

*Meeting & Special Event
Planning Guide*

Montana's
Flathead Valley



Meet in Montana, Leave with a Memory

Meetings come with a view in Montana's Flathead Valley

Conference and meeting facilities range from secluded mountain retreats to full-scale convention hotels, all located within a few minutes of Montana's great outdoors. To complement the spectacular scenery, meeting planners will find a wide range of convention services to help make every meeting productive as well as memorable.

Destination Weddings

Montana's Flathead Valley is an ideal location for destination weddings. The primary reason couples choose a destination wedding is to have a memorable wedding in a unique location. Besides a beautiful location, you can mix in local cultural traditions with your own ceremony to give some excitement and uniqueness to your special day. Most couples will agree that the most important element of their dream wedding is the venue. This is the magical element which sets the tone for the entire experience. Years from now you and your guests might not remember all the specifics of your wedding, but one thing is certain - the venue will remain with them forever.

Family Reunions

Montana's Flathead Valley is also a great venue for a family reunion, with activities and area attractions which can be enjoyed by all ages and abilities. A reunion can be a memorable experience that brings you and your relatives closer together. There are a variety of facilities ideal for the budget conscious, as well as luxurious resorts to pamper your guests.

The Great Outdoors

Surrounded by national parks, forests, and protected lands, the Flathead Valley is a gateway to a wilderness area the size of Vermont. It's all within easy reach with options for every age and ability. Recreation is abundant in the Flathead Valley; summer is highlighted by hiking, biking, fishing, horseback riding, boating, sailing and golfing, while the winter months are ideal for skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledding, ice skating, ice fishing and snowmobiling.

Glacier National Park

Within its boundaries are more than 700 miles of hiking trails and 1000 species of plants and wildlife of all sizes and descriptions. The famous going-to-the-sun Road is 52 miles of panoramic views, thundering waterfalls, alpine meadows, and glacial lakes. Take time to truly experience Glacier. The park is open year-round. Backpack or camp in the backcountry, float the Flathead River, or strap on skis or snowshoes and enjoy winter's calm.

Flathead Lake

There's lots of room to play on Flathead Lake. Located just south of Kalispell, the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi is 28 miles long and up to 15 miles wide. That translates to 188 square miles of pure enjoyment. The lake's sparkling waters and miles of tree-lined shore offer unlimited recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat. This playground has something for everyone.

Winter Sports

Winter's snow softens the edges of the craggy peaks, smoothes out some of the valley hills, and provides a soft blanket on which to play!

- **Skiing:** The Whitefish Mountain Resort and Blacktail Mountain Ski Area both promise great powder, acres of groomed trails, fantastic views, great rates and no lines!
- **Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing:** Tour the spectacular area on cross-country skis or snowshoes. There are hundreds of trails in Glacier National Park, the Flathead National Forest, and throughout the valley.

- **Snowmobiling:** For a peak experience, tour the valley on a snowmobile. There are mountain top rides through snow ghosts and hundreds of miles of groomed trails winding through pristine alpine forests.

Golf

With nine public courses offering challenging layouts and unique golfing experiences, it's no wonder visitors to Montana's Flathead Valley often bring golf clubs along with fishing poles and camping gear. Named to Golf Digest's top "50 Golf Destinations" in the world based on courses, service, transportation, setting, quality accommodations, travel to and around the destination, and value, Flathead Valley golf has it all.

Culture & History

Whatever your passion - arts, history, culture - you'll find magical new ways and places to explore it throughout the Flathead. There are numerous museums, art galleries and "Made in Montana" retail establishments to visit. You can even enjoy the symphony, as well as incredible plays and musicals in theatre companies throughout the Flathead Valley.

Transportation

Delta Airlines/SkyWest, Northwest Airlines, United Express/SkyWest and Alaska/Horizon Airlines serve the Glacier Park International Airport (FCA), centrally located between Kalispell, Whitefish and Columbia Falls. Amtrak's Empire Builder pulls into the historic Whitefish Depot daily from points east and west. Automobiles and RV's can utilize I-90 to Highway 93 or take US 2 into the Flathead Valley.

Group Tour & Activity Ideas

Make sure to include some "play time" in your itinerary. Here are a few ideas to consider...

