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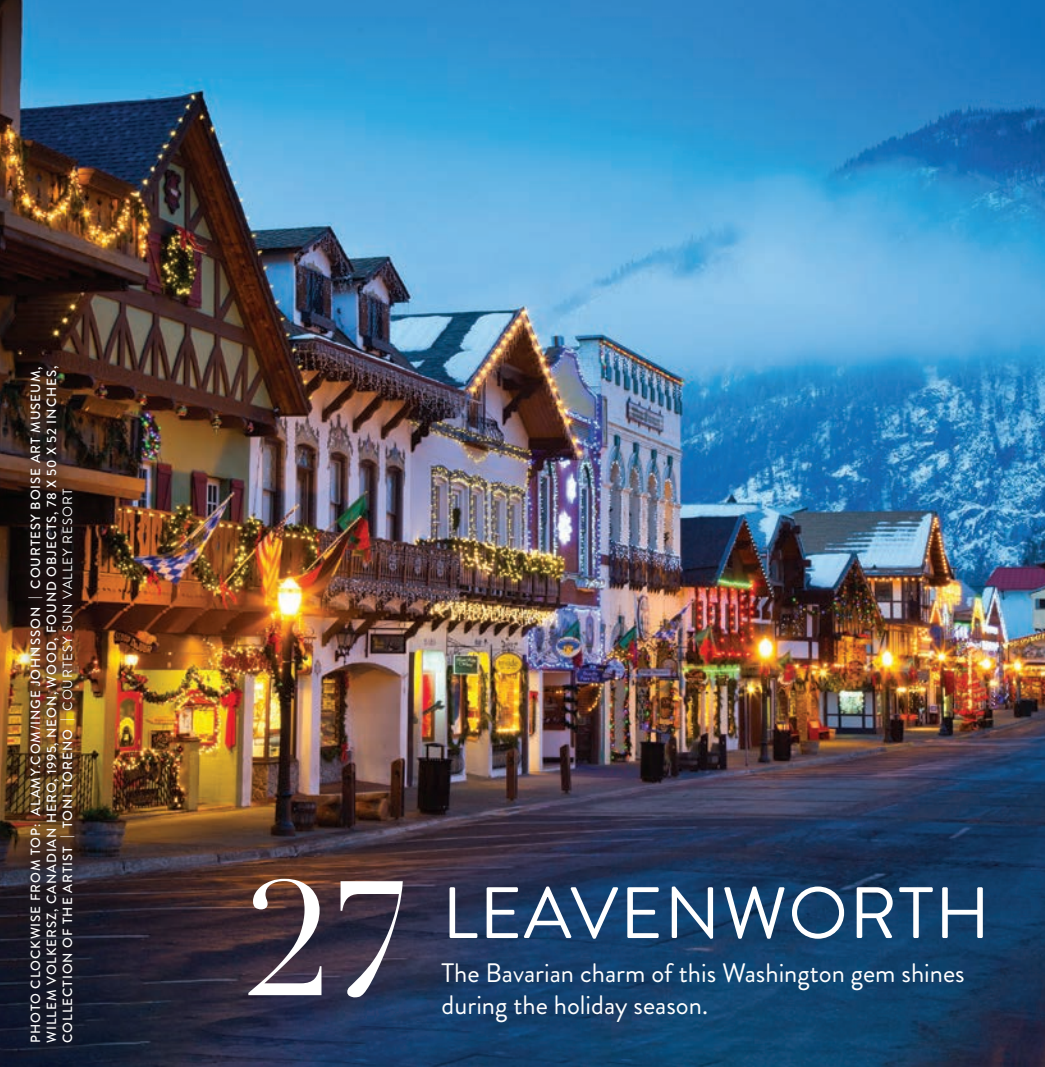


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CULTURE RUNS DEEP IN THE RIVERS AND LANDS OF OREGON'S MT. HOOD TERRITORY

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The **Heritage Trail App** gives visitors the chance to experience the history of more than 25 locations, while also seeing images of how these sites looked in the past. At each stop you'll hear stories about the place and how it made an impact on life in Oregon today. Learn about early logging in the area at the **Sandy Historical Museum** and then head to nearby **Jonsrud Viewpoint** to take a break with an incredible view of the region talked about in the exhibits.



End Of The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

RIDE THROUGH HISTORY

Guests of the **Willamette Shore Trolley** ride a historic 1800s rail line from Lake Oswego to Portland in a vintage trolley, and even get to go through a tunnel built in 1912! The **Canby Ferry** is only one of three remaining ferries on the Willamette River. Until the arrival of the railroad, rivers and ferries were a vital transportation route for the Indigenous people, as well as those who arrived in the Oregon Territory later.



Willamette Shore Trolley

ASK ALEXA

Philip Foster Farm in Eagle Creek offers a glimpse into what daily life was like in the West in the 1800s with living history activities like grinding corn and washing clothes. But that doesn't mean the farm doesn't have 21st century tech to optimize an immersive visitor experience. Guests can ask Alexa for tours and stories from virtual members of the Foster family. Each building has a different "host," who provides a tour and history of the building as well as three related stories that change seasonally.

HEAR FROM OREGON'S FIRST PEOPLE

The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive & Visitor Center in Oregon City is proud to feature a new film in their theater, Oregon's First People. Made in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the video sheds light on how the settling of Oregon affected the Indigenous people of the region and shows how they are working to rebuild their community and homelands today.

STAY ON THE HISTORIC BARLOW ROAD

Now it's your turn to immerse yourself in Mt. Hood history! Last year was the 175th anniversary of the Oregon Trail's famous Barlow Road section that, for many, replaced the perilous float down the Columbia River to finish their months-long journey to Oregon City. Historic cabins are situated along the road. Stay in All Seasons' **Barlow Cabin** which has hosted everyone from Scandinavian royalty to the world's top ski racers, experience authentic cabin life in a **Historic Steiner Log Cabin**, hand-built in 1930 by Oregon's famous cabin builder, Henry Steiner and bookable through Vacasa, or for a bit more luxury the **Mt. Hood Oregon Resort** offers awe inspiring golf, fine Pacific Northwest cuisine and a relaxing spa.

