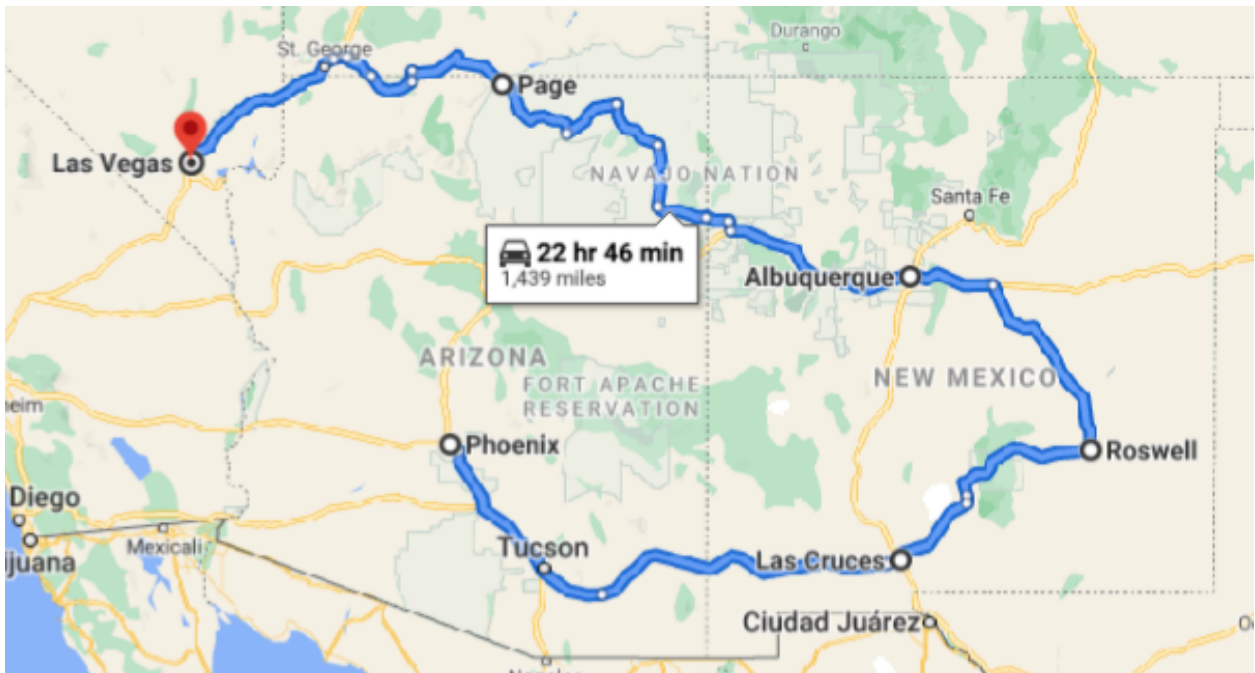


Road Trip: Phoenix, Arizona, to Las Vegas, Nevada

Your Trip Dates: October 15-23, 2021

Your Route: Phoenix, Arizona → Las Cruces, New Mexico →
Roswell, New Mexico → Albuquerque, New Mexico →
Page, Arizona → Las Vegas, Nevada



What an adventure you're about to have! Your route through the Southwest United States will take you to some of our country's most intriguing and iconic cultural centers and magnificent natural attractions, and you'll get to enjoy hundreds of miles of scenic landscapes along the way. When you look back on 2021, we hope your road trip shines brightly as a highlight of this unforgettable year.

DAY ONE (Friday, October 15)
Phoenix, Arizona



Phoenix, Arizona

Welcome to the Southwest! You're starting your trip in the Valley of the Sun, and Phoenix shines bright as an oasis of culture, entertainment and delicious food in the heart of the desert.

After picking up your rental car, head straight to your hotel to check in (if you arrive after 3 p.m.) or drop off your bags.

Your route: [Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to the Westin Phoenix Downtown](#)



Check-in: [The Westin Phoenix Downtown](#)

333 N. Central Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85004

602-429-3500

Confirmation number: (deleted)

Room type: Deluxe King City View

Rate: \$249/night plus taxes and fees, \$280.31 total
Valet parking: \$38/day
Check in: 3 p.m.
Check out: 12 p.m.
Cancellation policy: You may cancel your reservation for no charge before 11:59 p.m. local hotel time on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.



The Westin Phoenix Downtown

Located in the heart of downtown Phoenix, Arizona, The Westin Phoenix Downtown is walking distance from some of the city's most compelling attractions. Your hotel is across from the Van Buren/Central Avenue Light Rail Stop, which gives you easy access to the city. If you arrive in time for lunch, fuel up for your afternoon right at the hotel with fresh, farm-to-table cuisine.

NOTE: The Heard Museum listed later on today's itinerary closes at 4 p.m., so if you've eaten before your arrival, you may wish to go directly to the museum.

[Province Urban Kitchen & Bar](#)

333 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602-429-3600

Province Urban Kitchen & Bar at The Westin Phoenix Downtown is an urban American restaurant highlighting Sonoran flavors and techniques, sourcing the freshest local and sustainable ingredients. Try the Beer Fondue appetizer and the Chef's Flautas to perk up your taste buds with the flavors of the American Southwest.

Afterward, take some time to learn about and appreciate the art of the Native people across the Southwest at the Heard Museum. You can drive and park for free or take the Light Rail three stops up on the northbound train.

Your route: [The Westin Phoenix Downtown to the Heard Museum](#)



The Heard Museum

The Heard Museum

2301 N. Central Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85004

602-252-8840

Admission: \$17/adult, \$14/adult age 65+

The mission of the Heard Museum is to be the world's preeminent museum for the presentation, interpretation and advancement of American Indian art,

emphasizing its intersection with broader artistic and cultural themes. Here, you'll find intricate, handmade basketry, pottery, jewelry, textiles, children's toys and more. Current exhibits showcase contemporary Plains Indian dolls, Navajo weavings and other insights into Native culture. Before you leave, take time to enjoy the outdoor sculpture garden.

