

CARSON CITY - HISTORY OF THE OLD WEST

Explore History of the Old West

Carson City offers a unique, one of a kind experience perfect for everyone. Whether it is the need for speed or a tour through history, Carson City has it all. Just 30 minutes from Reno and 15 minutes from Lake Tahoe.

This itinerary begins in Carson City, Nevada.

From Reno, drive south on I-580. From South Lake Tahoe, drive Highway 50 along Lake Tahoe north, over the mountains and down to Highway 395, head north into Carson City.

Kit Carson Trail

After breakfast take a stroll on the Kit Carson Trail. Stop by Foodies Bystro at the Brewery Arts Center, and pick up your map-through-the-past. Follow the “blue line,” a self-guided walking tour of historic sites in Carson City’s quaint downtown. Famous homes include: the Orion Clemens House, Territorial Secretary and brother of Samuel (Mark Twain); the Krebs-Peterson House, site of John Wayne’s last movie, the Shootist and the home of Dat So La Lee, “queen” of the Washoe Tribe basket weavers. The easy to navigate and leisurely 2.5 mile trail will guide you by 100+ historic homes and buildings.

Nevada State Capitol

A short walk south on Carson Street will take you to the Nevada State Capitol building. The historic and working building is free and open to the public Monday through Friday. Here you can see portraits of Nevada Governors as well as historic exhibits. The Capitol building is beautifully maintained, inviting and friendly. You just might bump into a Congressman or even the Governor!

Nevada State Museum

As the state capital, Carson City boasts a rich and colorful history. It is also home to the State Museum and Nevada State Railroad Museum. Considered one of the finest regional railroad museums in the country, the railroad museum houses five steam locomotives and several restored coaches and freight cars. Most featured equipment is from the Comstock Era’s Virginia and Truckee Railroad. During select days, the Museum offers visitors an opportunity to ride one of these amazing artifacts. Be sure to check availability on the Timetable at: Museums.NevadaCulture.org.

Lodging - Holiday Inn Express

Head on down to [Holiday Inn Express](#). The property offers free high speed, wireless internet, hot breakfast buffet and an indoor pool and spa!

For more information on these activities or additional things to do in Carson City, go to VisitCarsonCity.com or call 775-687-7410.