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WATER FUN

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SAFE TRANSPORT

Take the right steps before driving with a tree to provide peace of mind on the road.

SAFE TREE TRANSPORTATION

When planning to get a real Christmas tree, it's important to know the ins and outs of safely transporting it back home. The tools needed before setting out to the tree lot are: nylon ratchet straps or rope, gloves, an old blanket and a proper vehicle—cars with roof racks work best. However, if the car is large enough (an SUV, minivan, CUV or van) but has no roof rack, place the tree inside. Renting a pickup truck is also an option. Otherwise, after picking out a tree that has been wrapped in netting, secure loose branches with twine or rope. Position the tree on the roof of the car on top of the old blanket with the trunk facing the front of the vehicle. Using straps or a rope, fasten the tree at the bottom, middle and top to the car. Using the fixed vehicle tie down points, loop the strap around the trunk and a branch to prevent movement. Make sure to tug at the straps more than once to ensure it's anchored down. When driving home, consider taking back roads to avoid airflow damage from driving at high speeds. Remember to drive slowly.

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Anne McAlpin

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1. First, have your house's heating system serviced before starting up the boiler, furnace or chimney.
2. Check pipes and service them as needed to prevent bursts as cold weather poses a threat to homes in the form of cracking or leaking pipes. Know the location of the main water shut-off valve in case a pipe does freeze, then thaws.
3. Look for cracks and holes around the home in areas such as window sealings to prevent moisture and cold air from entering the home—these openings pose the risk of mold. Taking these precautions can also keep your energy bill low.
4. According to the Insurance Information Institute, the risk of residential fires and carbon monoxide poisoning increase in the winter months. Check these detectors to ensure they are working properly.
5. Clean fallen debris from gutters to lessen the risk of accumulated snowfall and moisture leaking into the house.
6. Trim trees as winter weather can cause dead branches or tree limbs to break off and damage your home or car. They can injure family and guests on your property.
7. Stock up on essential emergency items such as flashlights, a portable radio, batteries, medications, at least three days worth of water and non-perishable food for family and animals. Other items to gather include a can opener, first aid kit, heating fuel and a lighter, plus matches.
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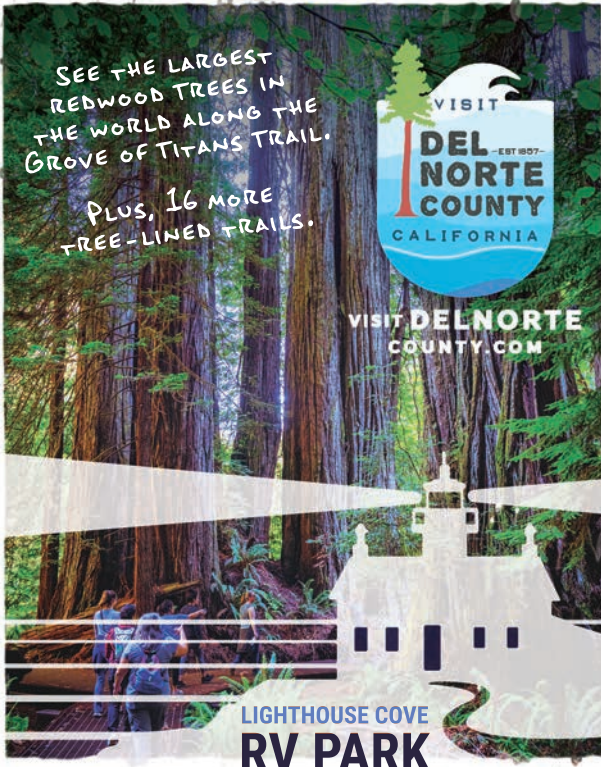


WINTER WONDER

There is an enchanting winter wonderland in Rigby, Idaho, that looks like a scene plucked right from the North Pole. LaBelle Lake Ice Palace structures are all designed and built by the Youngstrum family each year. Pre-made ice logs are used to build the skeleton of the palace before spraying them with water and packing them with snow. Walk through the colorfully lit frozen castle or take a ride down one of its icy slides. More wintertime magic at LaBelle includes horse-drawn sleigh rides, fire shows, sledding hills and reindeer. The handcrafted palace opens sometime in mid-December and closes near the end of February, weather permitting. See labellelakeicepalace.com.


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CULTURE

CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Yachats Celtic Music Festival November 11 to 13 transports attendees from the Oregon Coast to the Irish countryside via traditional melodies, community events and regionally-inspired food. Visitors can listen to Celtic music at the Commons, the festival's home

base for concerts, workshops, céilí dance lessons and whiskey tastings. Try Celtic-inspired foods, such as cottage pie, colcannon and beer cheese soup. This year's festival lineup features critically-acclaimed musicians such as Atlan, Talisk, Poor Man's Gambit and more. See yachatscelticmusicfestival.org.

LITERATURE

READERS AND WRITERS IN PORTLAND

The annual Portland Book Festival takes place November 5 at the Portland Art Museum. Attendees may attend writing workshops, author readings and discussions. Spend a day championing literature and the written word. See literary-arts.org.

NATURE

PEOPLE OF COLOR OUTDOORS

Nonprofit organization People of Color Outdoors was created to provide Black, Indigenous and people of color safe and welcoming ways to enjoy and learn about nature in Oregon. The group has hosted more than 100 events on hiking, bird watching, fishing, biking and rock climbing and more. Activities are a blend of education, history, outdoor skills, networking and outdoor career options. Upcoming events include a birding for beginners outing, a scavenger hunt and a family movie night. See pdxpocoutdoors.com.



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HERITAGE

NORDIC HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Bring out the bunad! The traditional Norwegian folk costume may be seen at Seattle's National Nordic Museum when it hosts its forty-fifth annual Julefest: A Nordic Holiday Celebration on November 19 and 20. For the event, museum grounds are converted into a traditional outdoor Nordic market, similar to those found in villages of Scandinavia. Visitors are invited to shop at more than thirty market booths where local makers showcase artisan goods such as handmade blankets, wool sweaters, and Nordic-inspired jewelry and art. Enjoy traditional holiday dishes such as krumkake, pepparkakor, and lefse plus hot glögg and aebleskiver. Throughout the weekend, there will be live Nordic music by the Winter Band in the Valhalla Beer Hall, and traditional dance performances. Returning family favorites include Santa in the Museum plus kids' crafts to make and take home. See nordicmuseum.org.



