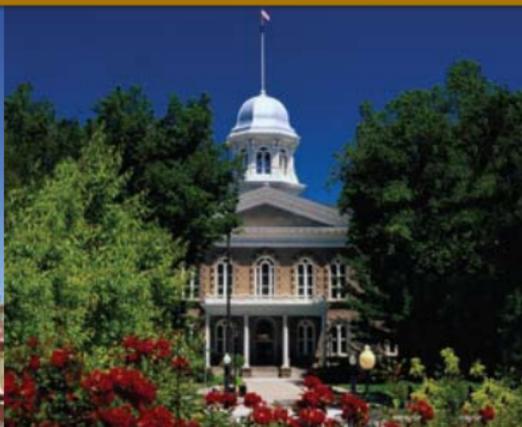


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CARSON CITY

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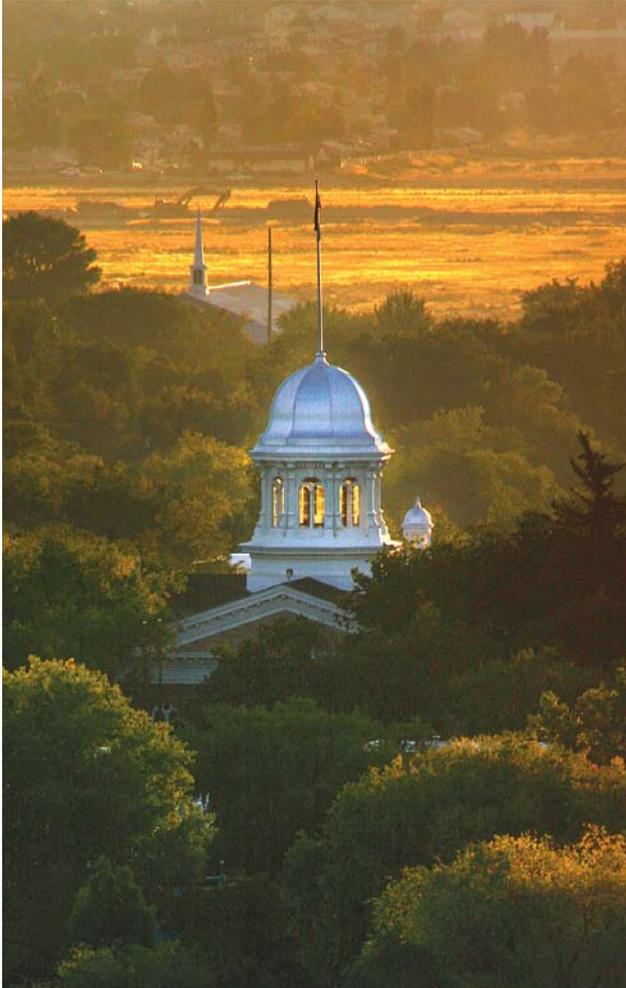
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So, WHAT BRINGS YOU TO CARSON CITY?

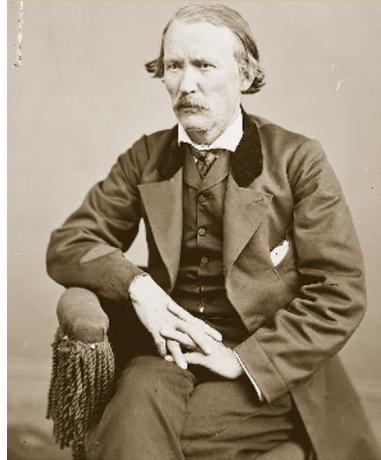
Perhaps it's a trip through time, back to the frontier days. This has been the capital of Nevada since the state became a territory in 1861. And you'll find one of the west's largest historic home districts here.

Your mouth might be watering for local favorites at the city's fine-dining establishments and culinary competitions. You could have tee times at the nine world-class golf courses. Or are you up for some High Sierra hiking, biking or skiing?

