

On the occasion of Greece's entry into the Visa Waiver Program, the U.S. Commercial Service of the American Embassy in Athens is showcasing all 50 states and five territories in *Business Partners*.

Discover America—Idaho

Idaho is an undiscovered treasure. It is an ideal place for family travelers, outdoor enthusiasts, adventure seekers, or those just looking for a relaxing getaway. Whichever part of this magnificent state you choose to discover, you'll find spectacular scenery, fun things to do and friendly, helpful people. You'll also find that Idaho is unhurried, unspoiled and unassuming. A diverse state, Idaho is second only to Alaska in the amount of wilderness and whitewater rivers it offers—more than 3,000 miles. Hells Canyon is deeper than the Grand Canyon; Shoshone Falls is higher than Niagara Falls; Bruneau Sand Dunes are larger than the dunes at Death Valley; and Boise is the largest city on the northern tier of states between Minneapolis and Portland.

There is the desolate, yet starkly beautiful Craters of the Moon National Monument, fascinating neighbor of the stunning mountains of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Other natural wonders include the Shoshone ice caves, and the huge granite columns at the City of the Rocks Natural Reserve. Whatever you do you will find a visit to Idaho is an unforgettable experience.

SAWTOOTH MOUNTAINS



THE GEM STATE

LAND AREA 83,500 square miles

POPULATION 1,557,600

STATE CAPITAL Boise

LARGEST CITY Boise

LOCAL TIME

MST – 9 hrs behind Greece

PST – 10 hrs behind Greece

CLIMATE

Four distinct seasons. Warm summers, moderate winters with plenty of sunshine. Most snowfall December to March confined to higher elevations

NATIONAL PARKS

2 National Monuments and 2 National Recreation Areas

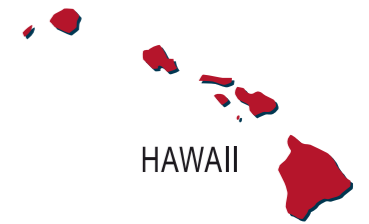
30 State Parks plus - 13 National Forests

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Discover America—Hawaii



HALAWA VALLEY
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THE ALOHA STATE

LAND AREA 6,425 square miles

POPULATION 1.37 million

STATE CAPITAL Honolulu

LARGEST CITY Honolulu

LOCAL TIME

GMT –12 hours behind Greece. Hawaii does not observe daylight saving time

CLIMATE

Average high 83 F (28 C) Average low 68 F ((20 C) Mild warm tropical temperatures with light trade wind breezes all year round

NATIONAL PARKS

Volcanoes, National Park – Big Island, Haleakala National Park – Maui

The beautiful islands that make up the state of Hawaii show visitors the many faces of paradise. Hawaii offers you your money's worth and so much more – whether you're visiting the Islands of Aloha to honeymoon, cycle down a volcano, watch humpback whales and dolphins, experience a helicopter tour, witness an active volcano, surf the islands' world famous waves, or to simply relax on one of Hawaii's perfect palm-fringed beaches! Each island offers incredible diversity and beautiful scenery, ranging from active volcanoes set amidst black lava plains, to lush rainforests and waterfalls, as well as uncrowded, pristine beaches. Cowboy 'Paniolo' ranches are there too, as well as the enormous surfing waves of Oahu's North Shore, which have made Hawaii famous around the globe. If you want to head off the beaten track, Hawaii's rugged inland terrain makes the perfect place for avid trekkers, cyclists, or those who want to walk on the wild side of the islands.

With its year-round temperate climate and warm seas, Hawaii is perfect for all water sports activities, including scuba diving, snorkeling, stand up paddling, sailing, and of course - surfing. Any time is the perfect time to visit the Hawaiian islands. The rich cultural mix of Hawaii's people is reflected in the islands' music, elaborate dances, fantastic food, and above all - the warm spirit of 'Aloha' that sets Hawaii apart from other holiday destinations. Live Aloha, now more than ever and you won't be disappointed!

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