

USA road trip with teens contents

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1. To do list

Insurance	Book as a family group (we used Trailfinders). Annual multi-trip often better value for money. (Look out for maximum time allowed per country)
Flights	Booked and printed (and linked to rewards account)
Train to Airport	In UK, book train 3 months ahead using Trainline ticket alert for cheapest prices (group travel for 3+ people also gets 1/3 discount). London to Heathrow - Book Heathrow Express 3 months ahead for cheapest prices
Single parent - letter	If travelling without both parents, draw up a letter from the absent parent explaining why. Also print off a copy of their passport and copy children's birth certs
US visa	Apply here https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov \$14 Make a note of application numbers and print out just to be sure.
Vaccination	Print vaccination cert for all if required
Car hire	Zest have good ratings on Which? Simple to read booking conditions Make a note of any agreed one way drop off charges/ any excesses waivers you have paid for Check rules on when you need to turn on your headlights in different states (and time zone changes)
Tahoe bookings	Tahoe kayak and parasail - https://action-watersports.com/timber-cove-marina/ \$45/double/hr; \$90pp para.
National Parks	Check if you need to book ahead for individual parks after Covid (we pre-booked Yosemite)
Las Vegas bookings	Neon Boneyard - https://secure.neonmuseum.org/events £20/\$10 teens
Page boat	https://antelopepointlakepowell.com/boat-rentals-tours/boat-tours/ - \$50pp
DISNEY	Print DISNEY tickets and park reservation and any upgrades (e.g Genie plus)

2. **Itinerary** summary - add dates and times of bookings whether you have prepaid and if breakfast is included to save you trawling through all your emails each time you try to check in somewhere

Location	Dates	Travel times	Activity	Onward travel extras
SF	26, 27 July	SF to LT 3 hours	Pier 39 sealions/ tram	Over Golden Gate Stop at Jelly Bean
S. Lake Tahoe	28, 29 July	LT to Yosemite valley 5 hours Head on left route if don't want to do same stretch of Yosemite valley twice	Kayak /Parasail/Jet ski/Zephyr	
Yosemite	30 July	Y to Mam 2 hours	Yosemite Falls/Half Dome/Sentinel Bridge	
Mammoth	31 July	M to LV 6 hours 50m	Lakes	Via Rhyolite Ghost town and Death Valley
LV	1, 2 and 3/8	LV to Zion	Casinos/neon museum	Via Valley of Fire – 1hr Area 51 -1.5hrs/ then 2 hours to Zion
Zion	4 and 5/8	Z to Page 3 hours	Zion Narrows	Via Coral Dunes/Vermillion cliffs/Marble Canyon Horseshoe Bend
Page	6 and 7/8	P to GC 2.5 hours	Antelope Canyon Boat trip Gun fighter shooting	
Grand Canyon		GC to Sedona 2.5 hours	View Grand Canyon Via Little Canyon/	Williams
Sedona	8/9	Sedona to Tucson 3 hours	Slide Rock Tubing/Frontier Town	
Tucson	9/8	Tucson to Yuma 3.5 hours	Cacti – Saguaro National Park	
Yuma	10/8	Yuma to Los Angeles 4 hours	Yuma Prison	Via San Diego
LA	11 and 12/8		Disney	

3. Drive times

City	Dates	Travel	Onward travel – part 1	Part 2
SF/L Tahoe	28	Walk 3 blocks to car hire	SF to LT – 3 hrs	
LT/Yosemite	30/7	LT to Y – 4 hrs		
Y/Mammoth	31/7	Y to M – 2.5		
ML/L Vegas	1/8	2h 45m ML to Death Valley	4 hrs Death V to Las Vegas	
L Vegas/Zion	4/8	LV to Valley of Fire – 1hr	Valley of Fire to Hiko – 2hrs	Hiko to Zion – 3 hrs 14m
Zion/Lake Powell	6/8	Zion to Vermillion Cliffs – 1.hr 30m	VC- HB (via MC) 2h 45m	HB to LP 20mins
LP/Sedona	8/8	LP to GC -2 hours	GC to Sedona 2hrs 12m	
Sedona/Tucson	9/8	Sedona to Tuc– 3hrs 49m		
Tucson/Yuma	10/8	T to Saguaro NP – 17 mins	Saguaro NP to Yuma 2hrs 30m	
Yuma/LA	11/8	Y to LA – 3 hrs 49m	Stop at San Deigo	