From there, return to your hotel to relax for a bit before dinner.

Your route: [The Heard Museum to the Westin Phoenix Downtown](#)

NOTE: If you opt to use Light Rail, get off at the Van Buren/First Avenue stop, which is one block west of your hotel.

You may already have a dinner location picked out for your night with friends, but if not, we recommend The Arrogant Butcher, a few short blocks south of your hotel. Stretch your legs and enjoy a walk!

Your route: [The Westin Phoenix Downtown to The Arrogant Butcher](#)

[The Arrogant Butcher](#)

2 East Jefferson Street #150
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602-324-8502

There's no place better for carnivores than this iconic Phoenix landmark, and the custom-crafted cocktails are just as good as the meat. Try the Butcher's Platter to get the chef's picks of the day and pair it with a Blood Orange Paloma.

Afterward, return to your hotel to get a good night of sleep before hitting the road tomorrow. If it helps you wind down, take a few laps in the hotel's gorgeous Lapis Terrace Pool and take in views of the city before you close your eyes.

Your route: [The Arrogant Butcher to the Westin Phoenix Downtown](#)

We hope you enjoyed the first day of your trip in beautiful Phoenix!

DAY TWO (Saturday, October 16)
Phoenix, Arizona, to Las Cruces, New Mexico



Your drive time: Approximately 7.25 hours

You've got some beautiful scenery to accompany you along your route and a lot of miles to cover, so get an early start on your day and stretch your legs before you get in the car with a walk to The Breakfast Club.

Your route: [The Westin Phoenix Downtown to The Breakfast Club](#)



The Breakfast Club

[The Breakfast Club](#)

2 East Jefferson Street #22-213

Phoenix, AZ 85004

602-354-7284

Whether you'd like a light breakfast to kick off your morning or a hearty meal that will keep you fueled for several hours on the road, you'll find it here. The menu offers tasty options like Lemon and Poppyseed Pancakes, Huevos Rancheros, and Whole Hog Omelettes packed with ham, bacon, sausage AND chorizo.

Return to your hotel to check out by noon.

Your route: [The Breakfast Club to the Westin Phoenix Downtown](#)

It's time to hit the road! Today's route will take you through Tucson, and that's your first stop.

Your route: [The Westin Phoenix Downtown to Spice 'N Box](#)



Spice 'N Box

[Spice 'N Box](#)

238 North Fourth Avenue

Tucson, AZ 85705

520-820-1003

The menu of highly rated Indian dishes at this restaurant may be traditional, but the ambiance is anything but. Look for the bright yellow shipping container to know you've arrived! Once you're there, try the mango chicken for a unique flavor, and enjoy dining al fresco under shade canopies.

From here, head south for a close-up look at Arizona's iconic saguaro cacti.

Your route: [Spice 'N Box to Saguaro National Park Red Hills Visitor Center](#)

Saguaro National Park - Tucson Mountain District (West)

3693 South Old Spanish Trail

Tucson, AZ 85730

520-733-5153

Entrance fee: \$25/vehicle or free with the America the Beautiful Pass

NOTE: Your route will take you to several National Park Service sites that require a fee to enter, and the separate fees at the parks along your route make it most cost effective for you to buy an **America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass**. This pass will give you access to more than 2,000 federal recreational sites for a full year. For most people, the pass fee is \$80, but discounted or free passes are available for military families, families of 4th graders, Americans 62 years of age and older, Americans with permanent disabilities, and park volunteers. You can purchase this pass directly at the Red Hills Visitor Center in Saguaro National Park. For more information, visit <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm>.

Saguaro National Park is split into two separated sections, one on either side of Tucson, and today's route will take you to the western section. The Tucson Mountain District of the park has a popular Scenic Bajada Loop Drive that gives a beautiful overview of this park and its eponymous cacti. Stop first at the Red Hills Visitor Center to see a saguaro cactus forest in its full glory, learn about the unique geology of the Tucson Mountains and get information on the park. Then, return to the road to take the Scenic Bajada Loop Drive.



Saguaro cacti near Tucson, Arizona

Your route: [Saguaro National Park Red Hills Visitor Center to The Thing via the Scenic Bajada Loop Drive](#)

As you depart the Red Hills Visitors Center, continue along Kinney Road for another 1.6 miles to the loop's entrance on the right. Follow the loop for six miles to the intersection of Sandario Road, and make use of the pullouts along the way. When you finish the loop, turn left onto Sandario Road to continue toward a truly weird but fascinating roadside attraction.

The Thing

2631 North Johnson Road

Benson, AZ 85602

520-586-2581

Admission: \$5/adult

As you drive west on I-10, you may notice billboards advertising "The Thing," which are intentionally left vague. We won't ruin the surprise (you can search on

Google or Wikipedia if you can't wait), but if you're looking for quirky, bizarre roadside attractions, this highly rated stop is definitely worth your time!



The Thing

After this memorable pit stop, continue on toward your evening's accommodations in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Your route: [The Thing to Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces](#)



Check-in: [Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces](#)

705 South Telshor Boulevard

Las Cruces, NM 88011

866-383-0443

Reservation number: (deleted)

Room type: Superior King

Rate: \$199/night plus taxes and fees, total \$227.99

Check in: 4 p.m.

Check out: 11 a.m.

Cancellation policy: Reservation must be canceled 24 hours before 4 p.m. arrival time to avoid one night penalty.

Tonight, you're staying at Southern New Mexico's premier resort hotel, and it serves as a true, luxurious oasis in the desert. This property's ambiance reflects Spanish and Mexican colonial history and traditions. After you check in to your room, enjoy dinner on site at Mezcla Restaurant.



