

North Lake Tahoe | Travel Time & Distances

Explore North Lake Tahoe

Whether you begin your journey in California or Nevada, North Lake Tahoe is easily accessible. Fly into one of five international airports and drive into the mountains or enjoy a quick flight from Las Vegas or Los Angeles. Plus, North Lake Tahoe is only a few hours from wine country, making it a must-see destination on your trip to California or Nevada.

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1 Incline Village
Incline Village is located on the eastern side of North Lake Tahoe and features some of the most relaxing beaches. In the winter, Diamond Peak Ski Area is a family-friendly ski resort within the city limits.

2 Crystal Bay
The California/Nevada state line dissects Crystal Bay and you can stroll from state to state along the cool waters of the bay. Crystal Bay features a variety of Lake Tahoe lodging and dining, as well as a tremendous amount of live entertainment options.

3 Kings Beach
Featuring a signature downtown public beach, hip shops and restaurants, Kings Beach is at the intersection of HWY 267 and HWY 28, making it a perfect spot to stay at with easy access to many of the ski resorts.

4 Tahoe Vista
From cozy B&Bs to high-end options or mom and pop motels, Tahoe Vista puts you at the lake shore. The town's beaches and shallow waters make it a favorite of swimmers and waders in summer and fall. Kayaking and paddleboarding are also popular along the shoreline.

5 Carnelian Bay
In 1860, Carnelian Bay was named for the semi-precious red and yellow stones peppering the shoreline. Year-round, Carnelian Bay in North Lake Tahoe is the spot for big Mackinaw trout. The beaches are favorites with dogs, kayakers, SUPers and sunset seekers.

6 Northstar
Northstar has long been a star of family vacations, with a self-contained village and everything within walking or ski-lift distance. The resort offers impeccably groomed trails during the winter and one of the West's top mountain bike parks in the summer.

7 Olympic Valley
One of the most picturesque valleys in the Sierra Nevada, Olympic Valley is legendary both for its beauty and skiing. Home the 1960 Olympics, the area is all about adventure and exploration. In the summer, there are miles of hiking trails, bike paths and activities like golf and horseback riding.

8 Alpine Meadows
Alpine Meadows is known for the longest snow season of any Lake Tahoe ski resort and powder that stays for days. During the summer season, it's the area for recreation and relaxation with hiking on Ward and Scott's peaks, biking, rafting or fly-fishing Bear Creek.

9 Tahoe City
Established in 1864, Tahoe City is home to Lake Tahoe's only outlet, the source of the Truckee River. This town is packed with year-round activities, including kayaking and paddleboarding in the warmer seasons, as well as golf and hiking trails. In the winter, the Winter Sports Park includes a skating rink and there are cross-country skiing trails nearby.

10 Sunnyside
Sunnyside is less than 5 miles outside of Tahoe City and 4 miles from Homewood Mountain Resort, allowing for travelers to be close to everything. In the summer, Sunnyside is a popular gathering place for both visitors and locals.

11 Homewood
Home to Homewood Mountain Resort, this town west of Tahoe City features a mixture of mountain terrain and lakeside views. Skiers and snowboards can feel like they're carving down the slopes right into the lake.

12 Tahoma
The furthest town along Lake Tahoe's west shore, Tahoma is close to Bliss State Park, Meeks Bay and Emerald Bay. A lakeside trail from Bliss State Park actually takes you all the way to Emerald Bay State Park, one of the world's most photographed places.

