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## WEEKEND GETAWAYS

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# 52 WEEKENDS

*Getaways, adventures, and road trips  
for every weekend of the year.*

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Vancouver Island's eastern shore—taste-testing mouthwatering chili and spying chainsaw-carved ice sculptures during the **Fire and Ice Street Festival**, May 7 ([fireandicestreetfestival.com](http://fireandicestreetfestival.com)). Chili flavors range from raw vegan to wild game smothered in spices. Avoid Qualicum Beach's multitude of overly quaint B&Bs and stay at the Zen and eco-friendly **Harmony Inn** (250-757-9051; [harmonyinn.com](http://harmonyinn.com)). Once your chili coma subsides, sit down to a light dinner at **Lefty's** (250-752-7530; [leftys.tv](http://leftys.tv)).

**GETTING THERE**  
5 hours via ferry from Port Townsend to Victoria, BC, then north on BC 1

JUNE

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**SMELL THE ROSES IN PORTLAND**

Get an eyeful—and a noseful—of petal-clad marchers in the **Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade**, June 11 ([rosefestival.org](http://rosefestival.org)), a flower-powered rally down Burnside and beyond. Dine on the American kobe beef pastrami at James Beard Award-winning **Paley's Place** (503-243-2403; [paleysplace.net](http://paleysplace.net)) and sample a few of the 90-plus

tequilas—served in sherry glasses—at **Trebol** (503-517-9347; [trebolpdx.com](http://trebolpdx.com)) before tucking in at night at **Hotel Lucia** (503-225-1717; [hotellucia.com](http://hotellucia.com)).

**GETTING THERE**  
3 hours south on I-5

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**WINE AND DANCE**

Woodinville makes for a perfect summer kickoff. When you check in at **Willows Lodge** (425-424 3900; [willowslodge.com](http://willowslodge.com)), get a good look at the swimming pool-size outdoor hot tub, because that's where you're ending your night. But first traipse over to **Barking Frog**, a few feet from your room, for sous-vide-cooked beef tenderloin, then across Highway 202 to **Chateau Ste. Michelle** (425-488-1133; [ste-michelle.com](http://ste-michelle.com)) for the winery's summer concert series. You'll have to check their website once they announce the 2011 lineup, but last year the likes of Ringo Starr and the B-52s kept pilgrims to Woodinville toe tapping all summer long. Now about that hot tub...

**GETTING THERE**  
½ hour north on I-405

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**100 RAPIDS IN 100 MILES**

Idaho's Salmon River is at its most aggressive during May and June, when the currents can toss a boat of rafters down the 100-mile section of Middle Fork in four days (normally, it takes six). Join **Middle**

**Fork Wilderness Outfitters** (208-720-2823; [idahorapids.com](http://idahorapids.com)) and shove off from Boundary Creek. You'll float past a 2.1-million-acre preserve, and sleep under the stars and craggy teeth of the Sawtooth Mountains. During downtime, relax in one of the six hot springs along the route. When you make it back to the town of Salmon, find a stool at **Bertram's Brewery and Restaurant** (208-756-3391; [bertramsbrewery.com](http://bertramsbrewery.com)) for beer brats and kraut.

**GETTING THERE**  
1½ hours on Horizon Air ([alaskaair.com](http://alaskaair.com)) to Boise, 3-hour drive to Stanley, Idaho

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**ORCAS ISLAND SUMMER SOLSTICE PARADE**

During the annual **Summer Solstice Parade**, June 18 (360-376-2273; [orcasislandchamber.com](http://orcasislandchamber.com)), Eastsound Village's eclectic—dare we say *eccentric*—nature is on full display. Musicians, performance artists, and citizens clad in outrageous costumes march to **Orcas Island Farmers Market** ([orcasislandfarmersmarket.org](http://orcasislandfarmersmarket.org)), which serves up sumptuous dishes ranging from authentic El Salvadoran specialties to fresh seafood. Drift to sleep at the bucolic **Inn at Ship Bay** ([innatshipbay.com](http://innatshipbay.com)).

**GETTING THERE**  
2½ hours north on I-5 to Anacortes, 1-hour ferry to Orcas

JULY

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**GREENBANK FARMS LOGANBERRY FESTIVAL**

If you've never experienced the loganberry taste sensation, then make plans to attend Whidbey Island's **Loganberry Festival at Greenbank Farms**, July 23 & 24 ([greenbankfarm.com](http://greenbankfarm.com)). During the two-day celebration, you can sample loganberry wine, truffles, jams, syrups, and candy, or pluck berries straight from the fields. When you've had your fill of loganberries, drop into **Prima Bistro** ([primabistro.com](http://primabistro.com)) for trout grenobloise and sleep off your food hangover at the **Guest House Log Cottages** (360-678-3115; [guesthouselogcottages.com](http://guesthouselogcottages.com)).

**GETTING THERE**  
1½ hours north on I-5 to Mukilteo, ferry to Whidbey

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**TAKE A COWBOY HOLIDAY**

Anywhere else, and a clanging dinner bell might seem desperate, a little put-on. But at the **Covered Wagon Ranch** (800-995-4237; [coveredwagonranch.com](http://coveredwagonranch.com))—a dude ranch in southwest Montana and spitting distance from

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FLIGHT PLAN

**GOLFING IN PALM SPRINGS**

WITH PRO TRAVIS HAUGEN

Having called Palm Springs home for a handful of years, Travis Haugen, the assistant golf pro at Mill Creek Country Club, knows a thing or two about golfing in the desert. Stay at the recently remodeled **Hotel Zoso** (760-325-9676; [hotelzoso.com](http://hotelzoso.com)) that emerges from the palm-speckled hills like a mirage, its four-acre property a veritable oasis within walking distance of shops and live entertainment. Haugen recommends **The Falls** (760-416-8664; [thefallsprimesteakhouse.org](http://thefallsprimesteakhouse.org)) for steak and seafood. After refueling with an order of spicy ahi tempura rolls, you'll be more than ready to hit the desert heat for another 18 holes.

**GETTING THERE**  
3 hours to Palm Springs on Alaska Airlines ([alaskaair.com](http://alaskaair.com))