[Mezcla Restaurant](#)

705 South Telshor Boulevard
Las Cruces, NM 88011
866-383-0443

Mezcla is inspired by the ancient highway, El Camino Real, and the many cultures that traversed along its path throughout history. Along with the many footsteps that cover its journey, the Camino Real's trade route allowed for the cross-cultural exchange of delicious cuisines, resulting in a beautiful blend of multicultural recipes to be created.

Get a good night of sleep tonight! You'll do about half as much driving tomorrow compared to today's long journey, so feel free to sleep in.

We hope you enjoyed your travels across Arizona and New Mexico today!

DAY THREE (Sunday, October 17) Las Cruces, New Mexico, to Roswell, New Mexico



Your drive time: Approximately 3.75 hours



White Sands National Park

We hope you wake up feeling rested and ready for another day's adventures! You have time to take it slow today, so enjoy traveling at a more leisurely pace. Once you check out, head downtown for an intriguing breakfast experience.

Your route: [Hotel Encantos de Las Cruces to A Bite of Belgium](#)

[A Bite of Belgium](#)

741 North Alameda Boulevard, Suite 16
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005
575-527-2483

The signature dish here is the liege waffle, a sweet dessert embedded with pearl sugar. Make sure to save room for one (or two), but also try some of their other great breakfast options like the homemade corned beef hash or Southwest eggs florentine.

From here, head northwest for a visit to one of the most unusual natural attractions in the U.S.

Your route: [A Bite of Belgium to White Sands National Park Visitor Center](#)

[White Sands National Park](#)

19955 US-70

Alamogordo, NM 88310

575-479-6124

Entrance fee: \$25/vehicle or free with the America the Beautiful Pass

Formerly designated a national monument, White Sands was recently reclassified as a national park, and honestly, it has deserved that rank all along. Here, white gypsum sand covers 275 square miles of desert, and it's cool to the touch and comfortable to walk on all year round. However, the sand reflects sunlight, so slather on the sunscreen before you step out onto the dunes. For a kick, rent a waxed snow saucer in the gift shop and sled down the dunes!

Ironically, as peaceful as this place is, it shares a border with the White Sands Missile Range, the site of the first detonation of a nuclear device. In the waning days of World War II, the U.S. Army conducted a nuclear test here code-named Trinity, which led to the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan shortly thereafter. The site is still used for weapons testing, and park information warns visitors to watch out for unexploded ordinance on the dunes. If you happen to notice any unusual manmade objects during your explorations, call a park ranger!

When you're ready for A/C again, head toward Alamogordo for lunch.

Your route: [White Sands National Park Visitor Center to Can't Stop Smokin' BBQ Smokehouse](#)

[Can't Stop Smokin' BBQ Smokehouse](#)

900 East Tenth Street
Alamogordo, NM 88310
575-437-4227

Smoke flavors much of the cuisine of the Southwest, and you'll get great tastes of it at this highly rated BBQ joint. Try the tri-tip sandwich, fall-off-the-bone ribs, or a chopped carnitas combo, and finish off your meal with fresh-baked mountain berry pie.

After you eat your fill, continue east toward tonight's accommodations in Roswell.

Your route: [Can't Stop Smokin' BBQ Smokehouse to TownePlace Suites by Marriott Roswell](#)



TownePlace Suites by Marriott Roswell



Check-in: [TownePlace Suites by Marriott Roswell](#)

180 East 19th Street
Roswell, NM 88201
575-622-5460

Confirmation number: (deleted)
Room type: Studio King with Sofa Bed
Rate: \$271.38 total
Check in: 4 p.m.
Check out: 12 p.m.
Cancellation policy: You may cancel your reservation for no charge before 11:59 p.m. local hotel time on Saturday, October 16, 2021 (one day before arrival).

Your suite awaits at this Marriott property close to all of Roswell's alien attractions! During your stay, enjoy the outdoor heated swimming pool and complimentary breakfast for every guest. If you need to do laundry, you can use the on-site facilities to refresh your wardrobe.

After you've checked in and taken a chance to settle in and relax a bit, head back out for dinner.

Your route: [TownePlace Suites by Marriott Roswell to Cattle Baron](#)

Cattle Baron

1113 N. Main Street
Roswell, NM 88201
575-622-2465

For more than 45 years, this local steakhouse chain has served up high-quality steaks, salads, sides and more. Since you're in New Mexico, try the green chile stew as an appetizer and follow it up with one of the restaurant's famous prime rib dinners.

Afterward, we recommend you swing by the McDonald's downtown (yes, McDonald's!) for a McFlurry or apple pie so you can check out the world's only UFO-themed McDonald's.

Your route: [Cattle Baron to McDonald's](#)



Roswell McDonald's

[McDonald's](#)

720 North Main Street
Roswell, NM 88201
575-622-4752

Shaped like a flying saucer and lit up in neon at night, this McDonald's is a sight to behold from outside, but it's worth going inside to see the space-themed décor there, including floating astronauts. Once you've enjoyed the decorations and your dessert, return to your hotel for sweet dreams before you fill your brain with more alien thoughts tomorrow!

Your route: [McDonald's to TownePlace Suites by Marriott Roswell](#)

We hope you enjoyed today's adventures in New Mexico!

DAY FOUR (Monday, October 18) Roswell, New Mexico, to Albuquerque, New Mexico



Your drive time: Approximately 5 hours



International UFO Museum

Your drive from Roswell to Albuquerque today only takes about four hours, so you have flexibility to sleep in and take it easy until check-out time. Enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast at the hotel, then head out for a morning of alien adventures!

