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ROAD TRIP NEVADA · LOOP FROM LAS VEGAS

Self Drive and discover Neon to Nature in Nevada

Check out these great ideas to take in Nevada with Neon to Nature. From the bright lights of Las Vegas to the natural and man-made wonders of the Nevada desert.

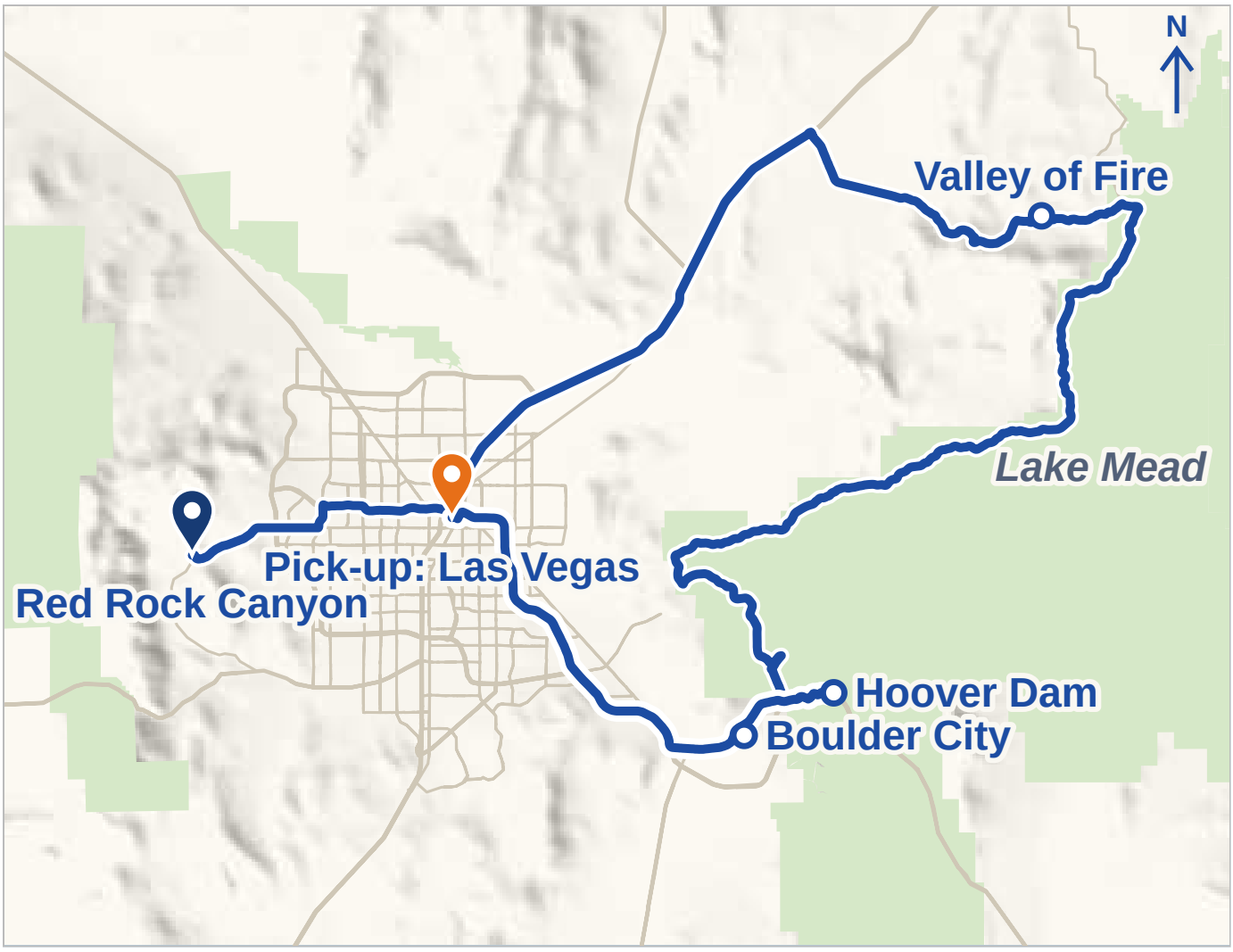
Las Vegas and surrounds can certainly be a world of extremes and the Neon to Nature route allows roadtrippers to swap the bright lights and pace of one of the hottest cities in the world for the extraordinary fresh air, natural sights and landscape in the peaceful desert only a short trip away. This is a chance to experience the best of both worlds.

