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7 Idaho Spots Where It Feels Like Summer Even in a Snowstorm

Feel like you are on summer vacation all winter long.

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Whether Idaho is smack in the middle of a Snowpacalypse or enduring yet another month of below-frigid temperatures, a hint of sunshine is always a welcome sight! But even as you layer up and scrape your car windows for the millionth time, remember that the Gem State is a diverse region — which means there are plenty of places to warm up and forget that the weather outside is frightful. Here in Idaho, we're not known for our year-round bask-in-the-sun destinations, but if you have visions of sandy beaches and warm sun rays dancing through your head, there are a few places across the state that will help you get into the sizzling summer spirit... even as Old Man Winter continues his icy reign. From the warmest city in Idaho to indoor getaways where the forecast doesn't matter, here are some fantastic places to enjoy "summer" all year long.

7. The Cove at Shore Lodge, McCall

We've raved about the wonders of McCall's Shore Lodge before, but did you know it's also one of the best places in the state to escape the winter chill? The lodge may sit along the icy waters of Payette Lake, but step into the nationally recognized 4-star Cove Spa and you'll be transported into the most magical escape of your life. Toasty fires and candles create a serene ambiance, while multiple hot pools make the perfect end to a chilly day on the water. Add in a hot rock treatment, and you have a dreamy day fit for a destination getaway.