Your route: [TownePlace Suites by Marriott Roswell to the International UFO Museum and Research Center](#)

[International UFO Museum and Research Center](#)

114 North Main Street
Roswell, NM 88203
575-625-9495
Admission: \$5/adult

Explanations of what really happened in 1947 in Roswell vary, but the Army did issue a report noting their recovery of a “flying disc,” which they quickly retracted, launching thousands of theories as to the facts of the matter. Today, the International UFO Museum and Research Center serves as the home for research into the incident as well as other events involving unidentified flying objects around the world.

You can easily spend hours getting caught up in the exhibits here, so pay attention when your stomach starts grumbling in case you lose track of the time. For lunch, mix things up with some flavors from Southeast Asia.

Your route: [International UFO Museum and Research Center to Kik’s Thai Food](#)



Green curry at Kik’s Thai Food

[Kik’s Thai Food](#)

5003 South Main Street
Roswell, NM 88203
575-840-7754

It's not Southwest fare, but this low-key food truck consistently garners some of the highest reviews from diners in Roswell. Thai cuisine balances the four flavors of sweet, sour, salty and spicy, and the ingredients here are always fresh fresh fresh. Ask Kik for her recommendations, and customize your dishes to your level of spice preference. Once your meal is complete, take in one last UFO-themed attraction.

Your route: [Kik's Thai Food to Alien Zone and Area 51](#)

Alien Zone and Area 51

216 Main Street

Roswell, NM 88201

575-627-6982

Admission: \$5/adult

More than just a gift shop, this attraction gives you the opportunity to insert yourself in alien dioramas and take some memorable selfies among Roswell's most infamous visitors. Afterward, head north toward another quirky roadside stop near Santa Fe.

Your route: [Alien Zone and Area 51 to Casa Grande Trading Post](#)



Casa Grande Trading Post

[Casa Grande Trading Post, Petting Zoo and Cerrillos Turquoise Mining Museum](#)

17 Waldo Street

Cerrillos, NM 87010

505-438-3008

Museum admission: \$4/person

This stop pulls you off the direct route to Albuquerque, but hey, road trips are all about meandering, right? This is one destination that's absolutely worth the journey. Turquoise and the mining of this precious stone have shaped much of New Mexico's history and identity, and this 28-room hacienda pays homage to turquoise as well as the industry (including the local one) that brings it to you. The gift shop features tons of varieties of loose turquoise, stones, and mineral specimens available for extremely reasonable prices, and the museum covers lots of local history with intriguing exhibits like its collection of barbed wire samples.

From here, continue on to your evening's accommodations in Albuquerque.

Your route: [Casa Grande Trading Post to Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town](#)



Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town



Check-in: [Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town](#)

800 Rio Grande Boulevard NW

Albuquerque, NM 87104

800-237-2133

Confirmation number: (deleted)

Room type: Traditional King with Balcony

Rate: \$219/night plus taxes and parking fee, total \$270.97

Check in: 4 p.m.

Check out: 11 a.m.

Cancellation policy: Reservation must be cancelled 24 hours before 4 p.m. arrival time to avoid one night penalty. The early departure fee is the first night room charge plus tax.

Tonight you sleep at a landmark Albuquerque luxury hotel, conveniently located in the heart of Old Town. The hotel features an on-site restaurant and bar, an outdoor resort swimming pool and even a romantic wedding chapel. Here, you're right across the street from Sawmill Market, a 25,000 square-foot food market with an array of local cuisine and culinary traditions that will give you great road snacks for the rest of your travels. Stop there tomorrow morning to load up!

When you're ready to eat again after getting settled at your hotel, roll on out to Frontier Restaurant for down-to-earth fare done right. It's open until 11 p.m., so feel free to grab a nap or just take a load off for awhile before dinner.

Your route: [Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town to Frontier Restaurant](#)



Frontier Restaurant

Frontier Restaurant

2400 Central Avenue SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106
505-266-0550

Now in its 50th year, this Albuquerque mainstay across from the University of New Mexico has almost 7,000 reviews on Google and manages to maintain a 4.5/5-star average thanks to its simple menu of delicious dishes, many of which derive from traditional New Mexican recipes, plus quick counter service and elegant Southwestern décor. Fill up and go to sleep happy tonight.

Your route: **[Frontier Restaurant to Hotel Albuquerque](#)**

We hope you enjoyed your journey across New Mexico today!

DAY FIVE (Tuesday, October 19) Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Page, Arizona



Your drive time: Approximately 7.5 to 8.25 hours (see route options listed after lunch stop)



Route 66 Neon Drive-Thru sign

Today, you get to get your kicks on Route 66! This iconic road trip route take a little longer than the interstate, which you're welcome to revert to if you want to move more quickly, but life in the slow lane has a much better view. To start your morning, grab breakfast on your hotel patio at Garduño's at Old Town.

[Garduño's at Old Town](#)

800 Rio Grande Boulevard NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104
505-843-6300

This New Mexican restaurant features the flavors of the state with interesting twists using Native ingredients. Once you enjoy your breakfast al fresco and check out of your room, begin your trek west to the Grand Canyon.

As you leave Albuquerque, Interstate 40 merges with the famous Route 66, and it splits again as you continue west. For 130 miles between Albuquerque and Gallup, New Mexico, you have your choice between these two roads. The interstate is faster, but Route 66 is an iconic road trip journey for a reason, and you'll find lots of scenic slices of Americana along the way.

One stop you'll definitely want to make is in Grants, New Mexico, home of the neon Route 66 arch.

Your route: [Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town to Route 66 Neon Drive-Thru Sign](#)

Route 66 Neon Drive-Thru Sign

600 West Santa Fe Avenue
Grants, NM 87020
505-287-7927

Once you get your pics with the sign, continue west on Route 66 toward lunch in Gallup, just before you cross back into Arizona.