Consider this booklet a preview for starting or adding to your itinerary. And get ready to tour, taste, play and stay. Maybe longer than you originally planned.



KIT CARSON TRAIL



Kit Carson

- ❖ Historic homes like the Krebs-Peterson home, the set for John Wayne's last film, "The Shootist," and Orion Clemens' house where brother Samuel (Mark Twain) once stayed.
- ❖ Museums, like the Nevada State Museum (former U.S. Mint) and the Nevada State Railroad Museum.
- ❖ Carson Brewing Company where Tahoe Beer was made.

One of the most popular routes is named in honor of the famous scout for whom John C. Fremont christened the Carson River, from which the city took its name. The 2.5-mile walking path follows a painted blue line along the sidewalks. Here's an idea of what you'll see along the way:



Yerington house (1863)

More than 60 landmarks are featured. (For a map, see pages 4-5.) Pick up a free CD at the Visitors Center, or download the podcast from our website, to learn about many of them at your own pace.

Speaking of pace, some say the tours here are more about the journey than the destination. You'll find a sample of our full menu of "journeys" on the following pages. For other educational, recreational and scenic routes, go to visitcarsoncity.com.

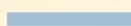


THE KIT CARSON TRAIL

Legend

Talking Houses 

Walking 

Driving 

To see more of our city, pick up a Kit Carson Trail Map at our Visitors Center Gift Store

CONTINUING NORTH
The V&T Depot (1872)
Civic Auditorium (1939)
Abell (1874), Slater (1875), Roberts (1859) and Hofer (1907) Houses

Former Post Office (1891)
Nevada Commission on Tourism

Justice Court (1935)
Kitzmeyer (1873)

State Library and Archives (1992)
Former State Printing (1886)

Nevada State Capitol (1871)

Former Supreme Court & State Library (1936)
Humane Alliance Fountain (1909)

Supreme Court (1992)

State Legislature (1970)

CONTINUING SOUTH
The Visitors Center
State Railroad Museum

DIVINE 9 TRAIL

Ready to test the theory that a golf ball flies farther in the High Sierra? This trail gives you the opportunity...nine times.

OK, you can't play all nine courses in a day (except during the two-holes-each annual Road Trip). But so many top courses, so close together, means incredible options – 171 holes of championship golf spread across more than 61,000 yards of scenic terrain.

Here's a sample of how to play through two:

7:00 am. Start with breakfast at the Eagle Valley Golf Club. (Locals tip: ask about the breakfast and golf specials.)

7:30 am. Tune up your game on Eagle Valley East, a forgiving track to help you work out the kinks. Or opt for Eagle Valley West, a challenging, links-style course.

11:30 am. After a short drive to Silver Oak, fuel up for round two with lunch in the new clubhouse. Try the elevated tees on the front nine...challenging but fun.

For details on all the courses, go to divine9.com. You can design your own golf getaway, too. Or call **877.697.GOLF**.



Eagle Valley West links-style, calling for accuracy. 775.887.2380



Eagle Valley East forgiving, popular with long hitters. 775.887.2380



Empire Ranch three nines, challenging water, large greens. 775.885.2100



Genoa Lakes, Lakes Course links-style, scenic, award-winning. 775.782.GOLF



Genoa Lakes Resort Course elevation changes, water hazards. 775.782.GOLF



Dayton Valley Golf Club high desert beauty, huge greens. 775.246.7888



Sunridge tight fairways, challenging lies, large greens. 775.267.4448



Silver Oak impressive views, winding track in natural terrain. 775.841.7000



Carson Valley 18 holes winding along the banks of the Carson River. 775.265.3181

SHOPPING TRAIL

Explore the shops in the historic district and you'll meet friendly merchants with good taste, great stories, plus the perfect souvenir. Check under "Tours" at visitcarsoncity.com for a full itinerary. For some of the highlights, read on.

