

# Enjoy Yourself in Salt Lake

#### **Near Downtown**

Lake's "Tiny Chocolatiers" next door.

**GREENbike** • Salt Lake's shareable bikes are a great way to explore the city. You'll see stations all over the downtown area—just follow the simple checkout instructions.

**Natural History Museum of Utah •** The museum's inspiring exhibitions will change the way you see the natural world and humanity's place within it. Before going in, admire the gorgeous building and its interaction with the landscape.

## Avenues Proper & Hatch Family Chocolates • Enjoy a creative plate and a pint at Avenues Proper & Publick House, Utah's smallest craft brewery, then buy an espresso and some hand-dipped chocolates from Salt

**Tracy Aviary** • Stroll in the shade and experience a world of exotic and native birds in Salt Lake's beloved 80-acre Liberty Park—a great way to relax during your downtime.

**Temple Square** ● Take a walk through Salt Lake's most iconic historic site. While you're there, admire the temple's beautiful gothic spires and attend a free performance by the renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir (aka "the MoTab").

**Bar X & Beer Bar •** Dark, sultry, and stylish, celebrity-owned Bar X is known for its spicy ginger beer and top-shelf spirits. If cocktails aren't your thing, step over to Beer Bar for sunshine, gourmet brats, and a rotating menu of local, national, and international beers.

**City Creek Shopping Center •** This open, modern shopping center features a bubbling creek and a large selection of stores to please every taste and budget.

**Red Iguana** • Foodies flock from far and wide for Red Iguana's authentic Mexican fare. The mole is unrivaled, the margaritas refreshing, and the atmosphere bustling. After 5 p.m., expect a (worthwhile) wait.

**Finca** • For a more peaceful dining experience, head to Finca for an evening of exquisite Spanish tapas and an exclusive Spanish wine list.

**The Leonardo** • One never knows quite what to expect upon entering the Leonardo, a unique science and art museum with mind-bending installations and exhibits.

Salt Lake Public Library • Designed by internationally acclaimed architect Moshe Safde, the library is a work of modern art, featuring towering crescent glass walls, a rooftop garden, and books galore.

#### Off the Beaten Path

**Snowbird** • A skiers' and snowboarders' thrillfest in the winter, Snowbird Resort is just as blissful in the summer (depending which skier you ask). Take the tram to the top of Hidden Peak, go for a hike, enjoy a spa treatment, or swim in the rooftop pool.

City Creek Canyon • Only two miles from downtown, City Creek Canyon is barely off the beaten path. On odd-numbered days the paved canyon road is closed to cars, creating amazing cycling and picnicking opportunities in a cool forest setting.

Bonneville Shoreline Trail • Marking the rim of prehistoric Lake Bonneville (now shrunk to the Great Salt Lake), this trail covers nearly 100 miles and offers excellent hiking and mountain biking. Bonus: the trail can be accessed from the steps of the Natural History Museum.

Antelope Island • A one-hour-and-20-minute drive from Salt Lake City, Antelope Island is a wonderful anomaly. Fifteen miles long and five miles wide, it's the largest island in the Great Salt Lake, and home to free-ranging bison, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, and millions of birds.

**Utah Olympic Park** • Located 20 minutes away in Park City, the venue features six Nordic ski jumps, an aerials training and comp hill, and a training pool. Visitors can race the Comet Bobsled at up to 65mph, ride one of the world's steepest ziplines, hike nature trails, or freestyle ski jump into the aerial pool.

**Real Salt Lake** • For those who crave the energy of a crowd, Real Salt Lake delivers. The Rio Tinto stadium seats 20,000 singing, chanting soccer fans and is easily accessible from the Frontrunner train station.

### Shhh ... Locals' Favorites

**Ken Sanders Rare Books** ● Founded in 1980 by a self-described bibliophile, this charming bookstore is the place to find obscure and interesting books you won't likely find anywhere else.

Whiskey Street • Don't miss this Main Street favorite, with its classic style and extensive yet selective whiskey list. (The lunch menu is almost as mouth-watering.)

**Living Room Hike** • A short, moderately challenging hike that begins at Red Butte Garden and ends with a stone "sofa" and "chairs" and an awesome view of the valley.

The Urban Lounge & Rye Diner • A little divey, a little hip, and a lot of fun, this bar books some of the best bands that come through town. Next door, Rye Diner serves brunch, late-night plates, and a live feed of the current show.

**Antique Row on 300 South •** Find vintage board games, retro sweaters, mid-century modern decor, and much, much more. Plan on browsing for hours.

**Epic Brewing Company •** From IPAs to stouts, there isn't a beer this brewery doesn't knock out of the park. Sample them all (and a sandwich) in the small tasting room

#### Broadway Centre Cinema / Tower Theatre •

These two cozy, quirky venues are the best places to catch an indie flick, have a snack, and meet a fellow film buff.

**Food Truck Thursdays** • Thursdays from 11-2 during the summer, you can sample Salt Lake's delicious mobile cuisine at Gallivan Center Plaza—a lovely place for outdoor lunching.

The State Room ● This live-music venue is often described as Salt Lake's best. It's intimate but never cramped, with both seated and standing room, and the sound is stellar.

**Les Madelines Cafe** • Enjoy rich pastries, flaky croissants, artisan espressos, delicate crepes, savory sandwiches ... and the cafe's buttery, caramelized masterpiece: the Koing Aman.



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