Your route: [Route 66 Neon Drive-Thru Sign to Route 66 Railway Cafe](#)

Route 66 Railway Café

2150 U.S. Route 66
Gallup, NM 87301

Google reviewers are notoriously hard to please, but after 831 reviews, this roadside restaurant serving up homestyle meals still averages 4.6/5 stars. Don't let the simple menu and décor fool you — the staff here is on their game and they make good food well.

NOTE: From here, you have the option of a shorter, more direct [4.25-hour/246-mile drive](#) to your lodging for the evening in Page, Arizona, or if you want to stay on Route 66, you can follow a more southerly [5-hour/313-mile course](#). Route 66 would take you through Petrified Forest National Park, which would be a beautiful place to stretch your legs, and Winslow, Arizona, a corner of which was made famous by The Eagles. If you stay north, break up your trip with an eye-opening visit to the Hopi Cultural Center. If you choose to follow the southern route, check

out the stops further down this itinerary beginning with the Petrified Forest National Park.

NORTHERN OPTION

Your route: [Route 66 Railway Café to the Hopi Cultural Center](#)



Hopi Cultural Center

Hopi Cultural Center

AZ-264

Second Mesa, AZ 86043

928-734-2401

Located on the Second Mesa, the Hopi Cultural Center is in the center of it the Hopi world, yet very far from other attractions. While here, experience the world as if it were 1,000 years ago. Consider grabbing a bite at the on-site restaurant, which features a large variety of selections, including several traditional Hopi-inspired foods. The gift shop features artwork and handicrafts from several Hopi artists, including a wide array of handmade Hopi jewelry, kachina dolls, sand paintings, pottery, and much more. Several of the artists hold residencies but are always producing new works, in addition to a rotating artist each month.

From here, continue to your accommodations for the night, where you can immerse yourself in Navajo culture.

Your route: [Hopi Cultural Center to Shash Diné Eco Retreat](#)

SOUTHERN OPTION

Your route: [Route 66 Railway Café to the Painted Desert at Petrified Forest National Park](#)



Petrified Forest National Park

[Petrified Forest National Park](#)

1 Park Road

Petrified Forest National Park, AZ 86028

928-524-6228

This prehistoric landscape offers a short break from the highway with beautiful views and geologic intrigue. You can take the scenic road a short way into the northern section of the park and pull off at multiple overlooks before turning around and returning to the highway, and if you wish, you could take advantage of one of the short and sweet hiking options and take in some of the park's scenery and history without taking too much time. The Painted Desert Visitor

Center is currently closed for renovations, but you can find trail info [here](#) and choose the option that looks most appealing to you.

Your route: [The Painted Desert to Lacey Point at Petrified Forest National Park](#)

Once you reach Lacey Point on the park's scenic drive, turn around and retrace your steps to the park entrance and continue on to Winslow.

Your route: [Lacey Point at Petrified Forest National Park to The Corner in Winslow, Arizona](#)



The Corner in Winslow, Arizona

This is just a short stop for a photo op, but if you're a fan of classic rock, you can't pass up a photo of you Standin' on the Corner in Winslow, Arizona.

The Corner

Corner of Kinsley & East Second Street
Winslow, AZ 86047
480-326-3486

From here, continue to your accommodations for the night, where you can immerse yourself in Navajo culture.

Your route: [The Corner to Shash Diné Eco Retreat](#)



Check-in: [Shash Diné Eco Retreat](#)

Highway 89, Navajo Route 6211

Page, AZ 86040

928-640-3701

Please refer to your booking information for reservation number, room type, rate, check in/out times, and cancellation policy.

This glamping bed-and-breakfast offers a unique off-grid experience on the northern edge of the Navajo Nation, and it will likely create the most memorable night of your trip. Go in with no preconceptions and allow yourself to immerse yourself in a connection with this ancestral landscape.



Shash Diné Eco Retreat

Once you're checked in, it's time for dinner. If you're able to head out before sunset, consider stopping to take in the view at Horseshoe Bend Overlook, a sweeping bend in the Colorado River that's a short walk off your route. Watch for signs — after you turn right on Highway 89, go north eight miles and it will be on your left.

Your route: [Shash Diné Eco Retreat to State 48 Tavern](#)

State 48 Tavern

614 North Navajo Drive

Page, AZ 86040

928-645-1912

This low-key eatery often has Navajo tacos on the menu: fry bread, beef and bean chile, and all the regular taco toppings of cheese, lettuce, salsa, and more. Check out other intriguing options like Jamaican jerk scallops, the pork chop topped with braised apples, or the State 48 burger served on a pretzel bun and topped with beer-battered jalapenos, sriracha thousand island, and nacho cheese.

Afterward, return to Shash Diné for an unforgettable night under the stars.

Your route: [State 48 Tavern to Shash Diné Eco Retreat](#)

We hope you enjoyed your adventures across New Mexico and Arizona today!

DAY SIX (Wednesday, October 20) Page, Arizona, to Las Vegas, Nevada



Your drive time: Approximately 7.25 hours



Grand Canyon National Park

Get an early start today — you'll want to have plenty of time to drink in the eye-popping sights of the Grand Canyon, the Hoover Dam and Las Vegas. Shash Diné serves a “hiker’s breakfast” consisting of fresh seasonal fruit, muffins, yogurt, and breakfast bars. Enjoy your meal with ahweeh (coffee) or ch’il ahweeh/deeh (Navajo tea). From there, head south for your journey to the Grand Canyon’s South Rim. Your drive to Grand Canyon Village will take a little more than two hours, so stop for lunch upon your arrival, or enjoy a short hike along the canyon rim before your meal (see below).

Your route: [Shash Diné Eco Retreat to Yavapai Tavern](#)

[Yavapai Tavern](#)

11 Yavapai Lodge Road
Grand Canyon Village, AZ 86023
928-638-4001

Yavapai Tavern is known for serving Arizona craft beer and creative burgers in addition to offering one of the South Rim's only outdoor dining areas. Order at the bar and then choose a seat inside near a television or choose a seat outdoors

on the patio near the fire pit and enjoy the high desert climate. Visitors of all ages will enjoy a meal at the tavern, and you may experience live music on the patio during your visit!

