



➤ JUNE 2011

NOT TO MISS IDAHO SUMMER FESTIVALS

1. [Big Water Blowout](#) – June 4, Riggins - Held on the Salmon River, the Big Water Blowout kicks off the summer float season with discounted raft trips all day. Enjoy a tasty Dutch oven cook-off, listen to great live music and dance into the evening knowing summer fun has arrived.
2. [Savor Idaho](#) – June 12, Boise - Set at the Idaho Botanical Gardens, Savor Idaho lets guests sample from a diverse assortment of Idaho wineries and restaurants. More than 20 wineries and 15 restaurants and exhibitors will make this summer day a memorable one.
3. [Emmett's 75th Annual Cherry Festival](#) – June 15-18, Emmett - Celebrating the agricultural abundance of the area, the Cherry Festival has been a favorite family event since the 1930s. Food vendors, arts & crafts, pie eating contests, live bands, rodeo action, a carnival and even a cherry pit spitting competition delight the young and young at heart.
4. [Teton Valley Summer Festival](#) – July 1-4, Teton Valley - Summer Festival is four days of fun featuring daily hot air balloon launches, a craft fair, antique show, rodeo, parade and a community breakfast and BBQ. Fireworks close the festival on July 4th.
5. [Festival at Sandpoint](#) - August 1-14, Sandpoint - The Festival at Sandpoint boasts eight nights of eclectic music under the stars on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille. Feast on fabulous food and beverages on "Festival Street," stretch out on a blanket or dance the night away.

DEAL OF THE MONTH-HILTON GARDEN INN & BANBURY GOLF COURSE

Enjoy a stay at the [Hilton Garden Inn](#) in Eagle and a round of golf at [Banbury Golf Club](#). The package includes one night's lodging, continental breakfast, eighteen holes of golf and a complimentary shuttle to the golf course. Banbury Golf Club is just one mile from the hotel and has been rated by Golf Digest as one of Idaho's top courses to play. This beautifully designed Scottish-style course is situated around the south channel of the Boise River. Its challenging 71 par layout successfully unites golf with the river's native wildlife habitat. [Package](#) can be purchased through [InIdaho](#) starting at \$60.38 per person plus tax. Rate is based on a weekend stay but weekday rates are available. Ask for Promotion ID: 773.

GETAWAY OF THE MONTH: HELL'S GATE NATIONAL PARK AND HELLS CANYON



[Hells Gate State Park](#) is the gateway to Idaho's Lewis and Clark country and to [Hells Canyon](#), the

deepest river gorge in North America. Shady campsites along the Snake River make comfortable base-camps for exploring the surrounding area. Upriver from Hells Gate State Park, the Snake River winds through Hells Canyon. This wild and spectacular area is best visited by boat; there are no roads leading through the canyon. Old homesteads, long-forgotten prospector cabins and Native American petroglyphs offer a fascinating human story in the midst of the spectacular scenery. Jet boat excursions into Hells Canyon leave on a regular basis from the park's docks.

Lewis and Clark traveled through this area during their journey to discover an inland waterway to the Pacific Ocean. Located in the park, the [Lewis and Clark Discovery Center](#) features indoor and outdoor displays and a film describing their journey through Idaho. Visitors may also visit the [Jack O'Connor Hunting Heritage and Education Center](#) where displays and hunting trophies of this outdoor writer and conservationist tell the story of America's hunting heritage. More attractions are near the park, including the [Nez Perce National Historic Park](#), where fascinating displays offer a glimpse of the traditional life of the Nez Perce people. Visitors may also bike the Clearwater & Snake River National Recreation Trail that winds through the communities of Lewiston, Clarkston and Asotin. A wide choice of lodging, restaurants and shopping are just minutes away from Hells Gate State Park in nearby [Lewiston](#), Idaho.

FEATURED IDAHO TRAVEL BUSINESS: CANYONS RIVER COMPANY



[Canyons River Company](#) is a uniquely diverse outfitter, offering specialty trips catering to an array of interests. These include focuses on hiking, fishing, kayaking and canoe support, art and plein air painting, yoga and womens travel, GLBT adventure travel, and the ever popular wine tasting and culinary trip, as well as the many family adventures they are known for.

Canyons and its staff have been stewards of the rivers since 1985. Canyons offers trips on the both the Middle Fork of the Salmon and Main Salmon. Both rivers are nestled deep in the heart of the roadless Frank Church wilderness and have been touted as one of the country's most beautiful vacations. Outfitter Greg McFadden states, "River travel is a true getaway and an often profound experience. It is a chance to unplug from our busy world and reconnect with family and friends, creating life-long memories and stories to share for generations." Filled with world class whitewater, pristine green forests, hillsides of wildflowers, huge sandy beaches, natural hot springs, blue ribbon fishing, hiking vistas that take your breath away, and star filled skies that seem to never end, both the Middle Fork and Main Salmon are truly spectacular. Canyons' 12-day trip combines both rivers, or choose a 6-day trip on either the Middle Fork or the Main.

Deciding which trip to take can be a tough decision! Regardless of the choice, Canyons guests are well taken care of with safety as the top priority. After an exciting day on the river with lunch along the way, it's time to unwind in camp. Comfy dome tents, covered seating areas, warm campfires and delicious meals that rival those of fine restaurants' make relaxation easy. After a hearty morning breakfast, it's time to break camp and continue downstream, to round the next bend and see what memories await.

Canyons River Company guides are seasoned professionals, averaging 15 to 20 years guiding experience. They are educated, interesting, eclectic people who genuinely love rivers and want to spend time with their guests. From the first phone call to the final campfire, guests are welcomed as friends. The Canyons staff is happy to help plan your trip. The [website](#) is comprehensive, discussing the various trips, what to bring and descriptions of a typical day on the river. Visit [www.canyonsinc.com](#) to start planning your Idaho whitewater adventure today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Hells Canyon Days](#)

June 3-4, 2011
Cambridge, ID

[Big Water Blowout River Festival](#)

June 4, 2011
Riggins, Idaho

[Hailey Summerfest](#)

June 4, 2011
Hailey, Idaho

[Birders Weekend](#)

June 4-5, 2011
Castle Rocks State Park
Almo, Idaho

[Owyhee Outpost Days](#)

June 4-5, 2011
Murphy, Idaho

[Idaho Military Vehicle Exhibit](#)

June 8-11, 2011
Fruitland, Idaho
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[Ironman Boise 70.3](#)

June 11, 2011
Boise, Idaho

[Savor Idaho](#)

June 12, 2011, 2-6pm
Boise, Idaho

[Mama Mia!](#)

June 14-16, 2011
Boise, Idaho

[Emmett Cherry Festival](#)

June 15-18, 2011
Emmett, Idaho

[Sandpoint Summer Sampler](#)

June 16, 2011
Sandpoint, Idaho

[Car d'Alene](#)

June 17-18, 2011
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

[World Refugee Day](#)

June 18, 2011
Boise, Idaho

[Pig in the Park & June Bug Craft Fair](#)

June 18, 2011
Harrison, Idaho

[Ford Ironman Triathlon](#)

June 22, 2011
Coeur d'Alene

[El Korah Shrine Circus](#)

June 24-26, 2011
Boise, Idaho

[Celebration of Flight Air Show](#)

June 25, 2011
Caldwell, Idaho

[Bear Lake Kite Festival](#)

June 25, 2011
St. Charles, Idaho

[Boise Rec Fest](#)

June 25-26, 2011
Boise, Idaho

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