Sample Group Tours

- Arts & Cultural Tour
- Glacier National Park Tour
- Whitefish Mountain Resort Tour
- Made in Montana Tour

Sample Group Activities

- Golf Tournament
- Fishing Derby
- Whitefish Mountain Resort: Gondola Ride & Dinner at the Summit House Restaurant
- Glacier National Park: Jammer Ride to Logan Pass, Dinner/Lunch at Lake McDonald Lodge
- Lewis & Clark Presentation

Sample Individual or Spousal Activities

- Golf
- Horseback Riding
- Fly Fishing or Lake Fishing
- Guided Hikes
- Rafting
- Hot Air Balloon
- Sky Diving
- Flathead Lake Tour to Wildhorse Island
- Heli Tour
- Walk in the Tree Tops at Whitefish Mountain Resort
- Sailing on Flathead Lake

Meeting Facilities

	Sleeping Rooms	Meeting Rooms	Sq Feet	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Disabled	Restaurant	A/V
<i>Bigfork</i>									
Flathead Lake Lodge 150 Flathead Lake Lodge Rd PO Box 248, Bigfork, MT 59911 406-837-4391 Fax: 406-837-6977 info@flatheadlakelodge.com www.flatheadlakelodge.com	45	4	5,000	200	80	150	Y	Y	Y
Many Springs Flathead Lake Resort 24377 MT Hwy 35, Bigfork, MT 59911 406-982-3900 Fax: 406-982-3566 decompress@manysprings.com www.manysprings.com	12	1	600	70	50	48	Y	Y	Y
Mountain Lake Lodge 14735 Sylvan Dr, Bigfork, MT 59911 406-837-3800 or 877-823-4923 Fax: 406-837-3861 events@mountainlakelodge.com www.mountainlakelodge.com	30	2	1,560	50	30	75	Y	Y	Y
Timbers Motel 8540 Hwy 35 South PO Box 2214, Bigfork, MT 59911 406-837-6200 or 800-821-4546 timbers@live.com www.timbersmotel.com	40	1	Outside Gazebo	20	-	-	Y	N	N
<i>Columbia Falls</i>									
North Forty Resort 3765 Hwy 40 W, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 PO Box 4250, Whitefish, MT 59937 406-862-7740 or 800-775-1740 groups@northfortyresort.com www.northfortyresort.com	22	1	1,300	65	50	50	Y	N	N
<i>Glacier National Park Area</i>									
Glacier Park Lodge & Resort East Glacier, MT Oct-April Phone: 602-207-2600 May-Sept Phone: 406-226-5631 sroberts@glacierparkinc.com www.glacierparkinc.com/MeetingsAndEvents.htm	161	4	7,788	250	150	150	Y	Y	Y
Izaak Walton Inn 290 Izaak Walton Inn Rd, Essex, MT 59916 406-888-5700 Fax: 406-888-5200 stay@izaakwaltoninn.com www.izaakwaltoninn.com	37	2	1,200	125	100	250	Y	Y	Y

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Kalispell									
Best Western White Oak Grand Hotel 4824 Hwy 93 S, Kalispell, MT 59901 406-857-2400 or 888-226-1003 Fax: 406-846-2401 fishgal74@yahoo.com www.bestwesternmontana.com	60	4	9,500	550	460	500	Y	N	Y
Comfort Inn Big Sky 1330 Hwy 2 W, Kalispell, MT 59901 406-755-6700 Fax: 406-755-6717 gm.qiks@bhghotels.com www.comfortinn.com	64	1	Est. 300	16	16	16	Y	N	Y
Hampton Inn 1140 US Hwy 2 W, Kalispell, MT 59901 406-755-7900 or 800-HAMPTON Fax: 406-755-5056 h.i.k.sales@centurytel.net www.hamptoninn.com	120	3	3,150	160	100	100	Y	N	Y
Hilton Garden Inn 1840 US Hwy 93 S, Kalispell, MT 59901 406-756-4500 or 877-STA-YHGI Fax: 406-756-4505 Sherrri_Gerek@hilton.com www.kalispell.stayhgi.com	144	9	14,000	880	400	700	Y	Y	Y
Holiday Inn Express - Kalispell 275 Treeline Rd, Kalispell, MT 59901 406-755-7405 kbukowski@impressguest.com www.kalispellhie.com	111	1	800	-	15	15	Y	N	Y
La Quinta Inn & Suites 255 Montclair Dr, Kalispell, MT 59901 406-257-5255 or 800-531-5900 Fax: 406-257-7361 lq0448gm@laquinta.com www.laquinta.com	71	1	Est. 600	50	50	50	Y	N	Y
Museum at Central School 124 Second Ave E PO Box 2293, Kalispell, MT 59903 406-756-8381 Fax: 406-257-5719 history@yourmuseum.org www.yourmuseum.org	-	3	2,190	100	100	100	Y	N	Y
Red Lion Hotel Kalispell 20 N. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901 406-751-5050 or 800-325-4000 Fax: 406-751-5051 janey.zimmer@redlion.com www.redlion.com	170	10	10,000	750	365	620	Y	Y	Y

