

The Best Destinations for Mountain Bikers

Our favorite domestic mountain-biking getaways

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We're a little biased (it's where we conducted our 2016 bike test), but Sedona, Arizona, is a pretty unbeatable mountain-biking spot. Photo: Jen Judge

Local rides are great, but once you've bought the gear and mastered how to use it, you might want to travel to see the big world of trail design and riding styles. Here are some of our favorite domestic getaways.

Sun Valley, Idaho

If you want fast, flowing, open trails in a big scenery, you can't do worse than Sun Valley, with more than 400 miles of buffed-out singletrack lacing the town and a top-notch downhill bike park at the ski area. The farther you get from town, the higher the trails climb into the alpine, taking in rockier terrain, interesting technical features, and alpine views. Riding aside, including one of the most entertaining **annual bike festivals** around, we love that Sun Valley isn't just a dirtbag cycling town, but instead has luxe hotels (try the **Knob Hill Inn**), five-star dining, and a laid-back high-end vibe.