

20 Small Mountain Towns Perfect for a Summer Vacation

From stunning peaks in New Hampshire to under-the-radar Gold Rush-era hamlets in California, read on for our favorite mountain town getaways.

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It may be known for its winter beauty, but in the summer, this mountain sanctuary hosts the Payette Cup Regatta, Payette Lake Arts and Crafts Fair, ACBS Annual Wooden Boat Show, Yellow Pine Music & Harmonica Festival, and more, including a giant 4th of July celebration with a luau party, watermelon-eating contest, and more old-timey fun, not to mention a stunning firework show over Payette Lake. Plus, any vacation that starts with a visit to the calming and beautiful Burgdorf Hot Springs is a good one. After a restorative dip, keep the pampering going at The Cove with an invigorating massage. Since summer means huckleberry season, sink your teeth into fresh crepes and crème brûlée made with the tasty fruit at The Narrows. When the food coma sinks in, you'll be grateful you're staying on the property that houses the restaurant, the ever-tranquil Shore Lodge.

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