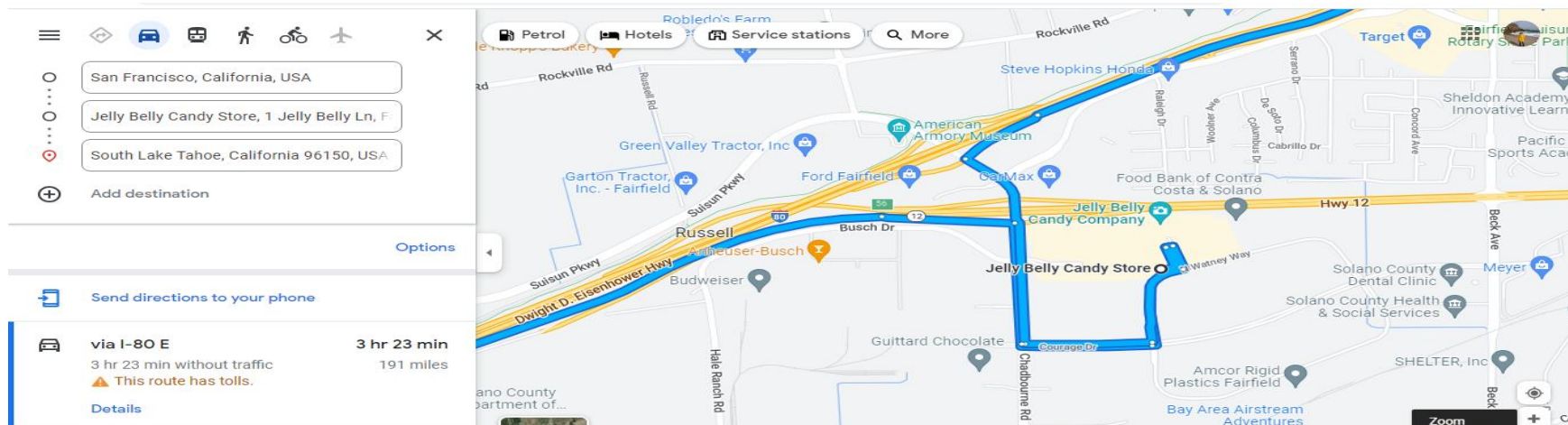
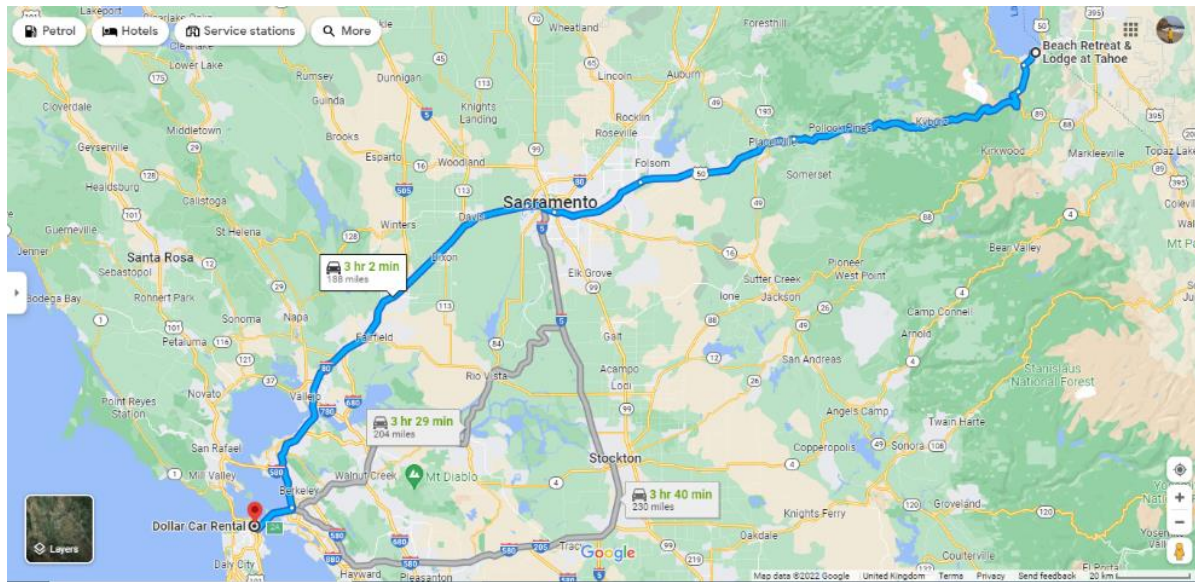
4. Accommodation booking summary – add your confirmation number and price

City	Dates	No of nights	Hotel	Room notes	Booked through	Includes breakfast?	Pre paid?	Latest Cancel date
SF	26-28/7	2	IHG Mark Hopkins		IHG	N	Y	Jul 22
Lake Tahoe	28-30/7	2	South Lake Tahoe Beach resort	Partial lake view	Expedia	N	Half – not fees	26/7/22
Yosemite	30/7	1	Yosemite Curry village	Wooden cabin – no bath	National Parks	N	Y	7 days before
Mammoth	31/7	1	The Village Lodge	1 bed condo	Expedia	N	All but resort fee	30/7/22
LV	1/8-4/8	3	Luxor	Corner room	Trailfinders	Y	Y	n/a
Zion	4 and 5/8	2	La Quinta inn and suites	Pool	Booking.com	Y	Half	5/8/21
Page	6 and 7/8	2	Lake Powell Resort	Pool	Booking.com	N	Half	4/8/22
Sedona	8/8	1	Sedona Summit by Diamond resort	Kitchenette	Booking	N	All but resort fee	6/8/22
Tucson	9/8	1	Lodge in the Desert	Cacti	Expedia	Y	N	5/8/22
Yuma	10/8	1	Hampton Inn & Suites Yuma		Hilton	Y	Y	11/5/22
LA	11 and 12/8	2	Best Western Stovall, Anaheim	Walk to Disney	Booking.com	Y	N	8/8/22

5. Daily Breakdown:

28/7 SF to Lake Tahoe 3 hours

1. Collect car– 10 min walk
2. Stop for photos after crossing Golden Gate Bridge.
3. Stop at Jelly belly factory at Fairfield 48mins (tour no longer free)