NATURE



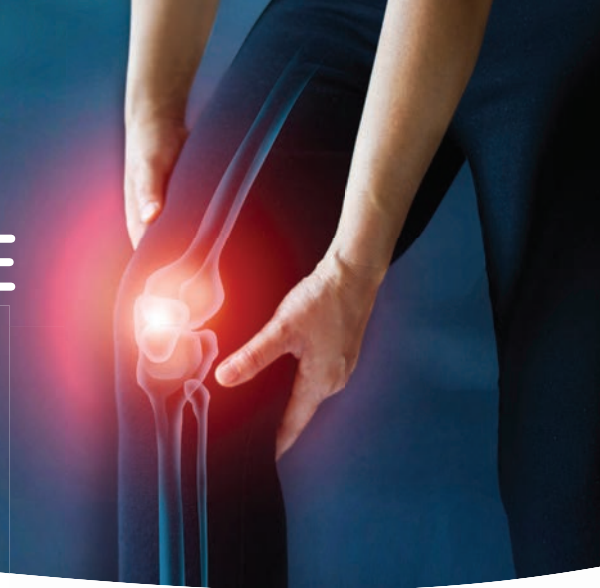
MUSHROOMS OF THE SISKIYOU

The Siskiyou Field Institute hosts field courses and events throughout the year and celebrates the arrival of mushroom harvest season with its Fall Foray on November 13. Hike through the enchanting forest surrounding the Siskiyou Mountains as you learn to identify and forage for edible mushrooms local to the area. Participants will learn new cooking techniques and recipes. Watch for their spring session as well. See siskiyoufieldinstitute.org.

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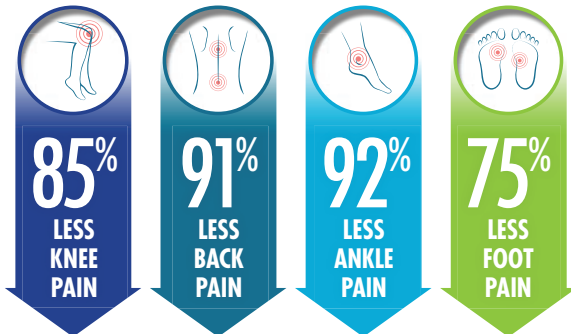
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FESTIVE TRADITION

Bright Holidays



Winter Garden aGlow

FIVE PLACES TO LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAY SEASON

WRITTEN BY DAN SHRYOCK

The holidays are filled with many time-honored traditions. Community celebrations at decked-out public spaces this winter bring back many of the customary trappings people have grown to love and expect from years past. These are the sights and sounds that evoke memories

and rekindle a childlike, wide-eyed wonder. Holiday lighting displays are staged throughout the Pacific Northwest this winter to continue the tradition. Bundle up and see the lights at five events in Oregon and Idaho that help you get into the holiday spirit—let it glow, let it glow, let it glow!

PHOTO CINDY PEARSON

ZooLights

PORTLAND, OREGON

The Oregon Zoo's annual ZooLights—a Portland tradition—features the Oregon Coast and its ocean creatures this year. More than 1.5 million lights of all colors create the shapes of harbor seals, urchins, crabs and other ocean residents. See the show on foot or take a midweek evening ride for a drive-through experience. Dates: Nov. 23 through early January. See oregonzoo.org.



Silverton Christmas Market

SILVERTON, OREGON

Celebrate the season with German flair in charming Silverton, east of Salem. The annual show moved to the Oregon Garden Resort in 2020 after a long tenure at The Oregon Garden's Rediscovery Forest. Now, more than one million lights illuminate walking paths and displays. Walk through glowing tunnels, immersive displays and see a brightly lit castle. A German beer garden, heart-shaped gingerbread cookies, carolers and nutcrackers await. Dates: Nov. 25 through New Year's Day. Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. See silvertonchristmasmarket.com.



Winter Garden aGlow

BOISE, IDAHO

Explore the 26th annual Garden aGlow show at Idaho Botanical Garden in December. More than 10 acres of holiday lights cover the grounds on Boise's east side. Enjoy a stroll, visit the selfie station for a photo memory, listen to holiday music and savor some hot chocolate on a winter evening. More than 100,000 people attend Winter Garden aGlow each year, making this the garden's biggest fundraiser of the year. Dates: Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve. See idahobotanicalgarden.org.





Gardens at Shore Acres State Park.

Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park

COOS BAY, OREGON

An Oregon State Park tradition returns this year when the lights at Shore Acres State Park are switched on once again. The 325-acre park south of Coos Bay is known for its pristine garden overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The grounds transform for the holidays with animated whales, otters, sea stars and more. Free Reservations (available online) are required to avoid traffic congestion on Cape Arago Highway. A \$5 State Park day-use fee applies. Nov. 24 through New Year's Eve. See stateparks.oregon.gov.



Lights and motion at Lewiston's Winter Spirit celebration.

Winter Spirit

LEWISTON, IDAHO

Gather in Lewiston's Locomotive Park for a celebration among the trees. Enter through a tunnel of illumination and discover the Musical Tree, a dance floor that gleams with each step and a 6- by 10-foot fireplace that warms the body and the heart. More than 700,000 LED lights conjure dancing animals and much more. There's hot chocolate, too. Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. See winterspirit.com.

PLAN A TRIP

Please check road conditions before departing on your road trip at tripcheck.com for Oregon and 511.idaho.gov for Idaho.

