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ROAD TRIP NEVADA · LOOP FROM LAS VEGAS

Dare to dive into the Death Drive

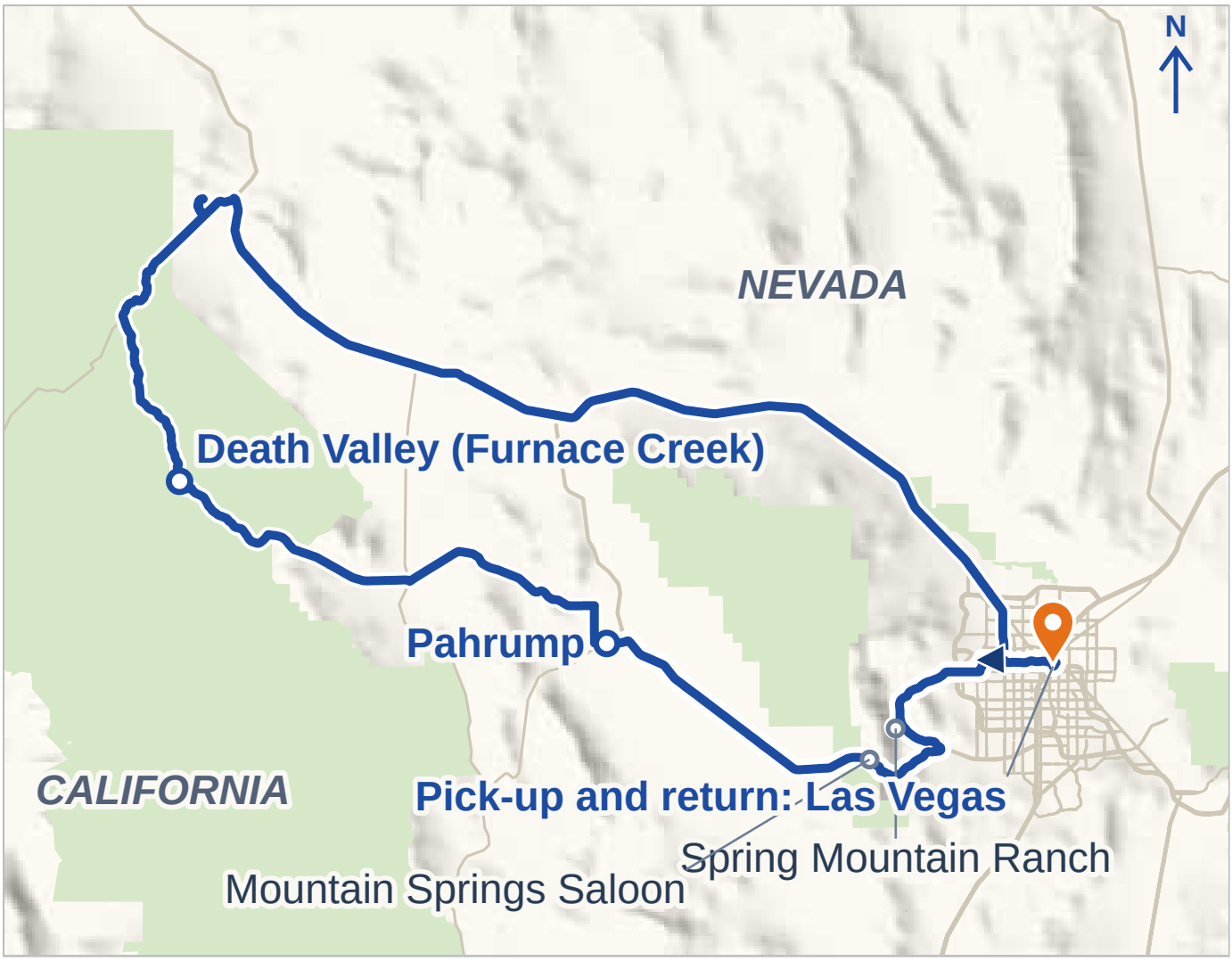
Starting off in Las Vegas and ending in Death Valley National Park, Nevada's famous Death Drive is a journey serving up incredible landscapes, vistas on the horizon, old mining towns, a ghost town, a winery and … (gulp) … a place called Coffinwood.

DISTANCE	DRIVES	ROUTE	DRIVING TIME
About 480 km (295 mi)	3 drives, at your own pace	Loop from Las Vegas, via Pahrump and Death Valley	About 7 h by car

LONGEST DRIVE	VEHICLE
260 km (165 mi), Death Valley (Furnace Creek) to Las Vegas	Car or motorhome



Zabriskie Point, Death Valley National Park · Illustrative image



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A Death Drive to tell your grandchildren about

You can never have too many adventures when it comes to road tripping across Nevada in a motorhome. From fresh air, the open road, stunning sights and sounds and adventures to tell the grandchildren for years to come. What more could you possibly want?