Jul 29 – day at Tahoe

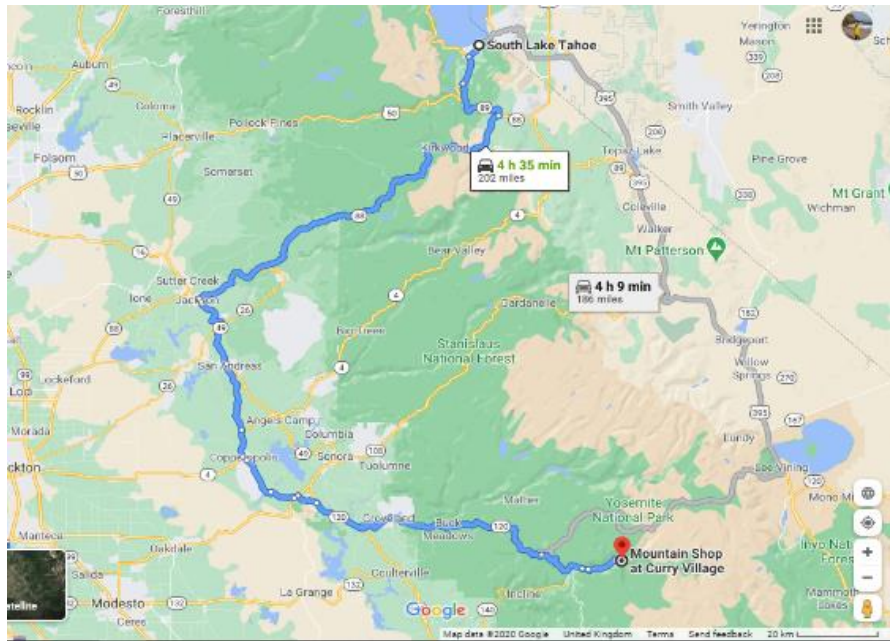
Hotel name	Beach Retreat & Lodge at Tahoe
Address	3411 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA, 96150
Travel to Tahoe	3 hours from San Fran
Travel from	To Yosemite
No of nights	2
Location	South Lake Tahoe
Website	https://www.tahoebeachretreat.com/
Booked through	Expedia
Cancel?	To 26/7/22
Breakfast	N
Kitchen	Coffee/tea maker/ Fridge
Balcony	Patio/ Garden
Parking	Free uncovered self-parking on site
Special features	Right on lake edge with balcony overlooking lake

Beaches to check out: Zephyr cove

Activity	Kayak
Website	https://action-watersports.com/timber-cove-marina/ 1pm 1 hour \$45 x2
Address	Hotel beach – Timber Cove
Cost	\$45 ph for double
Timings	1pm
Booked?	18/6/22

30 July travel to Yosemite 4 hours (go long route to avoid doubling back next day)

Park entry booked (we went the grey route in the end due to wildfires)



Hotel	Curry Village
Location	Heart of Yosemite valley
Address	Curry Village, Yosemite Valley, CA 95389, USA
Travel to	4.5 hours from Tahoe
Travel from	2 hours to Mammoth Lakes
Accom extras	Outdoor pool in village free for guests
Nights	1
Taxes	inc
Prepaid?	Yes
Through	Yosemite National park
Cabin details	Bedding and sockets

Dining

Bar/ coffee/ pizza/ meadow grill with breakfast burritos all in Curry Village

<https://www.travelyosemite.com/dining/curry-village-dining/>

Waterfall hikes

<https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/valleyhikes.htm>

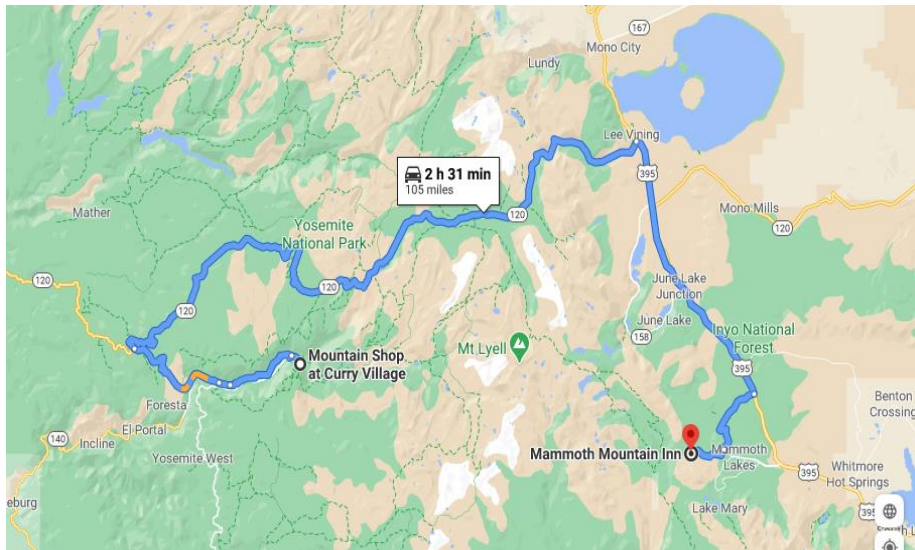
Name	Lower Yosemite Fall Trail
Website	https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/lowerfalltrail.htm
Distance	30 mins 1 mile (1.6 km) loop – 15m elevation (Easy)
Start	Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead (free shuttle stop from either visitor centre or Curry) – See map Is 0.5 mile from visitor centre (Visitor centre is 1.3 mile from Curry)
Route	Follow the bicycle path to access loop trail.
Shuttle	Free 7am – 10 pm (or park in Yosemite Village)

Hike option 2

Name	Cook's Meadow Loop - Views of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, and Royal Arches from the centre of Yosemite Valley from this large open meadow.
Distance	1 mile (1.6 km) loop/ 30 mins/ easy / flat
Start	Yosemite Valley Visitor Centre or shuttle stop near Sentinel Bridge or the Lower Yosemite Fall shuttle stop
Route	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the visitor center, walk west along the bicycle path toward Lower Yosemite Fall.• At the Lower Yosemite Fall shuttle stop, cross the street and follow the bike path, bearing left as the path forks.• At Sentinel Bridge parking area, walk out onto the bridge for great view of Half Dome <p>You can also walk this loop in reverse and can begin walking at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, following the cycle path until you reach the meadow. Cross 2 roads to enter Cook's Meadow shortly before the boardwalk starts.</p>
Shuttle	Free 7am – 10 pm (or park in Yosemite Village)

Jul 31 – Drive to Mammoth

Along most famous scenic drive, Tioga Road, a 46-mile (62 km) drive from Crane Flat to Tioga Pass.