After your lunch, walk off some of your meal on the Rim Trail, accessible from any viewpoint in Grand Canyon Village, and turn around whenever you wish. Once you've drunk in your fill of the views from here, begin your journey toward the Hoover Dam.

NOTE: The dam is a massive piece of critical infrastructure, and security here is paramount. One mile prior to the visitors center, you will pass through a mandatory security checkpoint where your vehicle will be inspected for threats. Weapons are not permitted, so keep that in mind as you travel.

Your route: [Yavapai Tavern to Hoover Dam Visitors Center](#)



Hoover Dam

Hoover Dam Visitors Center

81 Hoover Dam Access Road

Boulder City, NV 89005

702-494-2517

Parking: \$10/vehicle in the Parking Garage (open 8:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m.) and Parking Lot 9 (Arizona side, open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.), free in the upper lots on the Arizona side, but these require a walk of .75 mile or more each way to see the dam.

Visitor Center tickets: \$10/person (open 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m.)

This enormous structure built to tame the Colorado River is a true wonder to behold, especially considering it's approaching its 100th anniversary. Guided tours to the powerplant and dam are on hold for now, but you can still walk across the dam and check out the visitors center's exhibits. The dam itself is open to visitors until 9 p.m.

And now for something completely different! You've had eye-popping natural and infrastructural experiences today, but get ready to feast your eyes on the lights and sights of Las Vegas.

Your route: [Hoover Dam Visitors Center to Golden Gate Hotel & Casino](#)



Check-in: Golden Gate Hotel & Casino

1 Fremont Street

Las Vegas, NV 89101

800-426-1906

Confirmation number: (deleted)

Room type: Queen Non-Smoking

Rate: Three-night total \$533.18

Check in: 3 p.m.

Check out: 11 a.m.

Cancellation policy: To cancel, call 800-426-1906.



Golden Gate Hotel & Casino

The Golden Gate is the first hotel that opened in Las Vegas, way back in 1906, and it remains steadfast as an enduring icon of Old Vegas. Guests can enjoy modern rooms that draw inspiration from the hotel's colorful past, a prime location that's within reach of all the attractions but away from the noise of the Strip, on-site access to the iconic Golden Gate Casino, and free passes to Stadium Swim, a multifunctional outdoor pool space with a 143-foot screen for sports and entertainment.

You're here for three nights, so settle in! Once you have, head out for your last but still memorable stop of the day — dinner at Dick's Last Resort. It's an easy walk down the street, so consider going on foot.

Your route: [Golden Gate Hotel & Casino to Dick's Last Resort](#)

[Dick's Last Resort](#)

450 East Fremont Street, Suite 140
Las Vegas, NV 89101
725-205-3813

Be prepared! The wait staff here are trained to sass you, but it's OK — they expect you to dish it right back. The menu is just as rude, with options like Dick's Huge 12-inch Wiener, the CryBaby Burger, and "The Dolly": Voluptuously Grilled, Blackened, BBQ or Fried Chicky Breasts. Wash it down with some moonshine and enjoy your walk back to your hotel.

Your route: [Dick's Last Resort to the Golden Gate Hotel & Casino](#)

We hope you made great memories today along your route in Arizona and Nevada!

DAY SEVEN (Thursday, October 21) Las Vegas, Nevada



Your drive time: Approximately 5.25 hours



The Extraterrestrial Highway

Start your morning with a short walk and breakfast right across the street.

Your route: [Golden Gate Hotel & Casino to Hash House A Go Go](#)

[Hash House A Go Go](#)

1 South Main Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101
702-384-4646

This restaurant serves up what they call “twisted farm food,” and the menu includes a number of award-winning favorites. Try the sage fried chicken with

waffles, or pancakes the size of a tractor steering wheel. Once you've had your fill, return to your hotel.

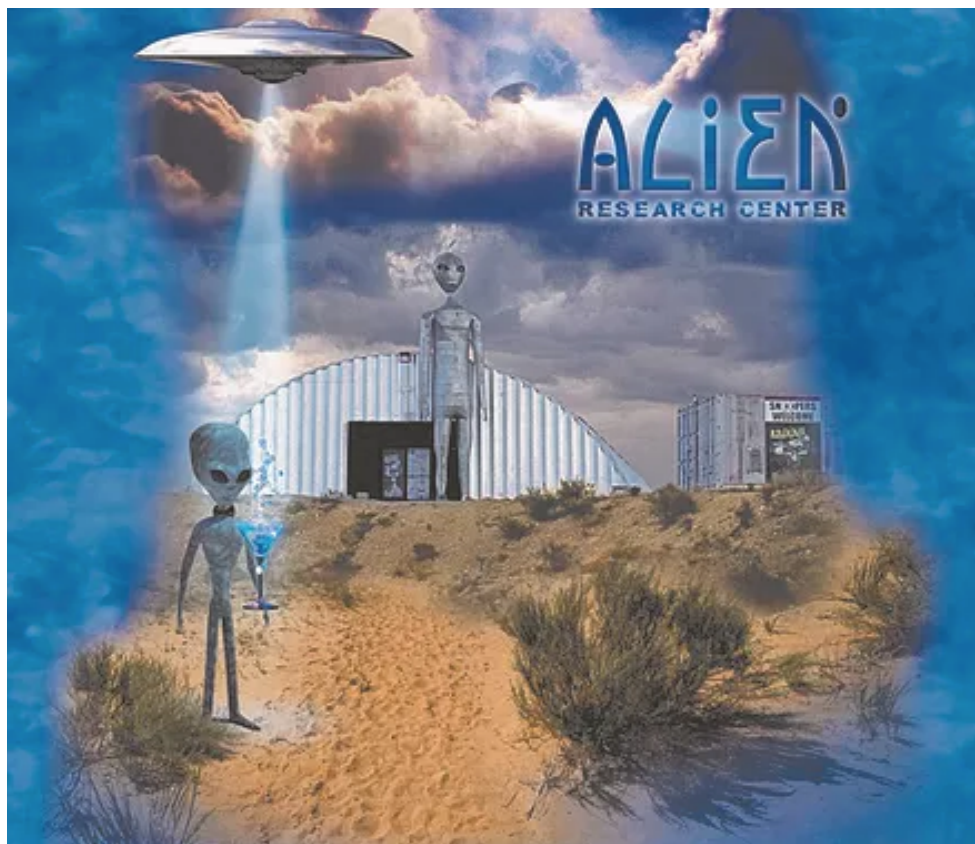
Your route: [Hash House A Go Go to Golden Gate Hotel & Casino](#)