Sugar Pine Cove. 1087 S. Carson, 775.884.4603. This eclectic shop showcases unusual finds in art, accessories and home accents. Two of the most popular purchases? Pandora's jewelry and Kitty's Critters frog sculptures.

Brewery Arts Center & Artisan's Store. 449 W. King, 775.883.1976. The artisans welcome you and the chance to talk about the works for sale. New creations arrive daily, handmade in glass, metal, paper, wood, leather, clay...



The Jewelry Bench. 320 N. Carson, 775.882.8322. These diamond and gemstone specialists search for the unusual to offer striking designs. On the corner of Telegraph, the Jewelry Bench is also a great introduction to the shops of Telegraph Square:

Cherokee Scents, Beauty and the Beads, La Tea Da and Carson Cigar Company.

Hanifin's Art & Antiques. 210 N. Carson, 775.882.2880. There's a museum-like quality here with over 10,000 sq. ft. of antique furnishings and ironwork, plus sculpture and paintings by local artists. Thanks to frequent European buying trips, the "exhibits" change often.



The Purple Avocado. 904 N. Curry, 775.883.6233. In an historic home (1863) with a purple-sky ceiling, this local's favorite cleverly displays one-of-a-kind gifts in every available space. Spend a little time with the ever-changing selection for decoration, inspiration, meditation...

GAMING TRAIL



Try your luck at a dozen casinos. See "Tours" at visitcarsoncity.com for details. Here's a preview.

Carson Horseshoe Club. 402 N. Carson, 775.883.2211. This "old-time gaming" icon is known for loose slots, friendly service and great burgers.

Cactus Jack's. 420 N. Carson, 775.882.8770. Some call it "cozy," with slots, sports bar and home-style cooking in the café.

Carson Nugget. 507 N. Carson, 775.882.1626. In the heart of historic downtown, 700 slots, table games, sports book, poker room, bingo, 5 restaurants.

Carson Station. 900 S. Carson, 775.883.0900. Slots, sportsbook, table games, live entertainment, restaurant, Cantina, snack bar, a Best Western hotel.

Gold Dust West. 2171 Hwy. 50E, 775.885.9000. Progressive jackpots, 400 slots, three-card poker, plus a state-of-the-art bowling center.

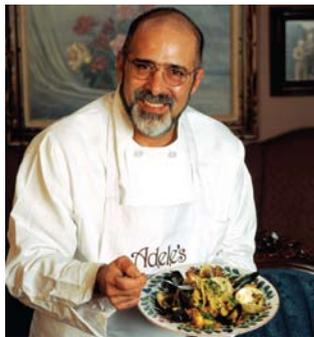
Casino Fandango. 800 S. Carson, 775.885.7000. Tropical colors, 700 slots, four restaurants, five themed bars, live entertainment...

Bodine's. 5640 S. Carson, 775.885.7777. A local landmark lives on with lots of slots, a sports book and a restaurant.



FAVORITE FLAVORS

Carson City's restaurant choices may surprise you. Find the full menu under "Dining" at visitcarsoncity.com, along with reviews of several culinary standouts. Here's an appetizer.



Adele's Restaurant and Lounge. 1112 N. Carson, 775.882.3353, adelesrestaurantandlounge.com. Owner, chef and food artist Charlie Abowd's parents founded Adele's in 1978. A feast for the senses with daily specials at lunch or dinner.

D'Vine Wine & Bistro. 200 N. Stewart, 775.882.7766, carsonwine.com. You can try over 100 different wines here. You can also enjoy a light lunch, libation or casual dinner. Live music on weekends. Gift shop.



Garibaldi's. 307 N. Carson, 775.884.4574. In cozy, neighborhood surroundings, owner Mark Claypool presents innovative Italian meals. The menu, featuring the freshest seafood, is 80% daily specials, repeated if customers like them.