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Kalispell (continued)									
Travelodge 350 N. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901 406-755-6123 or 800-545-6399 Fax: 406-755-1604 glaciervisual@yahoo.com www.travelodge.com	101	1	Est. 300	20	20	20	Y	N	N
Polson									
Best Western KwaTaqNuk Resort 49708 Hwy 93 East, Polson, MT 59860 406-883-3636 or 800-882-6363 Fax: 406-883-9317 deeann.cates@kwataqnuk.com www.kwataqnuk.com	112	4	5,500	375	200	300	Y	Y	Y
Whitefish									
Bar W Guest Ranch 2875 Highway 93 West Whitefish, MT 59937 406-863-9099 or 866-828-2900 Fax: 406-863-9500 info@thebarw.com www.thebarw.com	10	1*	400	24	24	24	N	N	N
Bay Point on the Lake 300 Bay Point Drive PO Box 35, Whitefish, MT 59937 406-862-2331 or 888-BAY-POINT Fax: 406-862-5556 info@baypoint.org www.baypoint.org	40	2	1,400	75	75	75	N	N	Y
Best Western Rocky Mountain Lodge 6510 US Hwy 93 S, Whitefish, MT 59937 406-862-2569 or 800-862-2569 Fax: 406-862-1154 sales@rockymtnlodge.com www.rockymtnlodge.com	79	2	2,522	150	70	96	Y	N	Y
Good Medicine Lodge 537 Wisconsin Ave, Whitefish, MT 59937 406-862-5488 or 800-862-5488 Fax: 406-862-5489 info@goodmedicinelodge.com www.goodmedicinelodge.com	9	1	Est. 300	25	25	25	Y	N	
Grouse Mountain Lodge 2 Fairway Dr, Whitefish, MT 59937 406-862-3000 or 877-223-0742 Fax: 406-863-2901 info@montanasfinest.com www.grousemountainlodge.com	145	10	11,425	400	250	250	Y	Y	Y

* The Bar W Guest Ranch also has an outdoor covered Gazebo which can accommodate 30 people and an outside meadow for large group functions.

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Kandahar – The Lodge at Whitefish Mountain Resort 3824 Whitefish Mountain Resort Road PO Box 278, Whitefish, MT 59937 406-862-6098 or 800-862-6094 Fax: 406-862-6095 Jennifer@kandaharlodge.com www.kandaharlodge.com	50	2	1,050	50	46	50	N	Y	Y
Pine Lodge 920 Spokane Ave, Whitefish, MT 59937 406-862-7600 or 800-305-7463 Fax: 406-862-7616 info@thepinelodge.com www.thepinelodge.com	76	1	700	35	35	35	Y	Y	N
Whitefish Mountain Resort Whitefish Mountain Resort Road PO Pox 1400, Whitefish, MT 59937 406-862-1705 or 800-234-3249 Fax: 406-862-1912 sales@bigmtn.com www.skiwhitefish.com	500	6	8,545 (Winter only 1,766)	200	180	190	Y	Y	Y

Convention Services

Flathead Travel Service

Flathead Travel Service is a full service travel agency with a department to handle meetings, conventions and special events.

406-752-8700 or 800-388-0989
 visitmt@flatheadtravel.com
 www.flatheadtravel.com

Midway Rental's Celebrate

Midway Rental's Celebrate is a full service party and event rental facility.

406- 862-4636
 celebrate@midwayrental.com
 www.celebraterentals.com

Fabulous Food Catering & Event Planning

The team at Fabulous Food is available to assist you with creative off-premise cuisine, as well as venue selection, menu design, preferred vendors, location schematics, rental selections and entertainment options.

406-257-4294
 gcooley@fabulousfoodmt.com
 www.fabulousfood.net

Northwest Montana Wedding & Event Professionals

These wedding and event consultants and planners can coordinate all the arrangements for your family, school or club reunions, corporate or business meeting, or other events held in Northwest Montana.

406-752-3813 or 888-284-7828
 registrar@mymontanawedding.com
 www.mymontanawedding.com

Flathead Convention & Visitor Bureau

The staff of the Flathead Convention & Visitor Bureau (FCVB) is ready to help with plans for any meeting, large or small. They provide assistance with site inspections, local supplier coordination, spouse tours and activity suggestions, brochures, maps and promotional materials. Please contact the Flathead Convention & Visitor Bureau at 15 Depot, Kalispell, MT 59901, phone: 406-756-9091, fax: 406-257-2500, fcvb@fcvb.org or www.montanaflatheadvalley.com.

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