

North Lake Tahoe | Travel Time & Distances

Explore North Lake Tahoe

No matter where you start your journey exploring California and Nevada, North Lake Tahoe is an easily accessible stop during the adventure. Fly into five different international airports and drive into the mountains or enjoy a quick flight from Las Vegas or Los Angeles. North Lake Tahoe is only a few hours from wine country or Yosemite National Park, making it a must-see destination for your trip to California or Nevada.

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North Lake Tahoe | Towns

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

Carnelian Bay is an annual destination for wooden boat enthusiasts coming from around the country for a weekend of cruising with the Concours d'Elegance wooden boat show. Year-round, Carnelian Bay is the spot to catch big Mackinaw trout, and 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/Squaw 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 new 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.