Glen Eagles. 3700 N. Carson, 775.884.4414, gleneaglesrestaurant.com. The governor could be at the next table in this traditional steakhouse. Aged choice beef, fresh seafood, live music and dancing are on the menu.

Red's Old 395 Grill. 1055 S. Carson, 775.887.0395, reds395.com. The menu is all about variety, including signature barbeque slathered in Howlin' Coyote sauce. There's memorabilia hanging from the ceiling. Plus 101 beers, 69 tequilas, hermit crab races...

The Basil. 311 N. Carson, 775.841.6100, thebasilrestaurant.com. Step from the Wild West into the exotic far east for truly fine Thai dining at lunch or dinner. Owner Nan Watanar and her staff graciously serve a beautiful menu with specials that are works of art.



ANNUAL EDIBLE EVENTS

First Saturday of the Month. Old Town Wine Walk. 775.883.2211. Wine tasting, delicious hors d'oeuvres.

Third Saturday of the Month. Downtown Beer Crawl. 775.883.2211. Beer tasting, tasty snacks.

Wednesday Farmers' Markets. June-August. Mills Park, 775.746.5024.

Saturday Farmers' Markets. Spring, Summer & Fall. Curry Street, 775.887.2101.

January. Winter Wine & All That Jazz. 775.883.7477. Wine tasting, appetizers and listening/dancing music.

February. Feast of Chocolate. 775.267.4515. Full buffet.

May. WNC Multi-Cultural Festival. 775.445.3241. Ethnic foods and desserts plus entertainers from around the world.

June. Carson City Rendezvous. 775.687.7410. Mountain man encampment with food court and much, much more.

June. Stewart Father's Day Pow Wow. 775.687.8333. Indian tacos and fry bread, competition dancing, arts and crafts...

June. Taste of Downtown. 775.883.7654. Walking tour, featuring some of the city's finest dining and entertainment.

August. Eagle Valley Golf Courses Luau. 775.887.2380. Traditional dishes and entertainment after golf tournament.

September. Tin Cup Tea & Chuck Wagon BBQ. 775.687.4810. With live band and historical re-enactors at the Governor's Mansion.

September. Basque Festival. 775.882.2079. Mahogany-grilled lamb, turkey and chicken, lamb stew, Basque beans, much more.

September. Salsa y Salsa Festival. 775.885.1055. Food and dance.

October. Oktoberfest. 775.887.2244. Food, drink, oompah music...

October. Nevada Day Celebration. 775.882.2600. State birthday party with pancake breakfast, chili feed and other tastes of Nevada.

PLAYGROUNDS

Lake, mountain, desert, river. For those who like to play outside, here's a closer look at Carson City's backyard.

Paths

There's a lifetime's worth of hiking and cycling trails here. Like the beginner route along the former V & T Railroad line. Or the scenic intermediate loop following the Carson River. You'll find miles of more advanced singletrack in the Pine Nut Mountains south of town. Just a few miles west, at Spooner Summit, you can pick up the Tahoe Rim Trail, 165 miles of premier singletrack. The Visitors Center has trail maps plus a list of local bike shops offering rentals.

Rivers

Many rivers run through Northern Nevada. For kayakers and rafters, the 14-mile Carson River Aquatic Trail, with put-in sites on the edge of town, offers white water rapids, gentler chutes and easy paddling. Speaking of the Carson River, one of the region's best-kept secrets may be the fishing there, or along the Truckee a few miles north and the area's many creeks. Stop by the Visitors Center for details on licenses, local shops for gear, guided trips...

