

2023 KALISPELL, MT SUMMER ITINERARY



Day 1 – The Heart of Kalispell

Downtown History Tour

Look into the past at one of our museums – or visit all three if time allows – and learn about Kalispell's unique history. Visit the Conrad Mansion Museum, home of Kalispell's founder, Charles E. Conrad and his family, on a docent-led tour. Explore the valley's arts and culture scene at the Hockaday Museum of Art and soak up regional history at the Northwest Montana History Museum, located in the first school in Kalispell. Discover Kalispell is here to provide the resources to customize your historical tour.

Shop Kalispell

Enjoy free time shopping in downtown boutiques, shops and stores that offer a mix of locally made products, as well as antiques, cowboy hats, jewelry, clothing, soaps and more. Be sure to swing into Montana Coffee Traders or Ceres Bakery for an afternoon pick-me-up. While shopping, make sure to visit The Togger, Western Outdoor, Sage and Cedar, Honey Home and Design and Sassafras.

Western-Themed Evening Entertainment Ideas

Experience a chuckwagon dinner with all the trimmings. With hundreds of acres of timberland and trails for horseback riding and hiking, Artemis Acres provides a western experience that you are sure to remember.

Guests can enjoy a tractor-pulled wagon – or for more adventurous types, a horseback ride – that leads to a gorgeous field with a campfire, cowboy entertainment and a western meal. If you are lucky, you might even have a horse come over to check out what you're having for dinner.

Every Thursday in the summer, Brash Rodeo celebrates Montana's cowboy culture. Events include bull riding, saddle bronc, team roping, barrel racing and more. Enjoy a summer evening with Western Montana's longest-running rodeo in nearby Columbia Falls behind the world-famous Blue Moon.



Day 1 – Group Details

<i>Conrad Mansion Museum</i>	_____	406.755.2166
<i>Northwest Montana History Museum</i>	____	406.756.8381
<i>Hockaday Museum of Art</i>	_____	406.755.5268
<i>Artemis Acres</i>	_____	406.755.3723
<i>Brash Rodeo</i>	_____	406.250.5110



Day 2 – Glacier National Park

Tour options are plentiful in Glacier National Park. The key to an incredible experience: reserve your group reservations early.

Take a Sun Tour or Red Bus Tour

Climb aboard a historic red bus with the driver as your personal guide and set out on an interpretive tour through the Crown of the Continent. The iconic canvas-top tour buses were introduced in the 1930s and have since been restored as a gift from the Ford Motor Company. Back in the 30s, the drivers had to jam the gears to get the reds to climb the hills, earning them the nickname of “jammers.” While the technology is a little more sophisticated these days a red bus tour is a fantastic way to take in the sights and sounds of the park. Plus, they offer a variety of routes that can accommodate flexible timing.

For a different perspective, Sun Tours provides a glimpse into the park from the perspective of the Blackfeet Tribe through interpretive tours in the Backbone of the World, including the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Take a Boat Ride on Historic Wooden Boats

Grab a seat aboard the DeSmet, a beautiful wooden boat on Lake McDonald. Cruise the pristine waters and listen to the captain or one of the park rangers provide commentary on the scenic tour. Glacier Park Boat Company offers several boat tours at various lakes in the park throughout the day.

Evening Entertainment in Glacier National Park

If you are spending a full day in the park, don't miss the Native American Speaks program. Listen to members from the Blackfeet, Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille tribes share rich history and culture through singing, storytelling, presentations and hands-on learning. Some evenings ranger-led presentations are available and give attendees the chance to learn about various aspects of the park, from history to wildlife and everything in between. Most of the programs are free of charge, while some cultural presentations have a cost.



Day 2 – Group Details

<i>Going-to-the-Sun Road + National Park Service</i>	_____	406.888.7800
<i>Red Bus Tours</i>	_____	855.733.4522
<i>Sun Tours</i>	_____	406.732.9220
<i>Glacier Park Boat Company</i>	_____	406.257.2426
<i>Native American Speaks</i>	_____	406.888-7800



Day 3 - From the Fields to the Stage

Lavender Tour

Learn the benefits of lavender as you tour the Longview Lavender Farm and enjoy the lush landscapes that surround it. Pick your own lavender or peruse the store where you can find everything from live plants to lavender-themed goodies.

Far West Cruise on Flathead Lake

Enjoy the views from this double decker platform and take in the Montana landscapes in every direction. This two-hour cruise will be relaxing, educational and fun. Choose an afternoon cruise, every day at 1 p.m. or an evening cruise Sunday – Wednesday at 7 p.m. Private charters are available.

Star-Studded Evening Entertainment

Enjoy a live performance at the Bigfork Summer Playhouse and take in Broadway-caliber talent from across the country as they deliver the finest live professional theater performances in the Northwest. The newest and largest venue in Kalispell is Wachholz College Center, located on the Flathead Valley Community College campus. The venue hosts a variety of performances in all genres of music, theater, film and dance, while also serving as the home to Glacier Symphony.



Day 3 – Group Details

Longview Lavender Farm _____ 406.270.5591

Far West Boat Tours _____ 406.646.2650

Bigfork Summer Playhouse _____ 406.837.4886

Wachholz College Center _____ 406.756.1400





Kalispell Dining Options

Lunch Options (grab-n-go)

<i>Bonnellis Bistro</i>	406.257.8669
<i>Montana Coffee Traders</i>	406.756.2326
<i>Dan D'Lion</i>	406.387.9891
<i>Firehouse Subs</i>	406.752.7427
<i>Sacred Eats</i>	406.257.1992

Group Restaurant/Dining Suggestions – Advance Reservations Required)

<i>Brannigans Irish Pub</i>	406.393.2418
<i>SunRift Beer Company Restaurant</i>	406.309.2627
<i>The House of S&M (private dinners only)</i>	406.309.5541
<i>Waters Edge Winery & Bistro</i>	406.314.4193
<i>Sacred Waters Brewing Company</i>	406.257.1992
<i>Dusty Star Saloon and Smokehouse</i>	406.257.8188

Catering

<i>DeSoto Grill</i>	406.314.6095
<i>Cup O' Soul/Farm to Table Ice Cream</i>	406.261.2713
<i>D&T BBQ</i>	406.314.6095
<i>Bonelli's Bistro</i>	406.257.8669

Restaurant Options for Dinner – Groups of 8 or less

<i>Hops</i>	406.755.7687
<i>KM Bar</i>	406.300.0808
<i>Mercantile Steak House</i>	406.300.0808
<i>Tamarack Brewing Company</i>	406.844.0244
<i>Casa Mexico</i>	406.752.6800
<i>Big Mountain Ciderworks</i>	888.755.2337