If you're looking for the ultimate adventure, why not embark on one of Nevada's most famous routes – The Death Drive (https://travelnevada.com/road-trip#anchor3).

Despite the name, this 653 km (406 mile) looping road trip from Las Vegas to western Nevada is nothing to fear – and we promise you will come out alive (but just make sure you slap on the sunscreen, drink lots of water, and have the air-con powered up in your RV!).

There is plenty of excitement along the way, rugged beautiful landscapes, forests and national parks, Death Valley National Park and old mining towns.

Plus you get to choose your very own adventure, whether you decide to kick off from Las Vegas to Pahrump and then to Death Valley National Park or head straight from Las Vegas to the mysterious Death Valley National Park.

The long and winding trip from Las Vegas to Death Valley National Park is around 193 km (120 miles) and it will only take you a couple of hours to drive directly.

We recommend spreading out your road trip and stopping at some great stops, including Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, Mountain Springs Saloon, Coffinwood and enjoy some wine-tasting and the best of southern Nevada in the city of Pahrump, along the way.

Checkout the Death Drive (https://travelnevada.com/road-trip/death-drive) from Travel Nevada.

Picking up in Las Vegas

If you're flying in from overseas, stay the night in Las Vegas and collect your vehicle the next day (collecting on the day you fly in). For an RV, allow at least an hour at the branch for the paperwork and the walk-around (how long pick-up takes), and check the vehicle for damage before you drive away (what to check at pick-up). Branch addresses: RV rental branches in Las Vegas.

DRIVE

120 km (75 mi) from Las Vegas

about 1 h 50 min by car · about 2 h 10 min by motorhome

Via **Pahrump Valley Highway**

Las Vegas to Pahrump via Spring Mountain Ranch State Park

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park

Loads of character: Check out the Mountain Springs Saloon before or after your nature drive. Credit: TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

The Spring Mountain Ranch State Park offers stunning bubbling springs and is located within Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, you can then head to one of the state's best biker bars, the Mountain Springs Saloon for some burgers or ice cold beers.

If you're travelling during the last Saturday of the month, March through to October, you may be lucky enough to join into the regularly scheduled pig roast.

Wine tasting and Coffinwood

Once you've finished exploring, you can head 30 minutes down the road to Pahrump – as mentioned above – which boasts award-winning wineries, two golf courses and a stunning lake. You can also choose to explore a local coffin-themed home with coffin-shaped furniture before you head to Death Valley National Park.

Nevada's No.1 Desert Winery: Stop off for a tipple at Pahrump Winery. Credit: Sydney Martinez/TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

Coffin Heaven: Coffinwood on Nevada's Death Drive is the world's only coffin-themed specialty shop. Credit: TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

Book ahead:
Coffinwood is a private home, and visits are by booking only, so book your tour before you go.

DRIVE

95 km (59 mi) from Pahrump

about 1 h 20 min by car · about 1 h 40 min by motorhome | Via **Highway 190**

Pahrump to Death Valley National Park

Death Valley National Park

Enter at your own risk: Death Valley National Park is one place you should visit before you die. Credit: Sydney Martinez/TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

Largest national park outside Alaska

That sinking feeling: Badwater Basin sits 85 metres below sea level. Credit: TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

Sandwiched between Nevada and California, the Death Valley National Park is the largest national park outside Alaska.

If you like road trips with a view and natural beauty galore, don't forget to stop at Zabriskie Point and see the spectacular views across golden badlands. You can also visit Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes, Badwater Basin with its surreal landscape and salt plain, Devils Golf Course, Salt Creek, Scotty's Castle, Golden Canyon, Dante's View and Rhyolite, a ghost town just outside the Death Valley eastern park boundary.

Check first:
Scotty's Castle has been closed since a 2015 flood, apart from occasional ticketed tours, so check with the National Park Service before you plan on it.

Stay

There are nine campgrounds available around Death Valley National Park (https://www.nps.gov/deva/planyourvisit/camping-in-death-valley.htm), including Furnace Creek Campgrounds, Wildrose Campground, Mahogany Flat Campground, Mesquite Spring Campground, Sunset Campground, Saline Valley Warm Springs and many more possibilities for backcountry camping.

DRIVE

260 km (165 mi) from Death Valley (Furnace Creek)

about 4 h by car · about 4 h 45 min by motorhome

Via **Veterans Memorial Highway**

Death Valley to Las Vegas via Rhyolite

The park is also America's lowest, hottest and driest national park, so pack plenty of water for your road trip.

Returning in Las Vegas

Return your vehicle by the time on your booking and allow time for the return inspection (what's checked when you return it). If you have a flight to catch, leave plenty of time between the return and the airport.

Enjoy the Death Drive, all the way back to Las Vegas.

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