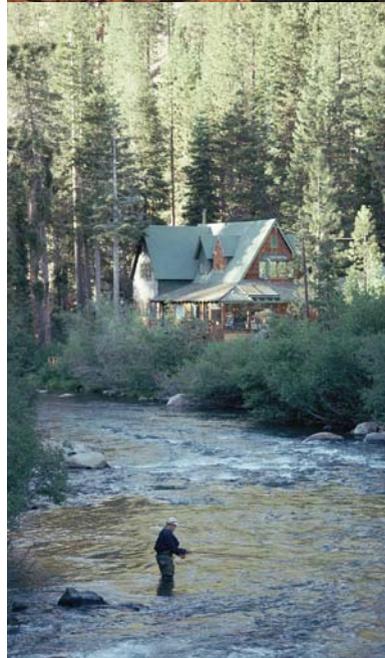
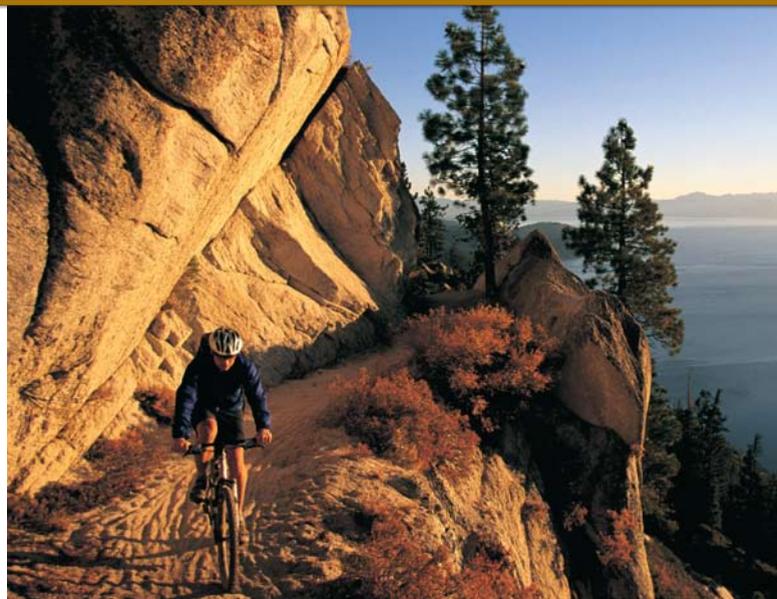
Lakes

Prefer to fish on bigger waters? Here's a list of a few nearby: Lake Tahoe, Spooner (catch and release), Washoe, Pyramid and Topaz Lakes, and Hobart Reservoir. You can also launch a boat or PWC at Tahoe, Washoe, Pyramid and Topaz. Check at the Visitors Center for the best beaches and picnic spots.

Slopes

It's an easy drive to world-class winter sports areas. You can be at Heavenly or Mt. Rose in about 35 minutes, Kirkwood or Diamond Peak in under an hour. Those are just four of the Tahoe region's 15 downhill and nine cross-country choices. Most offer equipment rentals and lessons.

You'll also find good rental prices at Carson City shops. Lodging here is an affordable alternative, too. And where else can you combine a morning of spring skiing with an afternoon of golf?



SIDE-TRIPS

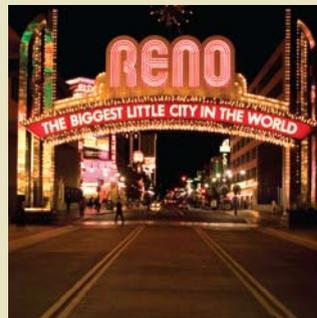
There are so many easy excursions from Carson City's convenient High Sierra location. Look under "Tours" at visitcarsoncity.com or stop by the Visitors Center for destinations and directions. Here's the short-list:

Carson Valley and Genoa. You'll find this lush, green valley and the site of Nevada's first (1851) trading post 15 miles south of the state capital. Home to charming B & Bs, restaurants and shops today, Genoa looks out toward the Pine Nut Mountains and the communities of Minden-Gardnerville, well known for their Basque heritage.



Virginia City. Travel 15 miles northeast to the "richest place on earth" during the gold and silver mining boom (1860-1880). Today, it's the largest National Historic Monument in the U.S.. You can tour mansions, museums and mines, eat and drink in Old West saloons, ride the V&T Railroad...

