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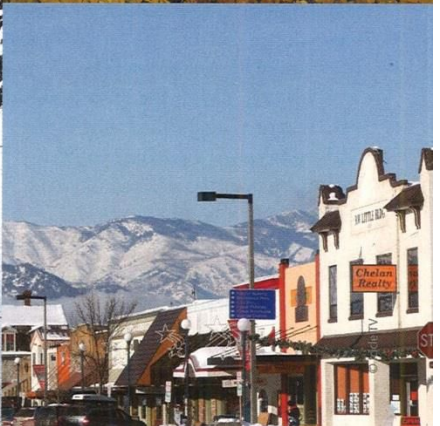
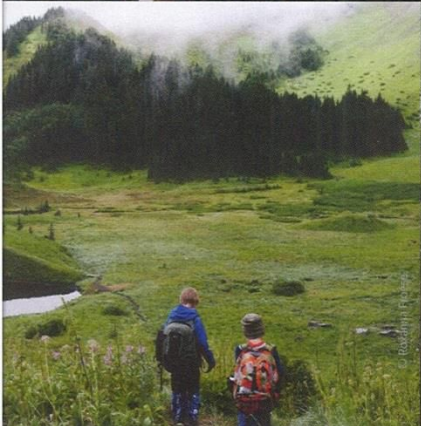
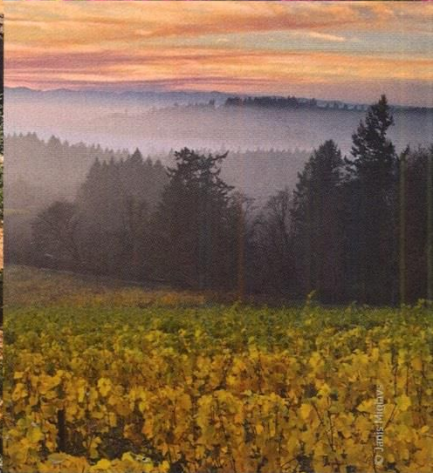
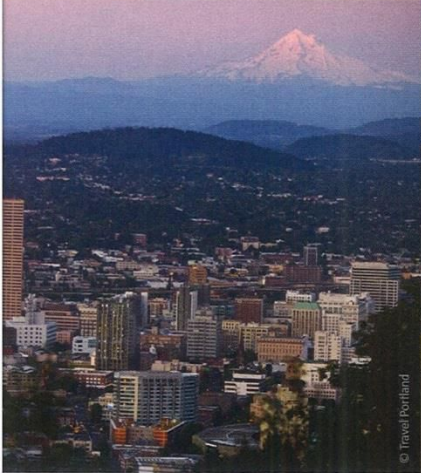
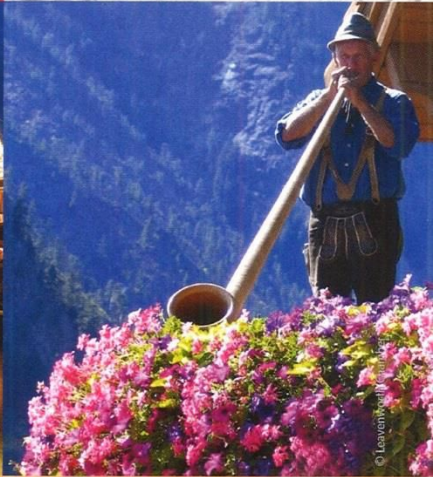
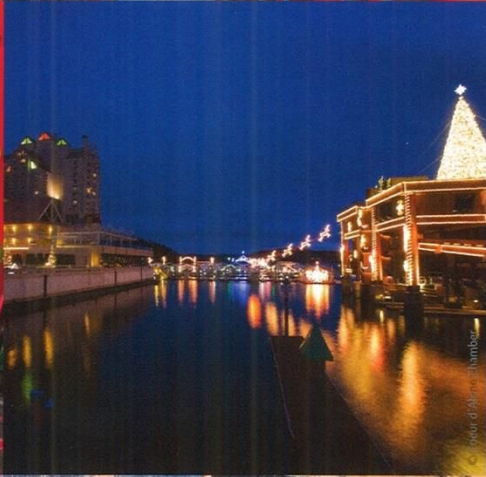
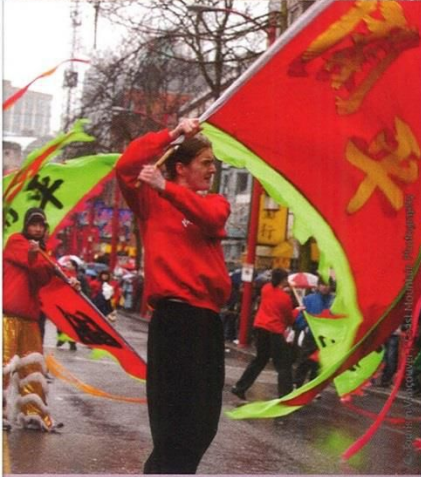
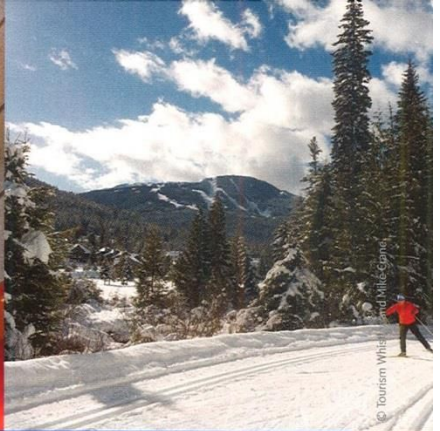
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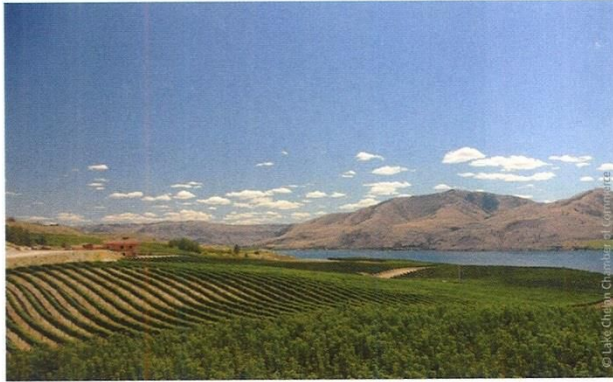
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For most folks contemplating a vacation, the word calls to mind travel by airplane to spend one week a year on a sandy beach with tropical breezes and a cold beverage in hand. But sometimes all you need is a night or two away to return refreshed and rejuvenated.