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ALPINE *Wonderland*

BAVARIAN CHARM IN LEAVENWORTH, WASHINGTON

WRITTEN BY JENNIFER BURNS BRIGHT

With a backdrop of snowy mountains and the rushing Wenatchee River, Leavenworth, located about 120 miles east of Seattle along a winding road through the Cascades foothills, promises festive winter vistas. During the holiday season, the town decks its halls—and trees and hedges and inns and shops—with more than a half a million lights that twinkle nightly. Revelers warmed by mulled wine wander the pedestrian-only blocks in a downtown with architecture that looks more like that of a German alpine village than what is typically found in the Pacific Northwest, let alone in central Washington state. If it seems it's been designed that way, that would be correct: in the 1960s, an ingenious marketing strategy rebranded

the sleepy former mill town as a Bavarian village. Today, Leavenworth has traded in lumber for gingerbread treats, nutcrackers and ski gear.

Sights

The **Village of Lights** display happens nightly from Thanksgiving to February. Listen for carolers and alphorns—the long wood musical instruments used traditionally by Alpine herdsmen—among many concerts in **Front Street Park's** gazebo. After browsing thousands of historic and whimsical nutcrackers at the **Nutcracker Museum**, check out the town's pre-Bavarian history at the **Greater Leavenworth Museum**.

TOP LEFT
Alphorns sound off during concerts along Front Street.

ABOVE
Access miles of snowy trails by snowmobile.

RIGHT
Downtown Leavenworth's Village of Lights display takes place nightly.

Eats

The Bavarian theme continues through food. **Ludwig's** restaurant serves up authentic German and Hungarian homestyle cuisine, polka and imported beer. Their roasted pork shank called "Schweinschax'n," can be seen slowly turning in their streetside rotisserie window. Known for their breakfasts and outdoor seating warmed by mobile fire pits, **Argonaut Coffee and Biscuits** serves breakfast sandwiches on homemade buttermilk biscuits on the eastern edge of town. On the west side, **Bavarian Bakery** is a local favorite for German-style soft pretzels—perfectly crisped and salted—German rye bread, and apple strudel stuffed with chunks of fruit.

Shops

Go early on a weekday if you want to enjoy quiet browsing downtown during the holidays. **Der Sportsmann** offers outdoor gear, including snowshoes and ski rental. For upscale clothing, visit **Pine Hill Mercantile**, part of the **Leavenworth Boutique's** Front Street quartet of shops. Stop by **A Book for All Seasons** to pick up a novel for quiet nights by the fire or a guide to nearby hiking.



Outdoors

Downtown, horse-drawn carriages for hire jingle along the streets and kids shout merrily as they sled down the hill in Front Street Park. Find hours of family fun on nordic skis or snowshoes along the riverbanks of **Icicle River Trail** south of town or at **Waterfront Park** a few blocks downhill from Front Street. **Leavenworth Winter Sports Club's Ski Hill** promises snow fun for all ages and interests: Try tubing down the 100-foot hill (rentals from the club include a rope tow and tube), or illuminated night skiing on more than 3 miles of groomed trails. To plow through backcountry powder on a snowmobile, try a guided day or night tour with **Leavenworth Snowmobile Rentals**.

Sleeps

For a Wenatchee River view and an outdoor hot tub at a family-friendly price, try **Alpine Rivers Inn**, just a short drive from downtown. The **Linderhof Inn** provides breakfast, comfy beds and an easy walk to the heart of Front Street. **Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort** offers rustic luxury in guest rooms and cabins with a full-service spa (and art walk) on the banks of Icicle Creek about four miles south of downtown. The wellness amenities and river views at the adult-only, European-style resort **Posthotel** may make you forget you're just steps away from Leavenworth's holiday festivities. Rejuvenate in multiple saunas, steam rooms, hydrotherapy pools and an all-seasons saltwater swimming pool. ♻️



FAR LEFT
The Posthotel offers a European spa experience.

ABOVE
Personalities are on display at the Nutcracker Museum.

LEFT
Bavarian Bakery's German-style salted pretzels.



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Art with a View

A VISIT TO THE
GETTY CENTER IS TO
BE SURROUNDED
BY BEAUTY

WRITTEN BY KIM COOPER FINDLING

The Central Garden was designed by California artist Robert Irwin and is a key feature of a visitor's experience to the Getty Center.

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The Getty Center complex.

At the Getty Center in Los Angeles, everything is beautiful. Not just the works of art: one expects this world-class collection of paintings, sculptures and photographs to be beautiful—and they are—but everything else at the Getty exudes beauty, too. From the precisely planned architecture, to the Italian travertine embedded with leaf fossils used to build it; from the curvilinear fountain in the center courtyard that catches the light and changes over the course of the day, to the archways and patios that take in views of the surrounding hills at every twist and turn of this massive complex on a hill in Brentwood.

My daughters and I arrived at the Getty Center by rideshare on a quintessentially perfect Southern California day. Both of my teens are artistic creatures, and my intent was to expose them to works of art on a scale and of a caliber they had not previously encountered. I had been to the Getty before, and this time the pleasure of the trip would be the richness of seeing the world through their eyes.

They were already wide-eyed at the sculpture garden, a series of oversized modern artworks set in a manicured garden at the tram station at the base of the Getty hill. Getty visitors board a tram that climbs the hillside in a slow, snaking path, and disembark to climb an expansive stairway to the Getty Center itself—more than 1 million square feet of exhibit and research space. Oil magnate J. Paul Getty long had a vision to create a museum to house



The Getty Center's collection of Greco-Roman sculptures.

his art collection. The Getty opened at a cost of \$733 million in 1997, more than twenty years after his death. Getty's endowment has meant ongoing excellence as an institution and free admission to both the Getty Center, and its partner, the Getty Villa.

Architect Richard Meier crafted multiple buildings connected by pathways and bridges. Every design element is elaborate, nothing is without purpose, even if that purpose is simply to awe the observer. As we wandered, we spilled from a gallery full of wondrous paintings onto a terrace overlooking a flowering garden or to a promontory with a view of Hollywood in the distance. The beauty of the surroundings permeated the experience.