Lake Tahoe. North America's largest alpine lake is 16 miles west of Carson City. Along the 72-mile shore, you'll find scenic landmarks like Sand Harbor, Cave Rock and Emerald Bay, as well as glimpses of the past: Zephyr Cove Resort, Camp "Rich," Vikingsholm, the Gatekeeper's Museum...



Reno. Drive 30 miles north to "The Biggest Little City in the World." The Truckee River, with a Whitewater Park for kayakers, flows through downtown, a mix of museums (art and auto), stately homes, shops, restaurants, parks and casino-resorts. Farther out? More shopping, dining, nightlife, a convention center and an airport.

CHECKING IN

Luxurious to budget-minded, most of Carson City's over 1700 rooms and 360+ RV spaces are close to area attractions. For reservations, you can dial directly, book many online (phone numbers and websites listed) or call 800.NEVADA.1.

Bed & Breakfast

Bliss Bungalow, 775.883.6129, blissbungalow.com. An Inn located in the Historic District, 5 rooms with private baths.

Hotels and Inns

Best Western Carson Station Hotel & Casino, 800.501.2929, carsonstation.com. 82 nonsmoking rooms, 3 suites, restaurant, casino, live entertainment.

Courtyard by Marriott, 775.887.9900, marriott.com. 88 rooms, 12 suites, meeting room, restaurant and bar, high speed internet. Next door to the Casino Fandango.

Gold Dust West Casino Hotel, 877.519.5567, gdwcasino.com. 146 rooms, 49 suites, restaurant, casino, exercise room, meeting space, pool, bowling center, RV Park.





Hampton Inn & Suites, 800.426.7866, carsoncity-suites.hamptoninn.com. 85 rooms, pool, fitness and business centers, high-speed internet, meeting space.

Hardman House, 800.626.0793, hardmanhouseinn.com. 62 rooms (56 nonsmoking), 7 suites, meeting space.

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 877.283.4055, hiexpress.com. 85 rooms, indoor pool, meeting space, pets on approval.

The Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 888.227.1499, carsoncityplaza.com. 168 rooms (all nonsmoking), meeting space, weekly rates, 24-hour office with fax and copy machines, data ports, microwaves.

Motels

Best Value Inn, 888.231.6326, bestvaluecarsoncity.com. 58 rooms (36 nonsmoking), pool, RV parking. Pets on approval.

Carson City Inn, 775.882.1785. 61 rooms (8 nonsmoking), Restaurants, weekly rates, pets on approval.

Carson Hot Springs, 888.917.3711, carsonhotspringsresort.com. 6 cabins (all nonsmoking), hot springs pool, spa facilities.

Carson Nugget City Center Motel, 800.338.7760, ccnugget.com. 80 rooms (47 nonsmoking). Pets on approval.

Days Inn, 877.231.1574, daysinn.com. 2 suites, 62 rooms (41 nonsmoking), kitchens. Weekly rates, RV parking, approved pets.

Desert Hills Motel, 800.652.7785. 33 rooms (12 nonsmoking), 3 suites, kitchens. Weekly rates, RV parking, pets on approval.

Frontier Motel, 775.882-1377. 51 rooms (13 nonsmoking), 5 suites, kitchens. Weekly rates, RV parking.

Mill House Inn, 775.882.2715. 24 rooms, pool, picnic area, RV parking.

Motel 6, 800.466.8356, motel6.com. 82 rooms (38 nonsmoking), pool, RV parking. Pets on approval.

Nugget Motel, 775.882.7711, carefreeinncc.com. 60 rooms (30 nonsmoking), kitchens.

Pioneer Motel, 775.882.3046. 35 rooms (9 nonsmoking), 1 suite, pool, RV parking. Weekly rates, pets on approval.

