Getting Here

Lake Tahoe is located on the state line between California and Nevada. International gateways include San Francisco, Sacramento, Reno, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas. Lake Tahoe is 3.5 hours from San Francisco International Airport, 2 hours from Sacramento International Airport, and 1 hour from Reno-Tahoe International Airport. Reno-Tahoe International Airport offers a shuttle bus service several times daily, whereas the other airports require a rental car or a connecting flight to Reno.

Located 6,225 feet (1,897 m) atop the majestic Sierra Nevada mountain range in the western United States on the California and Nevada border, Lake Tahoe is widely considered one of the most beautiful places in the world. This natural treasure offers the ultimate high-country experience with superb outdoor recreation and magnificent scenery throughout the year. Lake Tahoe is the largest alpine lake in North America and is known for its crystal clear waters and majestic scenery. Lake Tahoe’s Emerald Bay is one of the most photographed locations in the world.
A Year-Round Destination

Summer activities at Lake Tahoe include hiking, fishing, mountain biking, rock climbing, and horseback riding. Lake Tahoe also features exceptional golfing, where golfers enjoy the benefits of this high-altitude location. Long sandy beaches at Lake Tahoe's south shore are reminiscent of ocean seashores and provide fun for the whole family. There is a wide variety of water sports that include powerboating, sailing, parasailing, jet-skiing, kayaking, paddleboarding, wakeboarding, waterskiling, scenic cruises aboard an authentic Mississippi paddlewheeler, and even scuba diving.

In the winter, Lake Tahoe is home to 15 world-class ski resorts that feature an extensive choice of terrain for experts and beginners, all within a one-hour drive of each other. All of the resorts have excellent ski and boarding schools, along with equipment rental. The big three on the south shore of Lake Tahoe are Heavenly Mountain Resort, Kirkwood Mountain Resort, and Sierra-at-Tahoe. Heavenly Mountain Resort, the highest resort at Lake Tahoe and one of the premiere resorts in the nation, provides unrivaled panoramas of Lake Tahoe and an awe-inspiring view of Carson Valley in Nevada. For non-skiers, there is snowmobiling, tubing, ice skating, dog sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and sleigh rides. For hardy fishermen, ice fishing keeps anglers happy during the winter months.

Dining

Once settled in, visitors can enjoy anything from exceptional fine dining to a great burger or gourmet pizza. Lake Tahoe has many choices, from beachfront restaurants and bars to all-you-can-eat buffets. There are also many family-friendly restaurants.

Entertainment

Entertainment at Lake Tahoe is unparalleled and ranges from art and cultural events at Valhalla to the Harveys Outdoor Summer Concert Series that has featured artists such as Elton John, Lady Gaga, and Bruno Mars. Music festivals are held all year round, including SnowGlobe in the winter. The South Lake Tahoe casinos all feature everything you would expect in Las Vegas, only in a more intimate mountain setting. Gaming includes craps, roulette, blackjack, poker, and slots, all surrounded by memory-making nightlife.

Places to Stay

Lodging at Lake Tahoe includes casino resorts, hotels, resorts, motels, bed and breakfasts, cabins, vacation rentals, pet-friendly properties, RV parks, and campgrounds. Many of the properties are located along the shoreline of the lake and offer stunning views of the natural white sandy beaches. At Lake Tahoe there are lodging options for every kind of traveler and group size, and couples make Lake Tahoe their wedding and honeymoon destination throughout the year, as it is one of the most unique places in the world to get married.

South Lake Tahoe is the largest town at Lake Tahoe and has approximately 75% of all the lodging around the lake, which means it also has a large variety of dining, shopping, and entertainment.