The J. Paul Getty Museum houses some major works of art, and the temptation can be to seek each out as if



Gallery of art at the
J. Paul Getty Museum.

working down a checklist: Van Gogh’s “Irises.” Cezanne’s “Still Life with Apples.” Manet’s “Jeanne (Spring).” We did this, to be sure, but I was glad we’d saved time for the surprises. The Getty Museum offers changing exhibits that are truly imaginative and cutting edge. To complement an exhibit on the French painter Nicolas Poussin, who so beautifully captured a sense of movement in his paintings, a team of professional dancers had been commissioned to choreograph and perform a dance, which was shared in a film that played on a large wall in the exhibit hall.

Most striking was evidence of “In Dialogue,” an ongoing series of temporary installations in the museum’s permanent collection galleries. The genius of this program is to insert a contemporary photograph into a gallery of European paintings, created before 1900. We wandered into a gallery of two-to-three-hundred-year-old classic oil paintings and encountered a bright and colorful photograph of an African American woman in a hip 1970s scene. The contrast, the curators informed us, is meant to invite a conversation, to provide an unexpected juxtaposition to elicit diverse perspectives across different art forms and cultures.

Over the course of the day, I watched my daughters take in this scene and others, all instances of the restorative power of experiencing beauty all around at one of the most famous and prestigious art museums in the world.

This Season at the Getty Center

Visit the Getty Center in November and December to see new installations and exhibits that continue or are making debuts. “Reinventing the Americas: Construct. Erase. Repeat” analyzes how the Americas are represented through different mediums of artwork. Also open through the winter is a display of “Eighteenth-Century Pastels” that explores their popularity in Europe during that century.

Three new exhibitions opened for viewing in October including “Dutch Drawings from a Collector’s Cabinet,” which displays thirty new-to-the-collection drawings, “Visualizing the Virgin Mary,” a deep look at manuscripts and imagery of this Christian figure, and “Códice Maya de México,” a look at the oldest book known to the Americas. These exhibits are available through mid-January, 2023.

Then, watch for the newest installation beginning November 15. “Peripheral Vision” is a documentation of time by Uta Barth who uses light and illumination on different surfaces to explore the differences in perception between a camera and the human eye. The Getty Center commissioned a multi-work project from Barth for this exhibit, which will be displayed among other works of her career. See getty.edu.



Willem Volkersz, "Follow Your Bliss," 1994/2015, neon, paint, wood, found objects, 103 x 133 x 47½ inches. Collection of the artist at the Boise Art Museum.



Children's interactive art area at the Art Museum of Eastern Idaho.



"Sits With The Stars," from the series "Thunder Up Above" by artist Wendy Red Star. Portland Art Museum.

REGIONAL GALLERIES TO EXPLORE:

Boise Art Museum

BOISE, IDAHO

The first brick and mortar Boise Gallery of Art was constructed in Julia Davis Park in 1937 as a true community collaboration, with fundraising by the Boise Art Association, labor provided by the Works Progress Administration, and land provided by the City of Boise Department of Parks and Recreation. A vital part of the cultural community of Boise, the Boise Art Museum, with the ongoing exhibit "Outside the Lines," encourages engagement with art and explores the ways in which artists employ the elements of art and principles of design to convey mood, provoke emotional responses and communicate with viewers. It features the art of Andy Warhol and Fay Jones. Through January 8, 2023, see "The View from Here," featuring the work of Montana-based artist Willem Volkersz, known for his neon and paint-by-number installations. See boiseartmuseum.org

Art Museum of Eastern Idaho

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

Opened in 2002 on the greenbelt walkway overlooking the Snake River in Idaho Falls, and still the only art museum in eastern Idaho, the Art Museum of Eastern Idaho showcases rotating art exhibits and is home to five galleries, a children's interactive art learning area and an art classroom/workshop. The museum features works by Idaho artists; each year, a statewide juried competition and exhibition celebrates the diverse interpretive vision of Idaho artists from across the state. Free admission days are the first Saturday of the month. See theartmuseum.org

Portland Art Museum

PORTLAND, OREGON

The oldest art museum in the Pacific Northwest, the Portland Art Museum was founded in 1892 with a first collection of one hundred plaster casts of Greek and Roman sculptures. Today the museum is housed in two buildings on the park blocks in downtown Portland, with a collection consisting of some 42,000 objects from sculptures to paintings to much more. Tours held Thursdays through Sundays are a great way to learn more about the vast collection of American, Asian and European art on display. Don't miss the

TOP LEFT “Saint George Slaying Dragon,” tempera on wood panel, Russia. Artist unknown.

TOP RIGHT “Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God (Theotokos),” oil on panel, Russia. Artist unknown.

BOTTOM “Pans,” by Oliver L. Barrett. Prince Lucien Campbell Memorial Courtyard.

All three found at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art.



museum’s large collection of Pacific Northwest Native American art, both historic and contemporary. See portlandartmuseum.org.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art

EUGENE, OREGON

Prince Lucien Campbell, president of the University of Oregon from 1902 to 1925, believed that a university should be a center for culture for the region it serves. Collector Gertrude Bass Warner donated more than 3,700 works of art to the university. Ellis F. Lawrence, UO dean of Architecture & Allied Arts at the time, designed a building on campus, and the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art opened to the public in 1933. The institution’s long tradition of bridging international cultures stems from its extensive holdings of Chinese, Japanese, Korean and American art. Through March 19, 2023, see “After Life: The Saints of Russian and Greek Orthodoxy,” featuring icons, manuscript pages and other pre-modern Christian objects. See jsma.uoregon.edu.

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Simple ways to enrich a journey
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WRITTEN BY MELISSA HART



My husband and I had been paddling the Siltcoos River Canoe Trail in Oregon without incident for a decade until the day we took our child and our terrier along in our kayaks. We glided past spruce and sand dunes toward the ocean, where seals bobbed in the water and osprey sailed over our heads—until a storm blew in. Then, we fought the wind. My kayak tipped sideways into the river. The child shivered. The terrier fell in. Finally, we got everyone back into the boats and began the long, cold paddle back to the car. The dog and the kid huddled together miserably, and my husband battled the wind with gritted teeth as he paddled back. At the end of the day, I thought, “We’re never going to forget this adventure.”

