

LAKE TAHOE – SCENIC RIM OF THE LAKE TOUR

You are about to embark on a scenic journey unlike any other. 72 miles around Lake Tahoe. This is a pleasant way to spend a whole day or half a day depending on the length of stops and side trips. It's worth every minute!



This tour is designed to guide you through many of the natural and man-made wonders in the Lake Tahoe area, all on **The Most Beautiful Drive in America.**

At 22 miles long and 12 miles wide, Lake Tahoe is North America's largest alpine lake. The lake contains enough water to cover the entire state of California to a depth of 14 inches. The water is 99 percent pure, and a white dinner plate can be seen to a depth of 70 feet. Lake Tahoe's altitude is 6,225 feet above sea level. The California/Nevada state line bisects the lake. You can begin your travels at any point along the 72-mile (not including side trips) route around the lake.

This itinerary begins in Stateline, Nevada/South Lake Tahoe, California.

Travel west on Highway 50, also called Lake Tahoe Boulevard.

Heavenly Village - Shops, restaurants, [Heavenly Gondola](#) and Explore Tahoe Visitor Center - An Urban Trailhead.

775-265-2087

www.theshopsatheavenly.com



Follow Highway 50 west to Highway 89 north.

Camp Richardson/Tallac Historic Site - Miles of alpine beaches, restaurants, horseback riding and bike rentals and historic mansions open for summer tours.

530-541-1801

www.camprichardson.com

U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Visitors Center at Taylor Creek – Nature trails, ecology information, and stream profile chamber.

530-543-2674

Emerald Bay Lookout - Spectacular location overlooking Emerald Bay, one of the most photographed places in the world. Trail to Vikingsholm Castle open for summer tours. Within Emerald Bay are several short, scenic hiking trails including Cascade Falls (1.5 mi round trip) and Eagle Falls (.5 mi round trip)

530-541-3030

D.L. Bliss State Park- Secluded beach, hiking trails, and picnic area with views of Rubicon Bay.

530-525-9529

Meeks Bay- Former home of the Washoe Indians. Beach and campground.
530-525-6946
www.meeksbayresort.com

Sugar Pine Point State Park- Location of historic Queen Anne-style Ehrman Mansion available for summer tours, General Phipps Cabin, picnic grounds, hiking and bike trails.
530-525-7982

Tahoe Maritime Museum - A vast collection of photos and boating memorabilia that dates back to the 19th century.
530-525-9253
www.tahoemaritimemuseum.org

Gatekeepers Museum/Fanny Bridge- Marion Steinbach Indian Basket collection at museum along with tools, logging and railroad history. Views of huge trout in Truckee River from Fanny Bridge.
530-583-1762
www.northtahoemuseums.org/museums_and_exhibits.html

From Highway 89 north head east on Highway 28 to continue around the lake or north on Highway 89 to go to Truckee.

Squaw Valley USA - Site of 1960 Winter Olympics, skiing, ice-skating, Olympic Museum and restaurants.
530-452-4331
www.squaw.com

Return to Tahoe City via Highway 89.

At Tahoe City, follow Highway 28 east

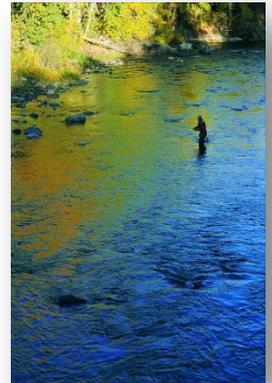
Watson Cabin - Historic cabin with 1900-era furnishings, located in the center of Tahoe City.
530-583-8717

Historic Fish Hatchery- Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.
775-881-7562

Kings Beach- Beach, pier, paddleboat rentals, dining and shops.
www.gotahoenorth.com/resorts-and-towns/kings-beach

Crystal Bay - Site of north shore casinos and Chief Joseph sculpture outside the Cal Neva Resort, once owned by Frank Sinatra.

Stateline Lookout- Trail to stunning views of Lake Tahoe.



Side Trip: Take Highway 431 north four miles.

Mt. Rose Lookout- View of Lake Tahoe and Diamond Peak.
775-849-0704

Return to Highway 28 east

Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences-Open to the public, hands on and virtual exhibits. Call for hours.
775-881-7560.

Memorial Point -Excellent views of Lake Tahoe, walking trail and restrooms.

Sand Harbor- Spectacular sandy beach, outdoor amphitheater, home of the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, picnic area, restaurant and State Park Information Center. Fee to enter.
775-831-0494

<http://parks.nv.gov/parks/sand-harbor/>



From Highway 28, take Highway 50 south

Spooner Lake- Lake loop trail and other hiking trails, picnic areas.

Cave Rock Vista Point- Sacred site of the native Washoe Indians, also a short climb to the top where great views await.

Zephyr Cove Resort and Marina - Lodge, cabins, restaurant, bar, marina, beach, RV park, horseback riding and cruises. Home of the M.S. Dixie II Paddlewheeler. A great place to stop to enjoy a cocktail while taking in the sunset at the end of your tour around Lake Tahoe.
775-589-4907

www.zephyrcove.com

You have now completed the Most Beautiful Drive in America!