DriveNow

Helping travellers since 2003 find the best deals on campervan and car rental

ROAD TRIP NEVADA · LAS VEGAS TO RENO

Explore the Free-Range Art Highway

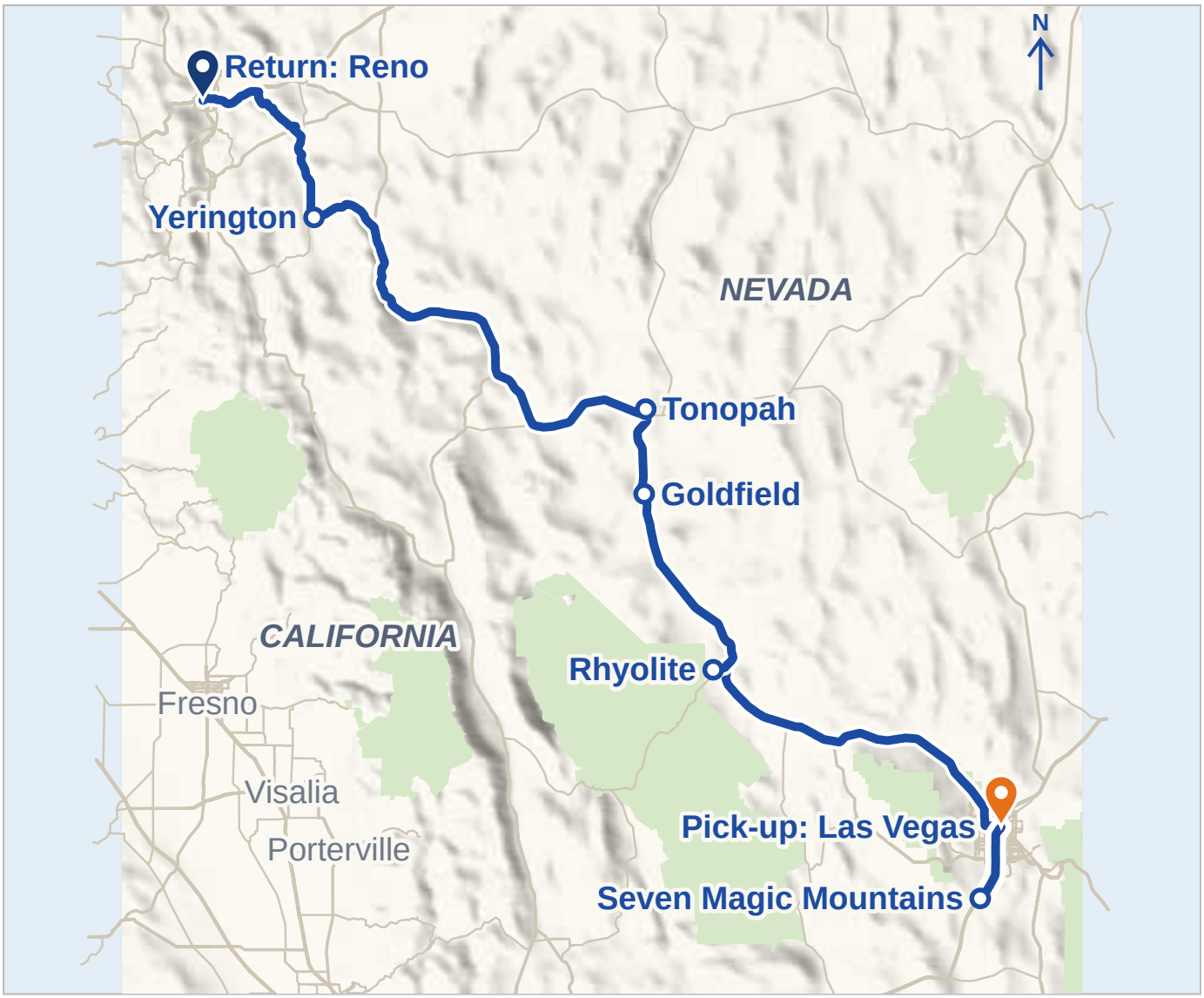
Desert art and sleepy ghost towns of the most unimaginable kind add a whole sense of drama and beauty along the Free Range Highway in Nevada. If art is your thing, strap on your seatbelt in your Las Vegas motorhome rental and prepare to let your imagination run wild.

DISTANCE	DRIVES	ROUTE	DRIVING TIME
About 820 km (510 mi)	6 drives, at your own pace	One way, Las Vegas to Reno	About 11 h by car

LONGEST DRIVE	VEHICLE
260 km (165 mi), Tonopah to Yerington	Car or motorhome



Rhyolite ghost town, Nevada · Illustrative image



Planning overview, not navigation. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors · coastline Natural Earth · relief Terrain Tiles (USGS 3DEP, SRTM).

Whispers in the wind

Haunting: The Ghosts of Goldwell is a must-see in your travels along the Free Range Highway. Credit: TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

If you have an eye for quirky styles and wildly colourful artistic displays, the Free-Range Highway will turn your road trip journey into the adventure of a lifetime as you discover the arts on the Nevada Highway.