There are many ways to enrich a vacation experience, both during your journey and afterward, to ensure lasting memories—no disaster required. Perhaps it’s finding a local guide to help you delve more deeply into the culture of a particular setting. Or consider volunteering while you’re on vacation—a few hours spent supporting a local cause can introduce you to a community’s residents and immerse you in a region’s flora and fauna. Purchase local art from each place you visit or create memorable dining experiences whether at a five-star restaurant or a neighborhood food truck. We spoke to several travel experts about how they create vacation memories to last a lifetime.

SEEK OUT LOCAL EXPERIENCES

Camas, Washington, travel writer Cheryl Landes searches out tours led by local guides, especially factory tours which give her insight into local industry and people. For example, she toured The Phoenix [baseball] Bat Factory in Plain City, Ohio. “I was fascinated by how much detail goes into designing bats for performance and endurance,” she said of the bat factory, which she reviews on her travel blog, “Tabby Cat’s Pawprints.” There, she



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Memories of travel evoke feelings of being high above Buyan Lake. Bali, Indonesia.

also posted photos of baseball bats in various stages of completion at the factory. “For those who are fascinated about how things are made, factory tours are great stops to add to the itinerary,” she said.

Landes also looks for volunteer opportunities if she’s going to be in one place for several days. Recently, she spent a morning volunteering at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah, where she played with adoptable kitties in the sanctuary’s giant cat room.

Ray Williams, director of Black Farmers Collective in Seattle, agreed that volunteering while on vacation is a terrific way to meet locals and get insider information on a place. The Black Farmers Collective runs Yes Farm, a 1.5-acre space along I-5; visitors can volunteer on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers at the farm feel like part of a larger movement, he said, and if you visit with family or friends, you’ll have a shared experience to look back on. “Volunteering gives you a connection to a place and its people that just walking through does not,” he added. “My travels and the experience of volunteering at urban farms gave me a vision of what we might build in Seattle,” Williams explained. Yes Farm emerged from his experiences. “You might even get some inspiration for an activity or project back home,” he said.

SHARE ADVENTURES WITH OLD FRIENDS AND NEW

Doreen Loofburrow, senior vice president of travel & operations at AAA in Portland, Oregon, agrees that

taking a trip with friends or family members provides common memories of an experience—stories that enrich relationships. “I traveled with a group of six friends a decade ago to Greece, and to this day, when we get together, we relive all of the best memories of that trip,” she said. Loofburrow also enjoys meeting people when she travels. “Connect with locals by doing some activity that you wouldn’t normally do,” she suggested. “Take a cooking or painting class and enjoy that shared experience of learning something new with interesting people.” Your hotel concierge, she said, can offer recommendations for classes, plus send you to locally-owned restaurants and boutiques.

SOUVENIRS

Loofburrow also likes to purchase art from street vendors or music that reminds her of a particular country. “If I make a special dinner at home, I’ll play that music,” she said. Fragrance, she adds, can evoke powerful memories. Once, she and her husband visited Rome and stayed in a hotel covered with blooming star jasmine. “It’s very fragrant,” she explained. “We came home and planted star jasmine in our yard. Every time we smell it, we think of our time in Rome.” Loofburrow suggested that those who enjoy shopping find a category that appeals to them and purchase a locally-crafted item in every place they visit. “I know people who buy a holiday ornament everywhere they go,” she said. “Every year, they display these ornaments and remember all the trips they’ve taken.”

FOOD MEMORIES

Kristin Fintel, owner of Chehalem Ridge Bed & Breakfast in Newberg, Oregon, suggests making reservations for a memorable meal in a restaurant favored by locals. “We have wonderful food trucks in our town or in neighboring Portland that can make a fun adventure, as well,” she noted.

In a region known for wineries, she recommends owner-led barrel tastings or tours during which visitors learn about biodynamic vineyard practices. Getting tips from locals is key to making memories of successful trips, she added. “You can Google ‘day trips’ and find basic information about the Columbia Gorge area, but I can tell you about [how to get] the permit—the only way to access popular areas of the Historic Columbia River Gorge Highway, including the amazing waterfalls,” she explained. “If a visitor didn’t have this knowledge, they’d get all the way there and then be turned away—not the memory they’re going for.”

USE PHOTOS AND WORDS TO SPARK MEMORIES

To ensure and embed the details of a journey, make sure to spend a few moments each day documenting your vacation. Landes takes photos and makes notes on her phone, then writes microblogs about her adventures on Facebook. When she’s ready to draft

a full blog post, she has already written about the highlights of her trip.

Loofburrow writes down one highlight from each day while she’s on vacation and takes snapshots with her phone. “Museum tickets from around the world can be beautiful souvenirs, so use your phone to take a quick picture of them, or take a picture of a menu when you dine out,” she said. “When you get home, combine these with other photos and make a digital book or calendar.”

Regardless of where and how you vacation, remember to enjoy the moment, document the details and smile in the midst of mishap. The best advice: Should disaster strike and you find yourself paddling a kayak against the wind in soaked clothing—with a chilly child and a river-drenched terrier—learn to laugh. This, too, is the stuff of which great travel memories are made. 🌿

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A Tokyo outdoor market at dusk, as seen and photographed by Toni Toreno.

TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS FROM A PRO

It's 4:15 p.m. in Tokyo. Outdoor markets begin to close down as the sky turns from blue to pink. The cityscape is subtly illuminated as day seeps into night, establishing a false sense of calm among the bustling city. Sensory memories like this are often evoked as I flip through images from my travels, placing me in that moment, and longing to go back. Travel photos are some of the best souvenirs. Memorialize your travels through photography with a few tips:

1. PLAN YOUR TRIP:

Research “Best Photo Spots” and “Hidden Hotspots” online for your destination, then pin top choices on a Google map or mark them on a paper map. If you plan on bringing a camera with removable lenses, my favorite travel lens is the 24mm-70mm f/2.8. It's a great all-around lens to capture natural vistas, cityscapes and everything in between. I would encourage a wide-angle lens (16mm-35mm) for landscapes, and/or a zoom lens (70mm-200mm) for detailed shots. Want to travel super light? Smart phones take great photos, too.