Now, fetch your car so you can head out for a day on the [Extraterrestrial Highway](#) toward the highly guarded and closed to the public [Area 51](#). Be sure to fill up your tank before getting too far away from the city, because once you head into the desert, you'll have a long stretch of lonely road before you reach the next pump.

Your route: [Golden Gate Hotel & Casino to the Extraterrestrial Highway Sign](#)

The Extraterrestrial Highway is a Nevada tourism icon, and it attracts visitors from around the world and perhaps... beyond. Stop and get a picture, then continue down the street to the Alien Research Center.

Your route: [The Extraterrestrial Highway Sign to the Alien Research Center](#)



Alien Research Center

[Alien Research Center](#)

100 NV-375
Hiko, NV 89017
775-725-3750

Gleaming in the desert sun like an actual spaceship itself, this destination for those who believe or wonder welcomes you with a giant two-story silver alien greeting you at the door. This stop is not only a great place to get your hands on some souvenirs you probably won't find anywhere else, but also an unforgettable place to chat with locals and get the inside scoop on all you've been wondering about—like where to spot a UFO and what's really up with Area 51.

Afterward, continue on toward lunch in the nearby town of Rachel at the Little A'Le'Inn.

Your route: [Alien Research Center to Little A'Le'Inn](#)

[Little A'Le'Inn](#)

9631 Old Mill Street
Rachel, NV 89001
775-729-2515

The sign out front says "Welcome Earthlings," so you'll know you're in the right place. Alien décor, including a jerry-rigged UFO hanging from a crane. Visitors can peruse photos of alleged, first-person UFO accounts, sip on Alien Amber Ale, and purchase quirky swag that would be hard to find anywhere else. Try a Galaxy Wrap or Saucer Burger!

From here, turn back toward Alamo and make a quick pit stop at Alien Cowpoke Gasoline & General Store.

Your route: [Little A'Le'Inn to Alien Cowpoke Gasoline & General Store](#)

[Alien Cowpoke Gasoline & General Store](#)

8300 Grant Street
Rachel, NV 89001
702-378-7222

While you fill up your tank for your return trip to Las Vegas, go inside and get your fill of kitschy extraterrestrial souvenirs along with cold drinks for your ride home. Take your picture next to the alien figurines and paintings, then head back toward Alamo for some final alien-themed road trip snacks to enjoy on your way back to your hotel.

Your route: [Alien Cowpoke Gasoline & General Store to E.T. Fresh Jerky](#)

E.T. Fresh Jerky

12600 US-93
Hiko, NV 89017
775-725-3677

It's "out-of-this-world delicious!" The owners of this mecca of taste pair top-quality cuts of meat with savory herbs and spices as well as the freshest fruit with perfect nuts to create mouthwatering, unprocessed, high-protein, shelf-stable snacks you'll want to enjoy long after leaving Area 51.

Once you've gotten your fill, it's time to return to Vegas.

Your route: [E.T. Fresh Jerky to Golden Gate Hotel & Casino](#)

Stop by your hotel to drop off your car and change clothes for the evening, then take Ubers for the rest of the night so you don't have to worry about getting behind the wheel.

Your route: [Golden Gate Hotel & Casino to Mermaid Restaurant & Lounge](#)

Mermaid Restaurant & Lounge

3333 Blue Diamond Road
Las Vegas, NV 89139
702-263-7777

Tonight, enjoy your dinner accompanied by swimming mermaids. The sirens swim from 5-8:15 p.m. and the kitchen stays open until midnight. Get some "under the sea" taste with the ahi poke nachos, and follow it up with the mermaid's double-double burger.



Mermaid Restaurant & Lounge

Afterward, finish out your night with a session of sipping.

Your route: [Mermaid Restaurant & Lounge to Double Helix Wine & Whiskey Lounge](#)

[Double Helix Wine & Whiskey Lounge](#)

6599 South Las Vegas Boulevard #150B

Las Vegas, NV 89119

702-473-5415

Don't let the "wine" label fool you — this is a scotch drinker's paradise. The scotch list includes dozens of labels broken down by region, and if you can't choose, tell your bartender what aspects you like and they'll customize a flight that fits your tastes. Return to your hotel by Uber and enjoy your last night of sleep before you head home.

Your route: [Double Helix Wine & Whiskey Lounge to Golden Gate Hotel & Casino](#)

Don't set an alarm tomorrow — sleep in!

We hope the Extraterrestrial Highway and Las Vegas delighted you today!

DAY EIGHT (Friday, October 22) Las Vegas, Nevada



Your drive time: Approximately 1.5 hours

NOTE: Reservations are recommended at Hugo's Cellar, your dinner restaurant for tonight, so call 702-385-4011 sometime today to book.

On the last full day of your trip, explore the glory that is Las Vegas. Kick off your day in Sin City with a sinful breakfast at Truffles n Bacon Café.