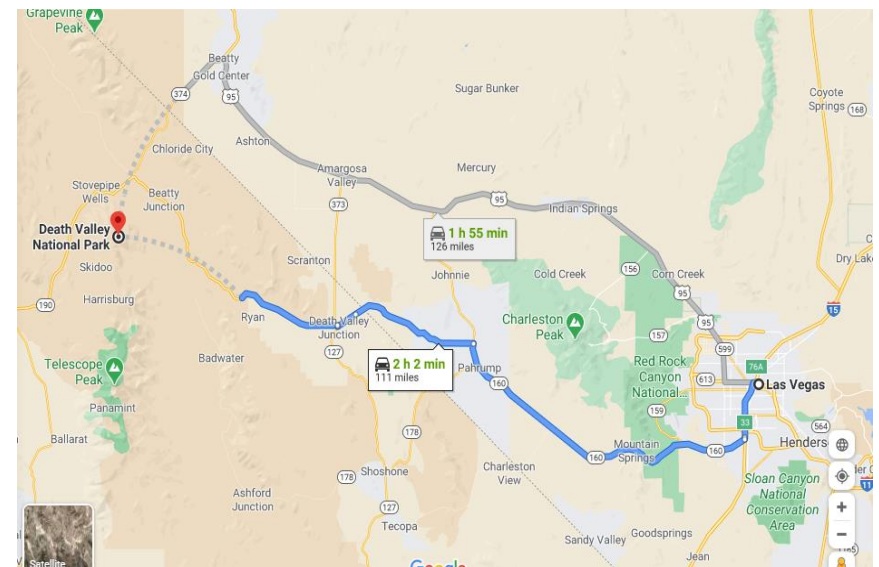
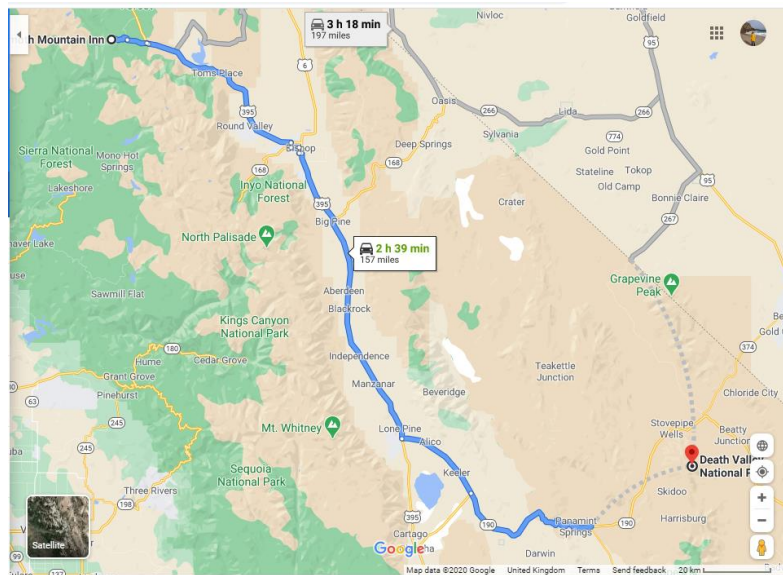


Hotel	The Village Lodge, 1111 Forest Trail, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546
Website	Expedia
dates	31 Jul only
Travel to	2hrs 30 mins from Yosemite
Travel from	3 hours to Death Valley /Then 2.5 hours to Vegas
prepaid	Yes – apart from resort fee
breakfast	N
kitchen	Full Kitchen
balcony	Y
Cancel	To 30/7/22
Parking	Limited on-site parking (max. 1 space per unit)

Tram ride to lake walk

Activity	Mammoth lakes basin - within minutes of downtown Mammoth Lake Horseshoe Lake Loop – Easy hike with great views of Mammoth Mountain
Website	https://www.visitmammoth.com/blogs/easy-hikes-around-mammoth-lakes/
Distance	1.7-mile path. The trail has a smooth dirt surface and restrooms nearby
Start	Access the flat, partially shaded trail from trolley stop 104.
Route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting from the Horseshoe Lake parking area, easy dirt and gravel loop The trail, follows the south side of the lakeshore then cuts forest to the Lakes Basin Path for a quick paved section back to the trailhead. There are bridges and several easy stream crossings, meadows, picnic spots and a sandy-beach
Shuttle	Free Lakes Basin Trolley, which departs from the Village at Mammoth every 30 minutes

1 Aug – drive through Death Valley (3 hours) to Vegas (2.5 hours) – possible stop at 7 magic mountains (15 mins detour)



Death Valley – 7 best stops <https://www.flightcentre.co.uk/uk-travel-blog/7-best-pit-stops-in-death-valley>

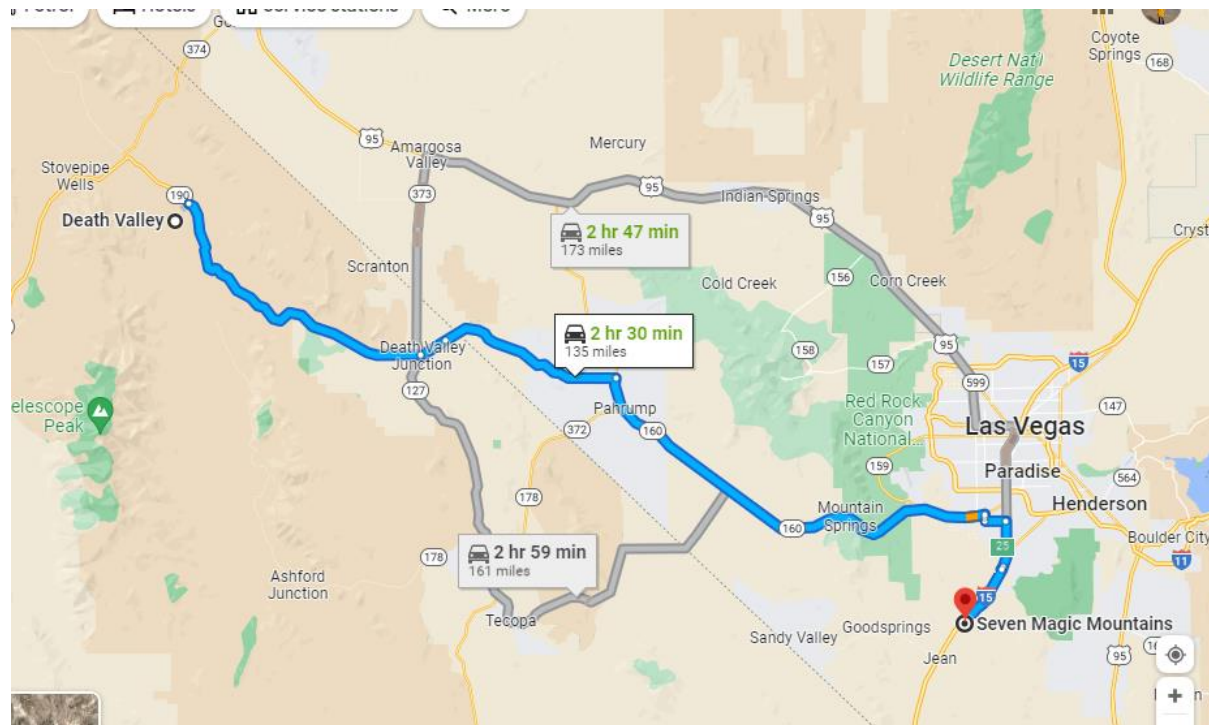
In driving order (all on main road apart from 6.)