2. TIMING PHOTOS:

It's no secret that sunset and sunrise are the best times to take photos,

but for photography during the day, try to position the sun behind you to light up the subject without harsh shadows...or in front for sunbursts. When photographing people, place the sun behind them or place them in the shade, to get balanced light. For night photography, use a tripod to shoot long exposures.

3. SUBJECT MATTER:

Don't be afraid to take all the pictures. Start by shooting the whole scene, then take detailed shots of what makes the place special to you. Observe all four corners of your photos on the display to assure everything pictured is what you want to include. Use the rule of thirds to move your subject off center, and

to the upper or lower third of the frame instead by moving the camera or your position. Interact with locals, especially when traveling abroad. Ask to take their picture if you feel comfortable, or ask them where to explore next.

4. POST TRAVEL:

Want to relive your adventures once you're back? Print a photobook. Mixbook is one of my favorite photo book sites, with an easy-to-use platform, a plethora of layouts and easy app. Simple and affordable, Chatbooks makes the best mini photobooks.

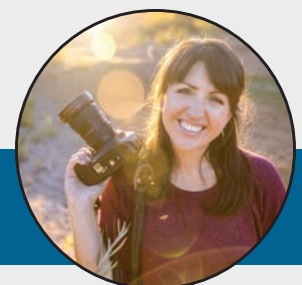


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The Alps OF AMERICA

Sun Valley offers stars and adventure

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Sun Valley is where it all began. As the first destination ski resort in the United States, Sun Valley brought glamour to skiing in America. It is where skiing learned to ski—the world’s very first chairlift was invented here in 1936, and you can still see remnants of it on Proctor Mountain. Today, the resort boasts nine quad chairlifts, three triples, two doubles and one gondola accessing 121 runs and more than 2,400 acres of skiable terrain, plus the largest automated fleet of snow-making machines in the U.S.

At 9,150 feet, Bald Mountain (called “Baldy” by locals), offers a 3,400-foot vertical drop and plenty of options for powder runs in the trees or bowls, groomed trails and runs for every skill level. There is Dollar Mountain’s terrain park, and endless backcountry access in the surrounding Boulder, Sawtooth, Pioneer and Smoky mountains that have earned the area the title “The Alps of America.”

The moniker was not accidental. Sun Valley was founded after Union Pacific Railroad Chairman W. Averell Harriman hired Austrian-born skier Count Felix Schaffgotsch to travel the Rocky Mountain West to find a spot that would be worthy of a first-class ski resort to rival the storied resorts of Europe (think Kitzbühel and St. Moritz). The Count visited Utah, Colorado, Washington, Jackson Hole, Wyoming and many other mountainous regions before discovering Idaho.

Within three days of arriving in the sleepy mining town of Ketchum, the Count wired Harriman to explain: “Among the many attractive spots I have visited, this combines the more delightful features of any place I have seen in the United States, Switzerland or Austria for a winter ski resort.”

Harriman visited and the rest is history. In less than a year, the luxurious four-story Sun Valley Resort was completed and the doors opened in December 1936 to international publicity.

After being dreamed up by Harriman’s public relations man, Steve Hannagan—a well-known publicist most famous for turning Miami Beach from a sand dune into a ritzy and sexy celebrity hot spot—Sun Valley was on the map.



SEE THE STARS

Hannagan coined the name “Sun Valley,” marketed it with the image of a shirtless skier and the slogan “enjoy winter sports under a summer sun,” and celebrities flocked to the obscure mountain town in the 1930s and 1940s to see the grand dame of ski resorts. Harriman’s Union Pacific train made it easy with the “Snowball Special”—a direct ride from Los Angeles to Ketchum with a mail car converted into a dance floor and bar cars on both sides. The Snowball Special delivered Gary Cooper, Ingrid Bergman, Errol Flynn, Lucille Ball and Marilyn Monroe. Ernest Hemingway and Clark Gable were regulars. Other celebrities that have frequented the slopes include Clint Eastwood, Tom Hanks, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis, Bruce Springsteen, Jamie Lee Curtis, Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.



It isn't just the Hollywood stars that make Sun Valley famous. Its 1,416-square-mile Dark Sky Reserve is also reason to celebrate. It is America's first gold-tier International Dark Sky Reserve—recognition for limits of light pollution and the resulting pristine night sky—and the third largest worldwide. There is nothing quite like experiencing the glittering expanse of the Milky Way while wrapped beneath cozy blankets in the back of a horse-drawn sleigh. Sun Valley Resort operates dinner sleigh rides to the historic Trail Creek Cabin during the winter months for a romantic dining option.

Galena Lodge, a historic cabin built from the remnants of a once-booming mining town north of Ketchum, also offers Full Moon Dinners each month where diners can enjoy a snowshoe or nordic ski before or after dinner in the quiet of the Boulder Mountains. For the ultimate experience, book one of the four mountain yurts to stay closer to the outdoors after your meal.

For a bird's eye view of the night sky, ride the gondola (or for the more adventurous, hike or ski up by your own power) to The Roundhouse for dinner. Perched at an elevation of 7,700 feet on Bald Mountain,

The Roundhouse is a historic railroad roundhouse (reassembled on Baldy in 1939) with stunning views of the night sky and surrounding mountains, matched by elegant white linen table service. The restaurant also serves an incredible mid-mountain lunch and some of the best cheese fondue in town.

EXPLORE THE MOUNTAINS

Sun Valley also lays claim to the first helicopter skiing operation in the lower forty-eight states. Founded in 1966 by U.S. Olympic Alpine team member, U.S. Ski Hall of Fame member and owner of Sun Valley Resort from 1964 until 1977, Bill Janss, Sun Valley Heli Ski still operates today with access to more than 750,000 square acres of terrain for intermediate and expert skiers—making it the largest heli-terrain available in the contiguous U.S. Enjoy 1,500 to 3,000 feet of pristine Idaho powder in small groups, as well as access to the only fly-in heli lodge in the Northwest.

