



## Touring > Driving Itineraries

### CITIES AND PARKS

#### SPEND 12 DAYS EXPLORING AMERICA'S MOST EXCITING CITIES AND NATURAL HIGHLIGHTS!

From famous Yosemite National Park to the glamour of the Las Vegas strip, this versatile schedule delivers the best of both worlds - city and country.



#### DAY 1 & 2: SAN FRANCISCO

Consistently rated as one of the world's top travel destinations, the "city by the bay" is famed for its unparalleled beauty, diverse cultural attractions and extensive gourmet food scene.

#### DAY 3: SAN FRANCISCO TO SACRAMENTO

Sacramento, a city rich in historic attractions, has been California's capital since 1854. Explore Old Sacramento State Historic Park (SHP), the largest collection of Gold Rush era buildings on the Pacific Coast, or the California State Railroad Museum. Drive along the riverfront or take a riverboat cruise. And don't forget to tour Sutter's Fort SHP and the State Indian Museum. Driving time: Approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes (140 km).

#### DAY 4: SACRAMENTO TO YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Famous Yosemite National Park ranges from 2,000 feet above sea level to more than 13,000 feet! It also features alpine wilderness, three

groves of giant sequoias and the glacially carved Yosemite Valley with impressive waterfalls, cliffs and unusual rock formations. Driving time: Approximately 4 hours (226 km).

#### DAY 5: YOSMITE NATIONAL PARK TO MAMMOTH LAKES

This year round destination on the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range features Mammoth Mountain. Mammoth is home to one of the largest outdoor recreation areas in California. Hiking, biking, fishing, and kayaking are just some of the activities to enjoy while appreciating the natural beauty of this area. Driving time: Approximately 2.5 hours (161 km).

#### DAY 6: MAMMOTH LAKES TO DEATH VALLEY

The spooky names featured on Death Valley maps include the Funeral Mountains, Coffin Peak, Hell's Gate, Starvation Canyon and Dead Man Pass! While this area has an unfortunate history (the names reflect the troubles and misfortunes endured by early pioneers who inhabited and

mined the region last century) there is nothing scary today about its beauty.

Driving time: Approximately 4 hours (344 km).

#### DAY 7: DEATH VALLEY TO BARSTOW

Travel on to this central Mojave Desert town - a hub for excursions to national landmarks and remnants of the area's railroading and mining history. For shopping, stop by the Tanger Outlet Centres. Also don't miss Barstow's Main Street (part of Route 66).

Driving time: Approximately 4 hours (299 km).

#### DAY 8: BARSTOW TO LAS VEGAS

Continue through the vast Mojave Desert. If you arrive during the day, make a stop at the Fashion Outlets of Las Vegas in Primm, Nevada (home to more than 100 designer outlets!) before continuing to the Las Vegas Strip. If you arrive at night, the dazzling lights of Las Vegas will really excite you.

Driving time: Approximately 3.5 hours (248 km).



### DAY 9: HIT THE LAS VEGAS STRIP

Put on some comfortable shoes and hit The Famous Strip. It's a great way to get your bearings and absorb Las Vegas' magic! Start at the north end and head south. You'll pass the spectacular themed hotels that are more like amusement parks - some are as big as two Australian blocks!

Most large hotels offer multiple restaurants, clubs, cinemas, theatres, casinos and shops not to mention extravagant decors reminiscent of Paris, Monte Carlo, Venice, New York, Egypt and Ancient Rome. Don't be shy. Go explore!

Here are a few must-dos:

**WHAT:** Stratosphere Tower and Thrill Rides

**WHERE:** The Strip

Standing at 350 metres, the tower features indoor and outdoor viewing areas along with the X-Scream, which catapults riders over the edge of the tower and "The Big Shot" (which catapults riders 48 metres in 2.5 seconds!)

**WHAT:** Dinner and a Show

**WHERE:** The Monte Carlo Hotel

For dinner, check out a Las Vegas specialty a buffet dinner followed by a show. The selection and price range is huge. If you're traveling with kids, try magician Lance Burton - the children could end up on stage with the master magician himself!

### DAY 10: SHOPPING AND SIGHT SEEING

Las Vegas isn't just about gambling - unique shopping and bizarre museums are just part of the fun!

**WHAT:** Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Botanical Cactus Garden

**WHERE:** 1 Cactus Garden Drive, Henderson.

Open daily, you can take a FREE self-guided tour of the chocolate factory and munch on complimentary samples.

**WHAT:** GAMBLERS GENERAL STORE

**WHERE:** 800 S. Main St

Visit the largest gambling superstore in the world for souvenirs! You'll find thousands of items including slot machines for your home, personalised poker chips and cases, award wheels, dice and cards.

**WHAT:** The Elvis-A-Rama Museum

**WHERE:** 3401 Industrial Rd

See the King's blue suede shoes among thousands of other genuine Elvis paraphernalia.

**WHAT:** A Lounge Act

**WHERE:** Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino, The Strip  
In the evening, find yourself a lounge act and settle in somewhere for the night. Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino generally has three or four different lounge acts playing concurrently.

### DAY 11: FLY HIGH

**WHAT:** Take a Dawn Helicopter Flight

Get up bright and early for an exciting helicopter ride to the Grand Canyon. The flight path will take you over the Las Vegas Strip and give you great views of Lake Mead, the Colorado River and Hoover Dam en-route to the main attraction. The Grand Canyon is an incredible natural phenomenon not to be missed. Land for a champagne picnic lunch!

**WHAT:** Splash

**WHERE:** The Riviera Hotel and Casino

Watch the stage explode with high-energy dancing and state-of-the-art special effects during this amazing show. Performed on a custom-designed ice rink (set centre stage) it features gorgeous showgirls and US Pro-championship gold medal-winning performances!

### DAY 12: SPORTS AND OTHER THRILLS

**WHAT:** The ESPN Zone

**WHERE:** The Strip

Sports fiends shouldn't go pass this sports themed dining and entertainment venue! Experience four integrated components including the Studio Grill, the Screening Room, Studio Store and the Sports Arena Game Arcade.

**WHAT:** Desert Passage

**WHERE:** The Aladdin Hotel and Casino, The Strip  
Desert Passage transports you to a land far away, bringing the romance of travel and desert adventure to life. Follow ancient trade routes stretching from the coast of Spain across Northern Africa onto the Arabian Sea. Along the way, browse intriguing marketplaces like the Lost City (tucked into a towering mountainside) or enjoy street performances in lively gathering places like the North African Harbour.

**WHAT:** Improv Comedy Club

**WHERE:** Harrah's

When night falls, head to this award winning club for some warm up drinks and laughs. It's been voted Las Vegas' best comedy club four years in a row!