# **ROAD TRIPS**

A GUIDE TO THE GOOD STUFF





You never know what's around the next bend... until you take it. Nevada has so many wild, weird, and wondrous sights to explore, and they're all just a road trip away. Luckily, we've curated some of our favorite excursions to make your next outing easy. So, pack your sense of discovery and choose a trip that speaks to you—because the road to adventure starts here.

#### WHY NEVADA RULES THE ROAD

- More than 60 million acres of public lands
- More than 3,400 miles of scenic byways and highways
- More than 600 ghost towns to explore
- Larger-than-life art exhibits and one-of-akind wonders throughout the state
- Some of the best stargazing and darkest skies in the country
- From mild to wild, we have encounters for everyone





Saddle up to discover lively communities that blend buckaroo, Basque, and American Indian traditions. As you motor down Nevada's stretch of Interstate 80, you'll encounter lore-packed museums, Western festivals and artisans, and mouthwatering cuisine from some of the state's most historic eateries.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Brush up on buckaroo culture at museums, heritage centers, and Western shops
- Dig into hearty, family-style Basque feasts at century-old dinner houses
- Set your own land speed record at West Wendover's Bonneville Salt Flats



#### **COMMUNITIES ON THIS TRIP**

Reno, Fernley, Lovelock, Winnemucca, Battle Mountain, Elko, Wells, West Wendover

#### SUGGESTED TIME



They call Lake Tahoe the "Jewel of the Sierra Nevada," and the moment you see it, you get why. Kick things off in hip-and-happening Reno, then cruise your way around world-famous Lake Tahoe, idyllic Carson City, and wildly Western Virginia City.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Dip your toes in one of the crispest, clearest, and oldest bodies of water on Earth
- Hit up the cuisine, boutique, and public art scenes around bohemian Reno
- Soak up Nevada history at museums, old saloons, and hot spring resorts



**ROUTE DISTANCE**145 miles

#### **COMMUNITIES ON THIS TRIP**

Reno, North Lake Tahoe, South Lake Tahoe, Carson Valley, Carson City, Virginia City

> SUGGESTED TIME 2 to 5 days



With the cowboy-cool town of Elko as your hub, follow this route's wild spokes to some of Nevada's most coveted and surprising scenic treasures. Tackle trails in glacier-carved Lamoille Canyon. Or watch wildlife at Angel Lake and Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hike, fish, and find memorable moments in spectacular Lamoille Canyon
- Birdwatch and kayak the labyrinthine waters of Ruby Lake
- Dirt-road it 50 miles over wilderness passes to the off-grid town of Jarbidge

### RUBIES ROUTE



#### **ROUTE DISTANCE**

30 to 375 miles

#### **COMMUNITIES ON THIS TRIP**

Elko, Lamoille, Wells, Jarbidge, Jackpot

#### **SUGGESTED TIME**

2 to 5 days

# CHASE THE HORIZON.

A road doesn't get much more wide open than Highway 50. But that's exactly why we dig it. This is your gateway to ghost towns, historic mining communities, stunning state parks, and unsurpassed recreational opportunities.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Earn road tripper cred, stamp-by-stamp, with your Highway 50 Survival Guide
- Toast your travels in real-deal roadhouses and storied Sagebrush Saloons
- Encounter the oldest trees under the darkest skies at Great Basin National Park

Loneliest Road in America

**50** 

#### **ROUTE DISTANCE**

375 to 500 miles

#### **COMMUNITIES ON THIS TRIP**

Carson City, Dayton, Fallon, Austin, Eureka, Ely, Baker

#### **SUGGESTED TIME**





Come trace the art-lined route Burners take on their annual pilgrimage "home" to Burning Man, the wildest arts event on Earth in the mystical Black Rock Desert. Discover a magical road trip that celebrates Nevada's do-it-yourself verve and spunky "why not" attitude.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the Black Rock Desert playa—one of Earth's largest, flattest surfaces
- Gaze upon magnificent, kaleidoscopic Fly Geyser on a guided nature tour
- Cast for salmon-sized trout and discover Paiute culture at Pyramid Lake