1. Mosaic canyon (9 mins from highway)
2. Dunes at Stove Pipe Wells – view point at rangers station
3. Mesquite mud flats – car park
4. Devils cornfield - view point
5. Furnace creek - town
6. Zabriskie point - most famous lookout in park, miles of undulating landscape of colourful hills

Coffin themed shop – Parhump (did not make it after storm trauma)

Seven Magic Mountains (also a stop too far for us in the end)

A quick 30 minute drive south of Las Vegas quirky art installation in the middle of the Mojave Desert. 7 pillars created by rainbow-colored boulder totems. It's **FREE** and open to the public.



Hotel	Luxor
Location	Las Vegas
Number of nights	3
Address	3900 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89119
Booked through	Trailfinders
Prepaid	To pay taxes of \$35 pn at hotel resort fee plus 13% tax
Breakfast	No
Hotel website	https://luxor.mgmresorts.com/en.html?ecid=GMB_Hotel_Luxor#/#/
Parking	\$24/day

2 Aug – Vegas

1. Pool

Morning pool at Luxor (is \$30 for non guests)

- Register with pool attendant for complimentary towels and lounge (no umbrellas)
- Shaded Seat for 4 - \$150 – book for access to VIP pools <https://pools.mgmresorts.com/luxorpool>
- 4 pools over 5 acres – water shooters and jacuzzis

The Oasis Pool at Luxor: 9am - 6pm

Cabana Pool: 9am - 6pm

Bar Pool: 9am - 6pm

Beach Pool: 12pm - 5pm Friday and Saturday Only

Which pool? North pool is smaller and the Bar pool is bigger and in the shade for quite a bit of the day!

You can order snack from the poolside

2. Vows

Reverends can meet at Vegas sign 5pm (arrive 4:45) – 5 mins by taxi from Luxor

<https://www.lasvegasweddingwagon.com/book-now-cmdk>

3. Wynne buffet

10 min by taxi to Wynne Buffet (<https://www.wynnlasvegas.com/dining/casual-dining/the-buffet/>)

Book ahead for all inclusive drinks option and VIP waiting queue

4. The strip by night - 29 min walks from Wynn to Bellagio fountains and around Venetian gondolas next door

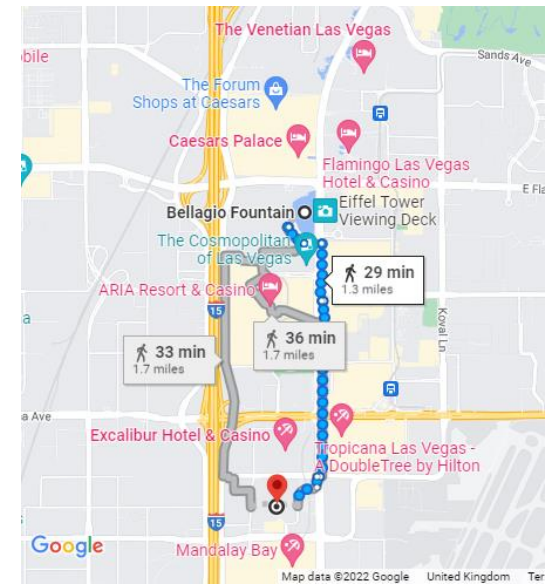
3 Aug – Vegas Casino tour and Neon Boneyard

1. Flamingos

What	Flamingos at Flamingo Las Vegas
Description	The Flamingo Wildlife habitat - four-acre gardens , complete with meandering streams, waterfalls, exotic birds, turtles and fish.
Website	https://www.caesars.com/flamingo-las-vegas/things-to-do/wildlife-habitat
Times	Mon-Sun: 7am-8pm
Cost	Free.

