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## Small But Mighty: 20 Small Towns in America with Big Surprises and Unique Charm

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The United States is home to countless small towns that are often overlooked in favor of larger cities. But these quaint, underrated gems have plenty to offer with their unique individual flair and offer a glimpse into the heart and soul of the country. Get ready to explore the lesser-known side of America, where big hearts and small-town values create an unforgettable experience in these small towns in America.

Medora, ND – Pop. 117



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With a population of only 117 people, **Medora** is one of the smallest towns in North Dakota. But what Medora lacks in size, it makes up in personality. Recently ranked the **6th coziest small town** in the U.S., Medora is filled with Western charm and historic architecture.

## What to do:

Take a stroll down to **Todd's Old Time Photo Parlor and Gift Shop**, where you can dress up in cowboy garb and take old-timey, black-and-white photos. To make more memories, go to **Lily and Zella's** and get your very own pair of cowboy boots.

If you're looking for a picturesque backdrop for Instagram-worthy pictures in your new Cowboy gear, the quaint, cowboy-esque town is also home to **Painted Canyon**, which gets its name from the naturally formed, red sedimentary rock stripes that line the canyon.

Want to see how real cowboys of the wild west lived? Visit the **North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame**, a museum that preserves and upholds the historic and modern Western lifestyle throughout the state as it pertains to Native Americans, rodeo, and ranching.

## Where to eat:

**Theodore's Dining Room** is a restaurant inspired by traditional Western favorites and nostalgic Western architecture.

## Where to stay:

Guests can stay in a Conestoga-style wagon, popular for Wild West settlers, or live like old-time fur trappers and traders who were also influential in the American West at **Trapper's Kettle & Inn**.