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THE BEST SMALL TOWNS IN WASHINGTON TO VISIT THIS SUMMER



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If you're surrounded by the hustle and bustle of big-city life in Washington, that means one or two things: 1. You probably live in Seattle, given the lack of other large metropolises around these parts. And 2. You've probably forgotten how beautiful and magnificent the rest of the Pacific Northwest is outside of the Emerald City. From wineries and breweries to specialty shops and thousands of miles of nature waiting to be explored, Washington has some top-notch small towns that shouldn't be missed. Here are nine of the best...



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Chelan

Why it's so great: On the eastern edge of the Wenatchee National Forest, at the heart of this tiny scenic town, sits the beautiful Lake Chelan. It boasts over 50 miles of lakefront land, making water activities like boating and fishing super popular during the summer. In 2009, Chelan was designated an American Viticulture Area because of the 20 different wineries surrounding the town -- and many of them offer regular tastings and tours. Live music, weekly farmers markets, and a bustling Downtown scene add to the unique culture of this sleepy getaway.

Best food & drink options: The ahi tuna sushi tower at Fox & Quail cafe; pizza from Local Myth Pizza; breakfast at Apple Cup Cafe