We've compiled a list of some of the best destinations to be had within a five-hour driving radius. These extraordinary getaways are perfect for a quick escape from your daily routine. So mark up your 2016 calendar, pack your weekender bag, and get out there.

LAKE CHELAN, WASHINGTON



Drive Time:

4 hours and 30 minutes, via I-90E (220 miles)

Lake Chelan is a classic Washington State destination. Generations of Western Washingtonians have traveled over the pass to Lake Chelan for weekends of summer fun in the sparkling waters and warm sun, a feature of the semi-arid desert climate and what has been described as one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. Often sunny even during the long, dreary Pacific Northwest winter, the lake boasts more than 300 days of sun per year.

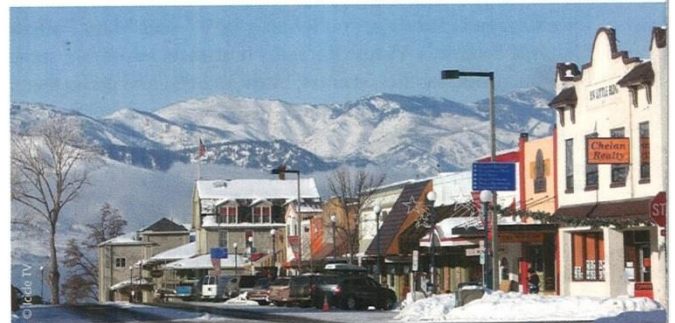
“While many know and love Lake Chelan during the summer months, the shoulder season is truly our best kept secret,” said Mike Steele, executive director of the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce. “During the winter you can escape the city and stay in a rustic cabin or lakeside condo. Enjoy a day of skiing and snowshoeing on Echo Ridge or bundle up inside for wine tasting with friends. Lake Chelan is a home away from home just over the mountains and there is something here for everyone.”

Where to Stay

If you want to stay downtown, try Campbell's Resort, a classic, family-owned upscale resort that has hosted visitors since 1901. You'll love being within walking distance of all the major attractions. Looking to rent a vacation home? The Lookout is a newly developed village of rentals, ideal for families and larger gatherings. You'll feel like a local staying in this well-planned, waterfront neighborhood that is only a mile from downtown.

Where to Dine

Visitors and locals alike line up for brunch at Blueberry Hills Farm, a family-owned, you-pick berry farm in nearby Manson with an on-site restaurant. For hand-crafted artisan pizzas, freshly prepared salads, and antipasto head to Local Myth Pizza. Finally, try the beloved, family-owned Marcela's Cocina Mexicana for delicious tacos, homemade tortillas, and margaritas.



What to Do

Visit one of the more than 25 boutique wineries that encircle Lake Chelan, which recently earned the status of a distinct American Viticultural Area. View the lake from the sky, with options for ziplining, parasailing, hang gliding, and more. In the winter, you can go hiking, snow-skiing, snowshoeing, and Nordic skiing. Find 25 miles of groomed and backcountry trails at Echo Ridge Nordic Ski Area, with phenomenal views of the Stuart Range and valley below.

When to Go

If you opt for a break from the rain and cloud cover to visit in winter, look forward to the week-long Lake Chelan Winterfest in January. Festivities include ice sculpting exhibitions, Snowga excursions, live music, a polar bear splash, the Fire and Ice Torchlight Parade, beach bonfires, and even fireworks. The lake also makes an excellent Valentine's Day getaway with its Red Wine & Chocolate Festival during back-to-back weekends in February.