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You are about to embark on a scenic journey unlike any in the world.

This brochure is designed to guide you through many of the natural and man-made wonders in the Lake Tahoe Basin, 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 99.99 percent pure, and a white dinner plate can be seen to a depth of 80 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.

From Stateline travel west on Highway 50

- 1) Heavenly Gondola** - ride to 3,000 feet above Lake Tahoe.
Follow Highway 50 west to Highway 89 north.
- 2) Camp Richardson/Tallac Historic Sites** - Miles of alpine beaches, restaurant, horseback riding and bike rentals. Historic mansions (summer tours).
- 3) US Forest Service Lake Tahoe Visitors Center** - Nature trails, ecology information, steam profile chamber along Taylor Creek.
- 4) Emerald Bay Lookout** - Spectacular location overlooking Emerald Bay, one of the most photographed places in the world. Trail to Vikingsholm Castle (summer tours).
- 5) D.L. Bliss State Park** - Secluded beach and picnic area with views of Rubicon Bay.
- 6) Meeks Bay** - Former home of the Washoe Indians. Beach and campground.
- 7) Sugar Pine Point State Park** - Location of historic Queen Anne-style Ehrman Mansion (summer tours), General Phipps Cabin, picnic grounds, and bike trails.
- 8) Gatekeepers Museum/Fanny Bridge** - See Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Collection at museum along with tools, logging and railroad history. View huge trout in Truckee River from Fanny Bridge.

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



From top: Olympic Rings at Squaw Valley, Sand Harbor, MS Dixie and Cave Rock.

Highway 89 north between Tahoe City and Truckee

9) Squaw Valley USA - Site of 1960 Winter Olympics, skiing, cable car, swimming, ice-skating, bungee jumping, lodging and restaurants.

Side Trip: From Highway 89 follow old Highway 40 (Donner Pass Road) west.

10) Donner Memorial State Park - Donner Museum, exhibits, nature trails, picnic grounds. Donner Lake recreation area nearby.

Return on old Highway 40 (Donner Pass Road) east to Truckee.

11) Truckee - historic railroad town with unique shops and restaurants.

Return to Tahoe City via Highway 89.

At Tahoe City, follow Highway 28 east

12) Watson Cabin historic cabin - With 1900-era furnishings, located in the center of Tahoe City.

13) Kings Beach - Beach, pier, dining and shops.

14) Crystal Bay - Site of many North Lake Tahoe casinos. See Chief Joseph sculpture outside the Cal Neva Resort which was once owned by Frank Sinatra.

15) Stateline Lookout - Trail to stunning view of Lake Tahoe, north shore casinos.

Side Trip: Take Highway 431 north four miles.

16) Mt. Rose Lookout - View of Lake Tahoe and Diamond Peak.

Return to Highway 28 east

17) Memorial Point - Excellent views of Lake Tahoe, walking trail, restrooms

18) Sand Harbor - Spectacular sandy beach, outdoor amphitheater (home of the Lake Tahoe Shakespear Festival), picnic area, State Park Information Center, fee to enter.

From Highway 28, take Highway 50 south

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

20) Cave Rock - Sacred site of the native Washoe Indians.

21) Zephyr Cove - Lodge, restaurant, beach, park, paddleboat cruises and RV park.

You have now completed the Most Beautiful Drive in America.

For more information on any of these sights or for general information on Lake Tahoe please visit: www.MostBeautifulDrive.com.



Visitor Centers

Let Lake Tahoe's area visitor centers be your guide, each conveniently located along your route.

North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce

245 North Lake Tahoe Boulevard
Tahoe City, CA 96145
(530)583-8737

Incline Village/Crystal Bay Visitors Center

969 Tahoe Boulevard
Incline Village, NV 89451
(775)832-1606

South Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce

3066 Lake Tahoe Boulevard
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(530)541-5255

Tahoe/Douglas Visitors Center

195 Highway 50, Round Hill
Stateline at Lake Tahoe, NV 89449
(775)588-4591

Truckee-Donner Chamber of Commerce

10065 Donner Pass Rd
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