2. Other Casino free stuff to tour:

Spectacle	Where	Details
Eiffel Tower	Paris	
Waterfall Atrium	Between Palazzo and Venetian	Open 24hrs.
Dancing Fountains	Bellagio	
Bellagio conservatory	Across the lobby from the front desk is an opening through which a glass ceiling rises up 50 feet.	Each season, the 14,000-square-foot Botanical Garden is transformed into a showcase of sights, sounds, scents and colours.
Fall of Atlantis and Aquarium	Caesars Palace	11am-10pm The Fall of Atlantis show inside the Forum Shops - display of fire, water and nine-foot-tall talking statues.
Volcano Eruptions Rainforest Atrium	Mirage Hotel	



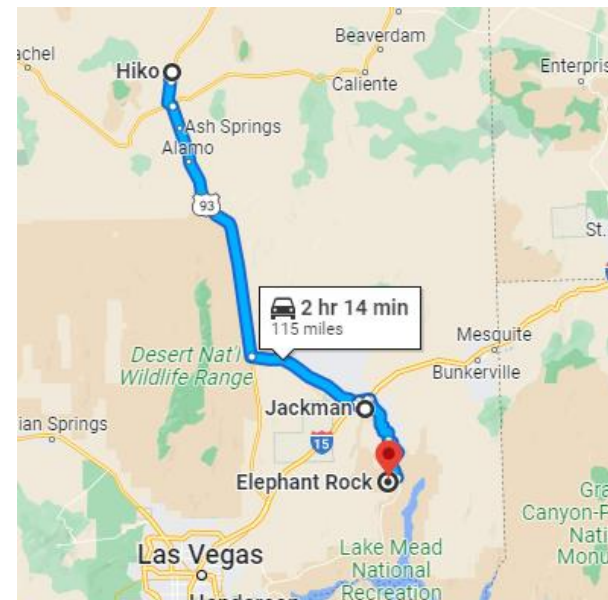
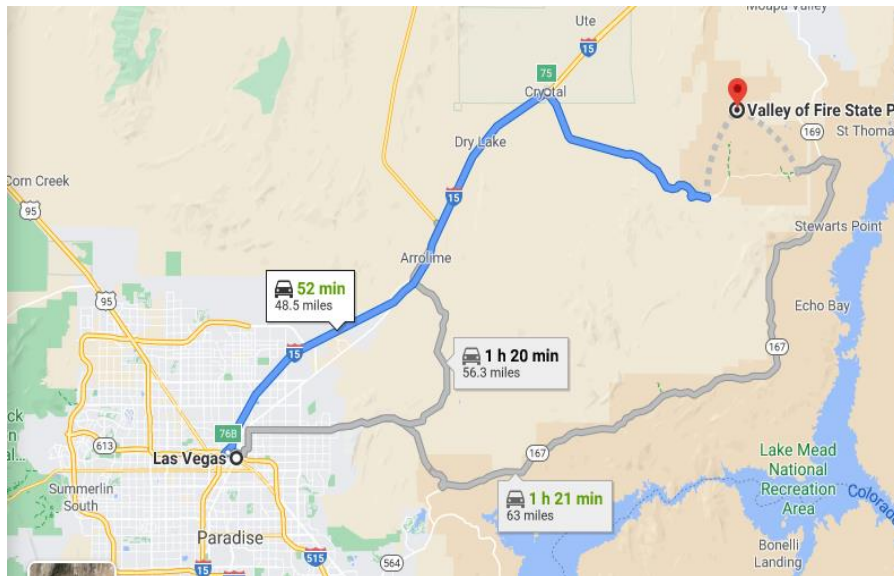
<https://travelmelodies.com/road-trip-southwest-usa/>

3. Neon Boneyard

What	Neon museum – day ticket
Website	https://secure.neonmuseum.org/events
Cost	\$20 Adult/ \$10 up to age 17 – 5.45
Booked?	BOOKED 28/5/22

4 Aug – Stay in Zion (via Valley of fire – 52 mins/ Hiko aliens 2 hours/ Zion 3hrs 20)

1. Valley of fire - 52 mins from Vegas (possible 20 mins detour to White Domes)



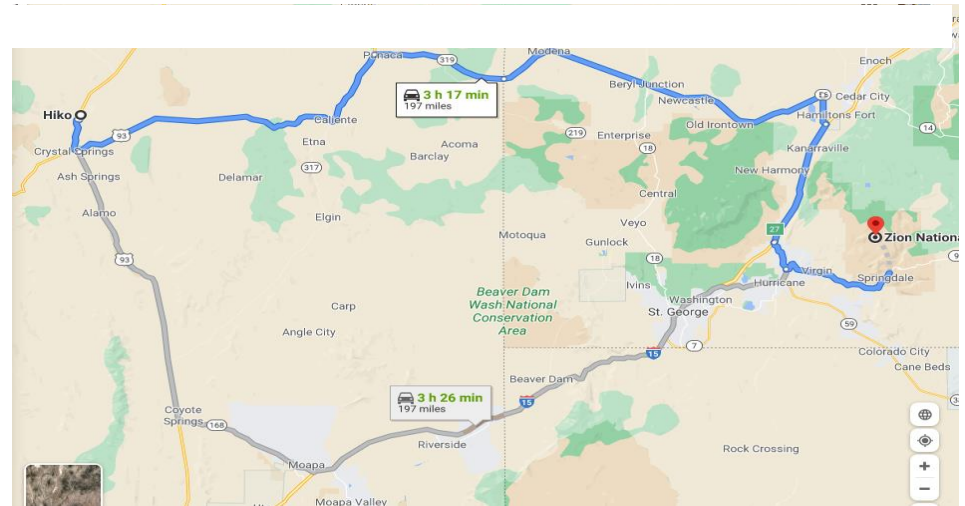
Is Valley of Fire worth visiting? <https://www.earthtrekkers.com/valley-of-fire-las-vegas-day-trip/>

Driving? This article suggests any type rental car will be fine. All of the roads are paved. The parking areas at Valley of Fire are not paved, but any normal car can park safely.

What to see? The Valley of Fire State Park - colourful outdoor destination, one hour from Las Vegas, with panoramic vistas, hiking trails, petroglyphs, scenic drives, and stunning red and pink rock formations.

- Fire cave – scenic loop with short walks to attractions
- White Dome – pink canyon and rainbow vistas. Claimed to be best drive in US
- Elephant rock

Map of park attractions



2. Area 51 (1h 51mins from Valley of Fire)

Alien research centre (gift shop with alien souvenirs) – <https://lincolncountynevada.com/exploring/ufqing/alien-research-center/>

NB Gateway to Extraterrestrial highway is at **Hiko or Rachel** (we didn't get that far)

V limited supplies in area so bring fuel/water/food.