Want something a little closer to the ground? Enjoy the thrill of snowmobiling in the raw wilderness north of Sun Valley based from Smiley Creek Lodge, which is



OPPOSITE PAGE Left to right: Bobbe Bennett, Edmund Bennett, Alvin McCoy and Nelson Bennett. Nelson served as manager of the Sun Valley ski resort when it was a haven for many Hollywood stars.

TOP The Roundhouse Restaurant is a historic railroad roundhouse perched at an elevation of 7,700 feet on Bald Mountain, with stunning views of the night sky and surrounding mountains.

BELOW The annual Dollar Torchlight Parade and Fireworks Show is held Christmas Eve.



BELOW Visit the ice skating rink at Sun Valley Lodge.

RIGHT Nordic trails extend from Galena Lodge.



just thirty-five miles north, on the other side of Galena Summit. Originally built as a sawmill in the 1950s, the lodge now provides accommodations and a rustic restaurant, along with a general store, a gas pump and snowmobile rentals and guide services. The lodge is now owned by a team headed up by local brother duo Reggie and Zach Crist, both former U.S. Ski Team members and X-Games athletes. They have assembled a team of trained guides who are ready to provide a safe, guided experience in the surrounding mountains.

FOLLOW A TRACK

If you want something more tame, head to the snowshoe or ski trails around Galena Lodge. They consist of more than 50 kilometers of immaculately groomed Nordic trails for both skate and classic skiing, and more than 25 kilometers of snowshoe trails through forests, meadows and beneath 11,000-foot peaks.

Or, enjoy a few laps around one of the area's ice rinks. There are three to choose from—the outdoor rink beside the Sun Valley Lodge has hosted Olympic skaters for the famous summer ice shows and rents skates. Nearby, Ketchum Parks and Recreation built and maintains one of the largest non-refrigerated ice rinks in the Northwest,



and it's free for all to participate. The town of Hailey also hosts a non-refrigerated outdoor rink at the rodeo grounds, as well as the ice sheet at Hailey Ice, which hosts public skates. This is the site of the popular and lively Sun Valley Suns hockey team (a group of high-level players from Europe and North America who play in the Black Diamond Hockey League). Their weekend-night home games are not to be missed if you want to feel like a true local. 🍷

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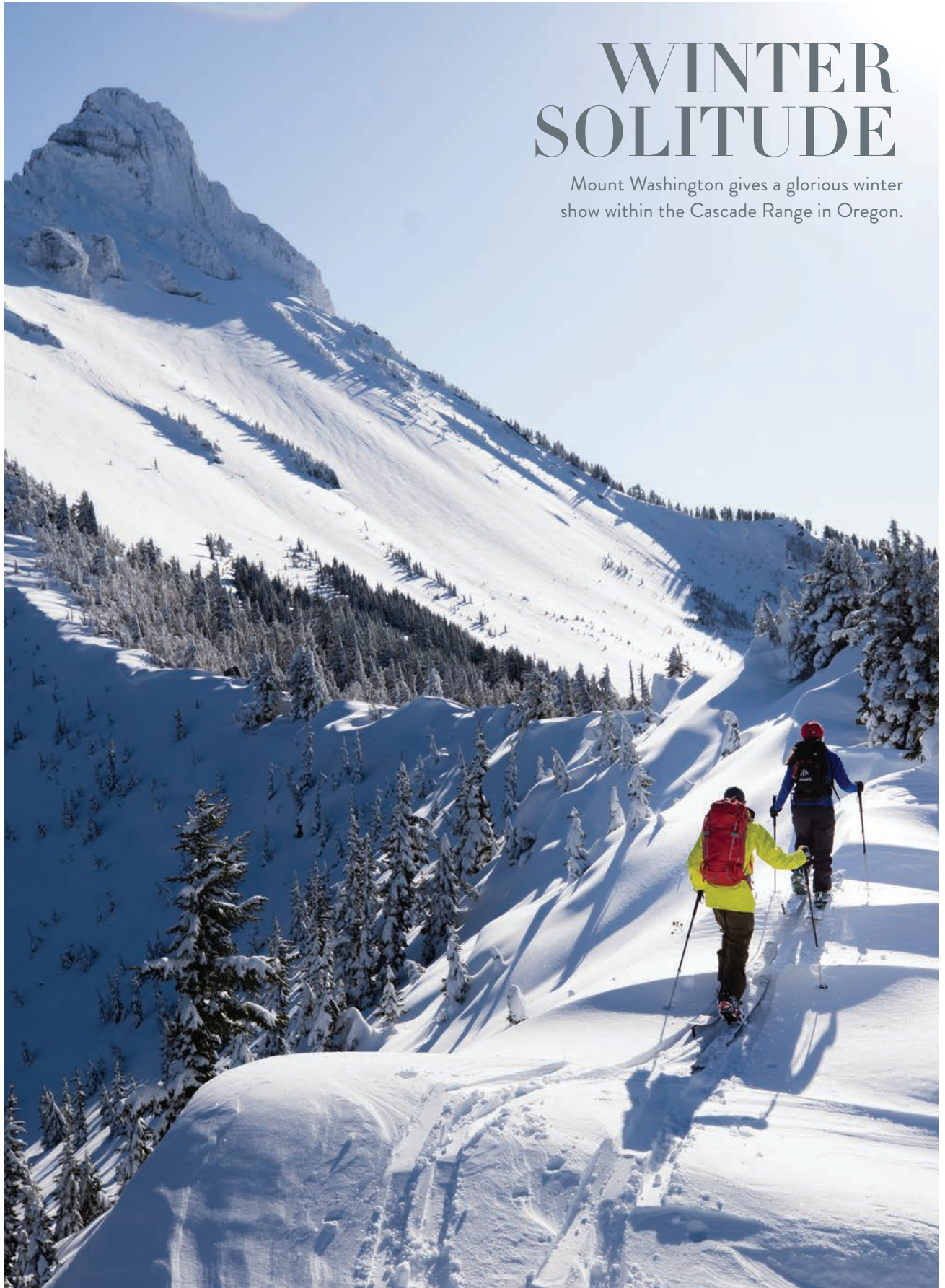


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