Quality Inn Trailside Inn, 775.883.7300, qualityinn.com. 67 rooms (51 nonsmoking), pool, RV parking. Pets on approval.

Round House Inn, 800.424.6423. 39 rooms (13 nonsmoking), 4 suites, pool. Pets on approval.

Silver Queen Inn, 775.882.5534. 34 rooms (9 nonsmoking), 1 suite. Weekly rates, RV parking.

Super 8 Motel, 800.800.8000, super8.com. 63 rooms (47 nonsmoking), 1 suite. Weekly rates, RV parking, approved pets.



RV Parks with Showers, Laundry Room & Store

Camp-N-Town RV Park, 775.883.1123. 157 spaces, dump site, weekly rates. Pets on approval.

Comstock Country RV Resort, 800.638.2321, comstockrv.com. 163 spaces, pool, tennis courts. Pets on approval.

Gold Dust West RV Park, 877.519.5567, gdwcasino.com. 48 spaces, pool, restaurant, casino, bowling. Pets on approval.

ANNUAL EVENTS

You can time your visit to a full calendar. For current dates, go to visitcarsoncity.com, “Events,” or call 800.NEVADA.1. Here are a few highlights:

January. Winter Wine & All That Jazz. Vintages from several wineries, appetizers and great music.

May. Kit Carson Trail Spring Ghost Walk. Guided tours with actors portraying historic residents.

June. Carson City Rendezvous. Mountain men, gunfights, Native American dancing, music, food and more.

Taste of Downtown. From the finest restaurants with entertainment.

August. Silver Dollar Car Classic. Show and shine, poker run, street dance and more.

Railfest. Train rides with bandits, live music, memorabilia... in Virginia City, too.

Jazz and Beyond. Music festival with more than 25 acts.

September. Basque Festival. Music, dancing, cuisine, even herding dogs.

Salsa y Salsa. Hispanic music, entertainment and food.

October. Oktoberfest. “Oompah” music, food, drink, crafts.

Kit Carson Trail Ghost Walk. Guided tours of the historic district with spirits of the past.

Nevada Day Parade. The state’s biggest parade plus many “Happy Birthday” events.

November. Nutcracker Ballet. Featuring guest dancers.

December. Silver & Snowflake Festival of Lights. Carols, Santa, lighting downtown and the Capitol Christmas tree.

Ride the Rails with St. Nick. Santa Train steam-ups, Nevada State Railroad Museum.

Victorian Home Christmas Tour. Tour homes in the historic district decorated in their traditional Victorian grandeur.



There are lots of things to do in historic downtown Carson City. Check out downtowncarsoncity.com for hundreds of fun things to do including children’s activities, winewalks, free concerts, street dances, farmers’ markets and more.

TRAVEL TIME

Maps and miles don’t lie. Getting to Carson City is easy, even for a quick weekend getaway. How easy?

Take a road trip from Sacramento or the Bay Area. You can travel via Interstate 80 East into Reno, then Hwy. 395 South about 30 miles. Or you can take Hwy. 50 through South Lake Tahoe, follow the East Shore to Spooner Summit and head down to Hwy. 395 at the southern edge of town.

Coming a longer distance or prefer a quick plane ride? Reno-Tahoe International Airport is a relatively relaxed, low-key travel experience. Direct flights arrive daily from major hubs and baggage claim is conveniently located a few steps from the car rental agencies. Or you can arrange for one of the southbound shuttles.

Either way, you’ll be touring, tasting, playing and staying before you know it.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Miles from Carson City</i>
Lake Tahoe	14
Reno	30
Sacramento	165
San Francisco	261
Las Vegas	411
Los Angeles	445
Boise	459
Salt Lake City	556
Portland	616
Seattle	751



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Just as the High Sierra seasons change, so do the events and activities in Carson City. Our website is always a good resource for previews and details. Or you can stop by the Visitors Center for some of our insider's information.



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