestock; a two story beauty built around an indoor pool; adult only retreats surrounded by lush gardens and rolling hills; cozy inns with hot mineral pools; elegant country homes with spectacular mountain or lake views; and even a whimsical guesthouse in the shape of a beagle.

There is plenty to do in Idaho – hiking, biking, rafting, shopping, golfing, fishing, skiing, dining, exploring or just relaxing – so contact the [Idaho Bed & Breakfast Association](http://Idaho Bed & Breakfast Association) for help in finding that special place near the activities you enjoy. Or visit [www.visitidaho.org](http://www.visitidaho.org) to search for more Bed & Breakfasts, unique inns, ranches and wilderness resorts.

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