The best way to experience this 789 km (490 mile) journey from Vegas to Reno is self-driving either with a hired car or why not take the bed and kitchen sink with you and collect a RV rental in Vegas giving the flexibility to stop when and where you like. To get the artsy vibe juices flowing, start off with the Las Vegas Arts District on the way out.

On the road you'll soon see plenty of sleepy ghost towns and some of the wildest works of art you have ever seen against the vast and dry Nevada desert, all from the comfort of your own vehicle.

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

41 km (25 mi) from Las Vegas

about 40 min by car · about 50 min by motorhome | Via **Las Vegas Freeway**

Las Vegas to Seven Magic Mountains

Before heading North, go South

Magic in the air: Stop off at Seven Magic Mountains. Credit: Kaitlin Godbey/TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

In the desert outside Vegas there is plenty of magic in the air in the form of seven 11-story-tall rock pillars that are fluorescently painted and look stunning against the Nevada mountain backdrop. Known as the Seven Magic Mountains, this amazing artwork is located on Interstate 15 around a 40 minute drive south of Vegas and worthy of a detour before striking north.

DRIVE

235 km (145 mi) from Seven Magic Mountains

about 3 h by car · about 3 h 45 min by motorhome

Via **Veterans Memorial Highway**

Seven Magic Mountains to Rhyolite and the Goldwell Open Air Museum

Ghostly encounters in the desert

Near the ghost town of Rhyolite, at the northern end of the Amargosa Valley and just minutes from town of Beatty is the Goldwell Open Air Museum, an outdoor sculpture park, which features an eerie rendition of 'The Last Supper' in copper by Belgian sculptor Albert Szukalski.

Desert art: The Goldwell Open Air Museum is an unmissable Free Range Highway stop off point. Credit: Lora Rose Robb/TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

Other works of art you can also view at the museum is a 7-metre (24-foot) miner and his penguin companion, a towering cinderblock lady and so much more.

Event The eye-catching Red Barn is the site of an arts festival called Albert's Tarantella, which is held in October every year.

Checkout Nevada Ghost Towns (https://travelnevada.com/ghost-town/nevada-ghost-towns/) to include in your itinerary.

DRIVE

115 km (72 mi) from Rhyolite

about 1 h 30 min by car · about 1 h 50 min by motorhome

Via **Veterans Memorial Highway**

Rhyolite to Goldfield

Art Cars of Rocket Bob

Car art: A car forest features the works of Robert Van Kauren. Credit: Sydney Martinez/TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

As you get closer and closer to Tonopah, you will cruise through the town of Goldfield which has some of the most unusual artistic gems you'll get to see on the Free-Range Art Highway.

At the Goldfield Art Car Park is the Art Cars of Rocket Bob, which was designed by artist Robert Van Kauren, and you'll soon see what makes this display so special and unique. Hours and hours of work, engineering and design has gone into making this work of art what it is today.

DRIVE

48 km (30 mi) from Goldfield

about 50 min by car · about 50 min by motorhome

Via **Veterans Memorial Highway**

Goldfield to Tonopah

In Tonopah, don't forget to keep your eye out for several murals, including the '*Queen of the Silver Camps'*.

DRIVE

260 km (165 mi) from Tonopah

about 3 h 15 min by car · about 4 h by motorhome

Via **Veterans Memorial Highway**

Tonopah to Yerington

Theatres, murals, sculptures and much more

The Yerington Theater for The Arts and the Jeanne Dini Cultural Centre are two other pit stops you should make on your road trip.

Located in the city of Yerington, the Yerington Theater for The Arts located inside the Jeanne Dini Cultural Centre is regarded as one of Nevada's finest art organisations. Don't worry about making a booking, just pop in as the theatre always has plenty of events and galleries open so that road trippers and families can enjoy the arts.

DRIVE

115 km (72 mi) from Yerington

about 1 h 40 min by car · about 2 h by motorhome | Via **Highway 95A**

Yerington to Reno

Taking it to the streets: Reno offers murals and dozens of "post-Playa" sculptures. Credit: Sydney Martinez/TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

As you reach the end of your road trip at either Tonopah or Reno, there are still plenty of works of art for you to enjoy because we've saved the best until last.

On the streets of Reno there are plenty of commissioned murals and dozens of 'post-Playa' sculptures to celebrations that get the own town involved, like Sculpture Fest, Off Beat Music Fest and Artown.

Returning in Reno

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 art, all the way to Reno.

DriveNow Disclaimer

DriveNow receives no money or commission for any holiday park, campground, hotel, restaurant, cafe, pub, tour or attraction named on this page. We include them because they suit a campervan trip, and we check them from time to time.

DriveNow's suggested itineraries help you plan your own trip. Distances and times are from mapped routes and are a guide only; campervan driving times are car times plus about 20%. Road conditions, closures, opening hours and prices change, so check them before you travel. Any reliance on this itinerary is at your own discretion.

Printed from https://www.drivenow.com.au/itineraries/usa/nevada-free-range-art-highway-self-drive on 13 November 2026. Check the page for the latest version before you travel.