3. Travel to Springdale, Zion from Hiko, (3h 15)

Hotel	La Quinta inn and suites by Wyndham at Zion Park/Springdale
No of nights	2
Where	Springdale, Zion
Add	792 Zion Park Blvd, Springdale, UT 84787 US
Website	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/springdale-utah/la-quinta-at-zion-park-springdale/
Booked through	Booking.com
Pre paid?	N
Cancel?	To 2/8/22
Tax incl?	Y
Breakfast	Y
Feature	Great back drop and pool

Eating out

Oscars in Springdale – good reviews and twinkly fairy lights – don't take bookings

Oscar's Café, 948 Zion Park Blvd, Springdale, UT 84767 / <http://oscarscafe.com/>

5 Aug Zion hike

What	Zion Narrows
Website	https://www.nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/thenarrows.htm
Map website	https://www.nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/publications.htm
Shuttle	Get free Spingdale shuttle to NP entrance then second free shuttle to temple of Sinwara – it starts with a paved river side walk https://www.nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/zion-canyon-shuttle-system.htm

What is The Narrows?

The Narrows is the narrowest section of Zion Canyon. This gorge, with walls a thousand feet tall and the river just 20-30 ft wide.

Hike along the paved, Riverside Walk for one mile from the Temple of Sinwava before wading upstream for a few minutes or an all day hike.

<https://www.nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/zion-canyon-trail-descriptions.htm>:

“The Narrows via Riverside Walk

Shuttle Stop to Start from: #9 Temple of Sinawava

Trailhead Location: Adjacent to shuttle stop and restrooms.

Distance (roundtrip): *up to* 9.4 mi

Elevation Change: 334 ft

Estimated Hiking Time: *up to* 8 hours

Description: This route is known as the **bottom-up Narrows**. Hike in as far as you like, then hike back the way you came. **At least 60% of the hike is spent wading**, walking, and sometimes swimming in the river. Travel is rough and slippery in cold, fast flowing water. High water levels can prevent access. Use appropriate equipment and clothing to help protect you. Before your hike, always check the weather and flash flood potential. Doing the hike this way allows you to **see some of the most spectacular and narrowest parts of the canyon. You can hike in the river for an hour and have a great experience**, or you can hike as far as Big Spring, a strenuous, ten-mile round trip, all-day adventure”

Aug 6 - drive to Lake Powell via Horseshoe end (3 hr 6 then 18 mins)

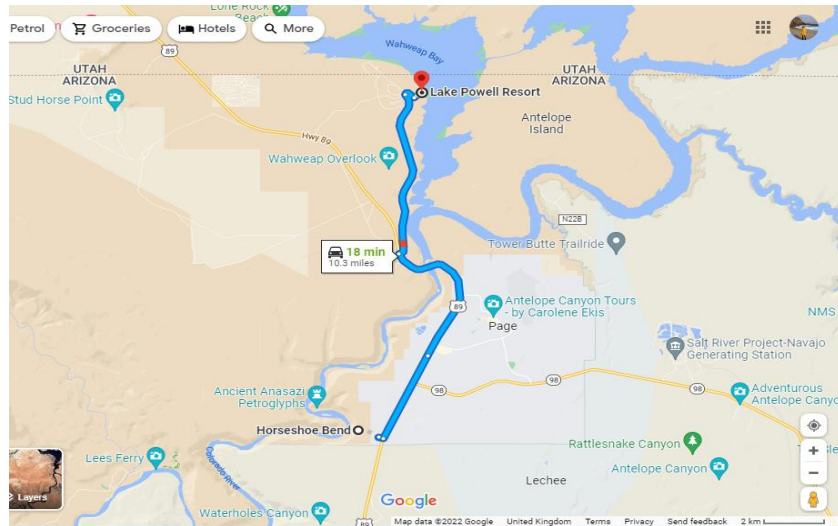
1. Via Vermillion scenic highway and Marble Canyon

The Fredonia-Vermilion Cliffs Scenic Road is a 104-mile drive between Fredonia and Bitter Springs on US Highway 89A, featured heavily in guidebooks.

2. Horseshoe bend:

<https://www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/horseshoe-bend.htm>

Where?	30 min walk from car park (0.6 miles)
When?	Sunset is good time for the light
Parking?	Car park open until sunset (6pm)/7pm If full staff will close the lot, and direct people to an alternate parking area, where a bus stands by to shuttle people to the overlook up to 4pm. Parking fee \$10