Your route: [Golden Gate Hotel & Casino to Truffles n Bacon Café](#)

[Truffles n Bacon Café](#)

8872 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Las Vegas, NV 89123
702-503-1102



Truffles n Bacon Café

Check out the pandan pancakes above for an idea of what you can get here. This is not a breakfast joint for a light eater. If you're hungry, try the Surf & Turf, which includes a seasoned ribeye topped with herb butter and lobster macaroni and cheese, and pair it with a citrus iced tea or herbed lemonade.

From here, return to your hotel to enjoy the casino or the Stadium Swim experience as morning merges into afternoon.

Your route: [Truffles n Bacon Café to Golden Gate Hotel & Casino](#)

Once you're ready to eat again, walk across the street to Circa and find 8 East, which features Asian cuisine fused with western flavors.

Your route: [Golden Gate Hotel & Casino to 8 East](#)

8 East

8 East Fremont Street

Las Vegas, NV 89101

702-726-5508

Inspired by metropolitan Asian food markets, 8 East is Chef Dan Coughlin's cutting-edge take on Pan-Asian cuisine. Savor sharable dishes like GaPow basil chicken pot stickers, dumplings, wontons, skewers and steaks. Then take your flavors to the next level with Coughlin's signature Chinese, Szechuan, Shangdu and Thai sauces.

Afterward, return to the Golden Gate for your car and head out for a unique look at Vegas history.

Your route: [8 East to Golden Gate Hotel & Casino](#), [Golden Gate Hotel & Casino to the Neon Museum](#)

The Neon Museum

770 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Las Vegas, NV 89101

702-387-6366



Neon Boneyard at the Neon Museum

Founded in 1996, The Neon Museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to collecting, preserving, studying and exhibiting iconic Las Vegas signs for educational, historic, arts and cultural enrichment. The Neon Museum campus includes the outdoor exhibition space known as the Neon Boneyard Main Collection, the Neon Boneyard North Gallery, which houses additional rescued signs, and a Visitors' Center housed inside the former La Concha Motel lobby.

The Main Boneyard contains more than 200 unrestored signs which are, at sunset, illuminated with ground lighting as well as numerous restored signs which are on all the time. Each sign in The Neon Museum's collection offers a unique story about the personalities who created it, what inspired it, where and when it was made, and the role it played in Las Vegas' distinctive history.

In addition, The Neon Museum collection chronicles changes and trends in sign design and technology through pieces ranging from the 1930s to the present day.

From here, return to your hotel to freshen up for a night on the town.

Your route: [The Neon Museum to the Golden Gate Hotel & Casino](#)

Feel free to imbibe again tonight and take an Uber out for your dinner.

Your route: [Golden Gate Hotel & Casino to Hugo's Cellar](#)

[Hugo's Cellar](#)

202 Fremont Street Experience
Las Vegas, NV 89101
702-385-4011

There's nowhere better to spend a romantic evening with your other half than this elegant, old-school steakhouse. If you think back on your dinner at Dick's two nights ago, this will be the complete opposite of that. Start your meal with Hugo's Hot Rock Specialty for Two: a sizzling granite slab holding medallions of filet, marinated ahi tuna, breast of chicken and shrimp served with a trio of our special dipping sauces. You're the chef at your table!

From here, head to tonight's entertainment: the ladies of BurlesQ at the Alexis Park Resort.

Your route: [Hugo's Cellar to Alexis Park Resort](#)

[BurlesQ at Alexis Park Resort](#)

375 East Harmon Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89169
702-483-8056

Breathtaking. Bombastic. Bodacious: BurlesQ, the all-female review featuring a bevy of brazen boudoir beauties. Experience the Roaring Twenty-Twenties with dance and musical numbers featuring JuJu Bea, La Luna, Maxine Gun Kelly, Mickey Blue Eyes, Stella Sterling and Tricky Tatania, all staged by Folies Bergere alumna Carrie Byers. Plus, enjoy the comedy of renowned emcee-extraordinaire Sean E. Cooper and special guest April Brucker, America's foremost female ventriloquist.



BurlesQ

After the show, return to your hotel. If you still have steam, enjoy some time at your hotel casino, complete with dancing dealers, or head back to your room for a well-deserved night of sleep.

Your route: [Alexis Park Resort to Golden Gate Hotel & Casino](#)

We hoped you enjoyed today's charms in Sin City!

DAY NINE (Saturday, October 23) Las Vegas, Nevada



Your drive time: Depends on itinerary



We hope you've had an excellent adventure so far but are looking forward to returning to the comforts and relaxations of home. You'll be back in your own bed tonight.

NOTE: We advise you arrive at the airport rental car return at least 2.5 hours ahead of your departure time to ensure you have enough time to return your rental car, get through security, and catch your flight.

Once you check out from your hotel, roll out for a final indulgent breakfast.

Your route: [Golden Gate Hotel & Casino to Griddlecakes](#)

[Griddlecakes](#)

4010 South Rainbow Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89103
702-444-4615

This restaurant's namesake is its pancakes, and you can order and top them how you wanted to when you were five years old. Try the s'mores variation: chocolate griddlecakes topped with crushed graham crackers, whipped marshmallow, chocolate drizzle and whipped cream. However, you can also find other breakfast favorites like skilletts, eggs benedict, omelettes, and corned beef hash.



Griddlecakes

Depending on your flight time, you may have time to fit in a few more Las Vegas sights (of which there are an abundance), or you may need to wrap up your trip. As your flight time approaches, head to the airport to return your rental car and make your way home.

[McCarran International Airport](#)

5757 Wayne Newton Boulevard

Las Vegas, NV 89119

702-261-5211

We hope you enjoyed your trip and return home with once-in-a-lifetime memories you'll never forget!