DISTANCE	DRIVES	ROUTE	DRIVING TIME
About 290 km (180 mi)	4 drives, at your own pace	Loop from Las Vegas	About 5 h by car

LONGEST DRIVE	VEHICLE
115 km (71 mi), Valley of Fire to Red Rock Canyon	Car or motorhome



Red Rock Canyon, Las Vegas · Illustrative image



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Beyond the bright lights

The great escape: Switch the bright lights and noise of Las Vegas for the nearby open road. Credit: TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

From the Hoover Dam and Lake Mead to the Valley of Fire, Red Rock Canyon and Boulder City, unlimited opportunities and mysterious landmarks await you on this beautiful Neon to Nature Route experience through Nevada.

Importantly, the open road in a Las Vegas motorhome and views of blue skies and deep orange and brown landscapes gives you the chance to escape the hustle and bustle of Las Vegas for some much needed time for yourself and to help you bring out an adventurous side while all the noise and neon glow of Vegas suddenly slips away.

Starting from the bright lights of the city of Las Vegas, you can jump onto the Neon to Nature route and let the highway take you straight to some of the biggest wonders in 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

55 km (34 mi) from Las Vegas

about 50 min by car · about 1 h by motorhome | Via **Purple Heart Highway**

Las Vegas to Hoover Dam

First stop Hoover Dam

Dam that's big!: Hoover Dam and Boulder City is a must-see along the Neon To Nature route. Credit: TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

First stop is Hoover Dam and Boulder City.

Formerly known as Boulder Dam, Hoover Dam is a massive concrete arch-gravity dam in the Black Canyon on the Colorado River just 48 km (30 miles) south of Las Vegas. You can even stop and admire the Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge or even have a one-hour guide of the powerplant before driving into the heart of Boulder City in Clark County.

DRIVE

13 km (8 mi) from Hoover Dam

about 20 min by car · about 20 min by motorhome

Via **Boulder City Parkway**

Hoover Dam to Boulder City

Boulder City has several artistic and outdoor attractions and activities including Lake Mead cruises, Wilbur Square Park, Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, Historic Railroad Track, River Mountains Loop Trail, kayaking and markets.

DRIVE

110 km (68 mi) from Boulder City

about 2 h 10 min by car · about 2 h 30 min by motorhome

Via **Northshore Road**

Boulder City to the Valley of Fire via Lake Mead

One lake to rule them all

Man-made masterpiece: Lake Mead is ideal for all sorts of activities and has nearby campgrounds.

Find solitude and marvel at the views of Lake Mead, a man-made lake that lies on the Colorado River. Here you can explore secluded coves, go fishing, kayak and canoe through the open water and gaze at the stark mountains of the Lake Mead National Recreation Park. There are also plenty of campgrounds surrounding the park.

Heat up your road trip and cool down after visiting Lake Mead with a stopover at the world-renowned Valley of Fire State Park, famous for its 40,000 acres of bright red Aztec sandstone formations, petrified trees dating back more than 2000 years, beautiful red and pink rock formations and panoramic vistas.

During sunny days, these rock formations really do look like they are on fire.

The park also hosts an Annual Atlatl Competition in which participants test their skills with replicas of ancient spears. If you want somewhere to park your vehicle, the park has numerous campsites.

Explore more natural route ideas (https://travelnevada.com/road-trip/neon-nature).

DRIVE

115 km (71 mi) from Valley of Fire

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

Via **Las Vegas Freeway**

Valley of Fire to Red Rock Canyon via Las Vegas

Red Rock Canyon

Stunning landscape: There are lots of places to stop off and explore at Red Rock Canyon. Credit: Sydney Martinez/TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

Next up on the Neon to Nature Route is to loop back through Vegas via Interstate 15 and head west to the mighty Red Rock Canyon, which will take road trippers through a mesmerising 21 km (13-mile) scenic drive.

If you want to have a look around, check out the Calico Hills, Moenkopi Loop, Turtlehead Peak, Keystone Thrust, Grand Circle Loop and White Rock – Willow Springs. The park also has various campsites to choose from.

TravelNevada (http://travelnevada.com/road-trip/neon-nature) has a range of different loops you can take on your exciting adventure along the Neon to Nature Route from the Red Rockin' Loop, the Fire & Water Loop and the Colorado River Corridor.

For those with an extra couple of days, you can continue your route down highway 50 known as the loneliest road in America (https://travelnevada.com/road-trip/loneliest-road-america/) and add a link to the Travel Nevada highway 50 route.

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 journey from neon to nature, and back.

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