

IDAHO, MONTANA, WYOMING



# THE PEAK OF LUXURY

GOING UPSCALE IN BIG SKY COUNTRY

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ski resort.

From the top of Schweitzer Mountain, enjoy truly memorable views of enormous Lake Pend Oreille (“pah-n or-ay”) in the distance, and Canada just beyond. With 118 guest rooms and 14,246 sq. ft. of indoor meeting space—plus expansive outdoor space—the resort offers a satisfying variety of lodging and conference areas for meeting, dining, team building and recreating.

Twelve miles below the resort is Sandpoint, voted Most Beautiful Small Town in America by readers of Rand McNally guidebooks (see sidebar). Outside of town, Western Pleasure Guest Ranch is the place to saddle up for a guided horseback ride through gorgeous countryside.

### SHORE LODGE, MCCALL

Shore Lodge’s meetings philosophy is inspiring through nature. Located next to 2.3 million acres of protected nature preserve, it’s perfectly situated to accomplish that goal.

Outdoor meetings and team building are favorite options there. Summer activities include mountain biking, hiking, golf and water sports, and winter offers options such as snowmobiling to Burgdorf Hot Springs, elk feeding and after-dark alpine skiing to a moonlit yurt.

Shore Lodge offers 77 guest rooms and 19,000 sq. ft. of meeting space. It’s now completing an up-

**Golf course at Sun Valley Resort,  
Idaho**



grade that so far has implemented three new dining concepts, with a new pool bar, fire pit and pickleball courts expected to be finished by autumn.

### SUN VALLEY RESORT

Sun Valley Resort is no Johnny-come-lately. It was a hit when it opened in 1936, and since then, dignitaries, celebrities and meeting attendees have returned again and again, underscoring its reputa-

tion as one of the most beautiful, multifaceted and just-plain-fun resorts in America.

Sun Valley’s appeal only increased with a complete renovation of historic Sun Valley Lodge in 2015. Sun Valley Inn has also finished the first phase of an upgrade to its cottages, condos and two meeting rooms; this fall, remodeling will begin on the remaining 80 guest rooms, and completion is expected by January.