#### **ROUTE DISTANCE**

110 to 250 miles

#### **COMMUNITIES ON THIS TRIP**

Reno, Pyramid Lake, Gerlach

#### **SUGGESTED TIME**



When you pilot your vessel along the wide-open roads through this Martian wilderness, you'll get why a "visitor" would cross the galaxy to enjoy this slice of the Silver State. Feast your curiosity on otherworldly-themed restaurants, inns, and shops out here in alien country.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Pose with alien murals and savor spacey snacks at E.T. Fresh Jerky
- Shop for spaced-out souvenirs at the Alien Research Center
- Hear locals' tales over Alien Beers and Saucer Burgers at the Little A'Le'Inn

ROUTE DISTANCE 100+ miles

COMMUNITIES ON THIS TRIP
Alamo, Rachel, Tonopah

SUGGESTED TIME 2 days





US-95 is where psychedelic free-range art meets the American West. We're talking kaleidoscopic boulder towers, a color-changing "forest" of junk cars, "post-playa" Burning Man sculptures, and plenty of other amazingly odd art installations, galleries, and iconic places.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Shop and art-hop around the Las Vegas Arts District, AKA "18b"
- Get ghosted at Goldwell Open Air Museum and Rhyolite ghost town
- Snap a pic of some art on a vertical vehicle at the International Car Forest



440 to 515 miles

#### **COMMUNITIES ON THIS TRIP**

Las Vegas, Beatty, Goldfield, Tonopah, Hawthorne, Yerington, Fallon, Reno

**SUGGESTED TIME** 

1 to 3 days





# EXPLORE THE DESERT'S HEART.

The road from Las Vegas to Death Valley National Park is one of contrasts. We're talking the lowest point in North America and nearly 12,000-foot Mt. Charleston. Rugged biker bars and elegant wineries. Sprawling sand dunes and ancient bristlecone pines. Ready to get extreme?

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover Death Valley: the hottest, driest, and lowest place in North America
- Ponder the past in Rhyolite, one of the West's best ghost towns
- Hike (or even snowshoe) among 5,000-year-old bristlecone pine forests



ROUTE DISTANCE

Up to 370 miles

**COMMUNITIES ON THIS TRIP** 

Pahrump, Amargosa Valley, Beatty, North Las Vegas

**SUGGESTED TIME** 





Positively brimming with grandeur, this route begins with red rock spires and sandstone canyons and ends with mountain peaks, ancient bristlecone pine forests, and some of the country's darkest, most star-studded skies. One trip and you'll get the "great" in Great Basin Highway.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Marvel at red rock formations in Valley of Fire State Park
- Navigate the slot canyons of Cathedral Gorge State Park
- Discover why "half the park is after dark" at Great Basin National Park

#### GREAT BASIN **HIGHWAY**

NV ROUTE

## **ROUTE DISTANCE**

350 to 585 miles

#### **COMMUNITIES ON THIS TRIP**

Moapa Valley, Alamo, Caliente, Pioche, Ely, Baker

## SUGGESTED TIME

3 to 5 days







If you're looking for places to go beyond the glow, this three-pronged package of mini day trips will have you exploring world-famous Hoover Dam, outdoor playgrounds like Red Rock Canyon and Valley of Fire, exciting attractions, and charming towns.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Tour a famous wonder of the engineering world at Hoover Dam
- Hike, cycle, or rock climb at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
- Wander among wildlife and ancient petroglyphs at Valley of Fire State Park



#### **ROUTE DISTANCE**

60 to 210 miles

#### **COMMUNITIES ON THIS TRIP**

Boulder City, Laughlin, Mesquite, Moapa Valley, Goodsprings

#### **SUGGESTED TIME**

1+ day per route