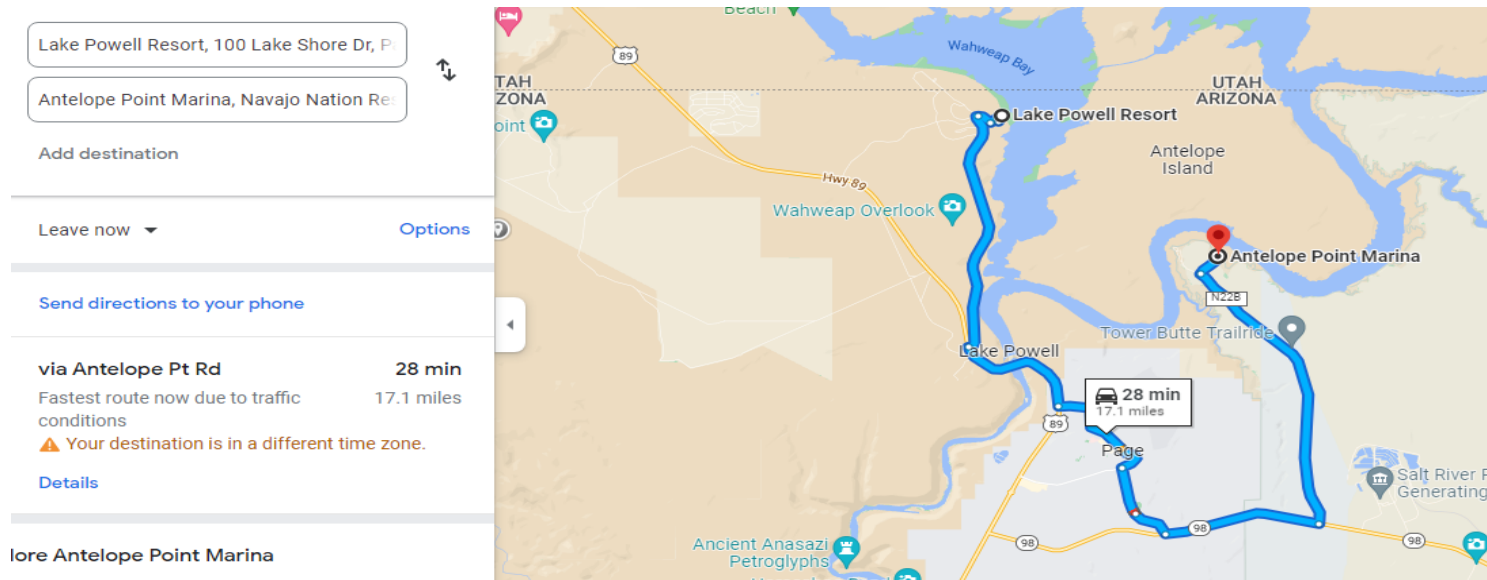
Hotel name	LAKE POWELL RESORT
Location	Wharf near Page
Address	100 Lakeshore Drive, Page, AZ
No of nights	2
Travel via	3 hours from Zion (via vermillion cliffs and horseshoe)
Travel on to	2 hours to Grand Canyon then 2 hours to Sedona
Hotel website	https://www.expedia.co.uk/Page-Hotels-Lake-Powell-Resort.h180810.Hotel-Information?langid=2057
Booked through	Booking.com
Pre paid?	N
Cancel?	To 4/8/22
Tax incl?	Y
breakfast	N
Kitchen	Mini fridge
Balcony	Y
Parking	free

7 Aug – Page - Boat to antelope canyon/shooting

Lake Powell - a crystal clear oasis framed by what many consider to be the most breathtaking landscape on earth.

Kayaking is hard through wakes and jet skis

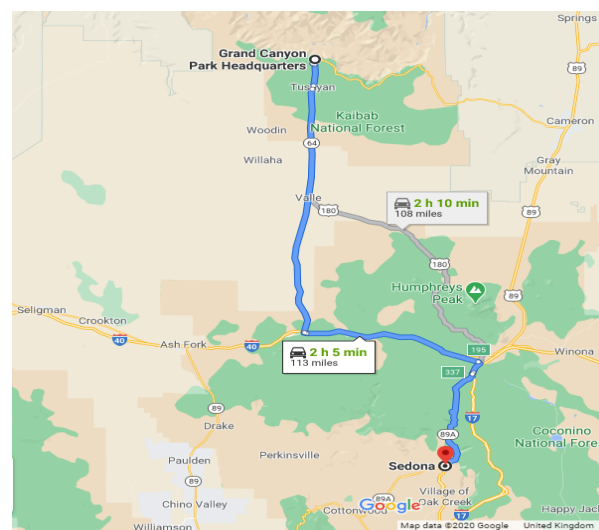
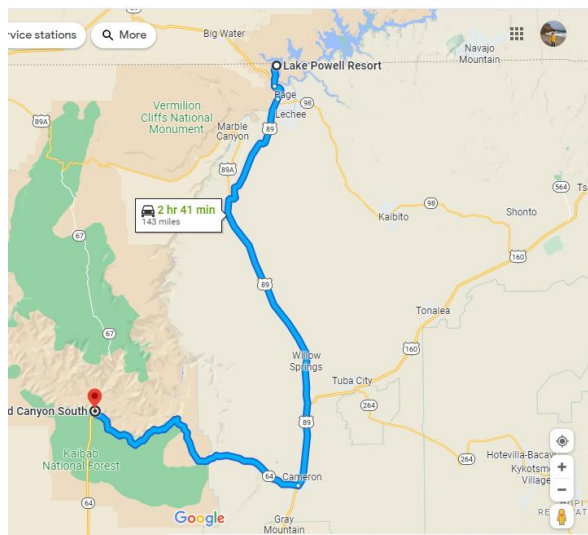
Activity	1.5 hour Boat tour to Antelope Canyon \$50pp from Antelope Point Marina https://antelopepointlakepowell.com/boat-rentals-tours/boat-tours/
Duration	1.5 hours – check in 1.30 for 2.15 start
Cost	\$50
Website	https://antelopepointlakepowell.com/boat-rentals-tours/boat-tours/
Info	Drinks avail – bring food
Depart from	Antelope Point Marina, 533 Marina Parkway, P.O. Box 880 Page, AZ 86040 (928) 645-5900 ext 5053 http://antelopepointlakepowell.com
Distance from hotel	28 min drive



Gunfighter canyon – Page \$60 for 25 rounds (machine gun) - <https://www.gunfighter.com/page>

8 Aug drive to Grand Canyon / Sedona

Drive Page to Grand Canyon South rim (2 hrs) then on to Sedona via Williams (2 hours)



1. **South rim GC normally 2 hours 41** Entry via Cameron/ **stop at Desert View point** (half way bet Cameron and GC)

- **Desert View** is a small settlement on the South Rim located **23 miles/ 37 km east** of Grand Canyon Village, near the eastern edge of Grand Canyon. **Arizona State Route 64**, Also known as **Desert View Drive**, is a scenic road that connects Desert View with Grand Canyon Village.

<https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/placestogo.htm>:

- The **Visitor Centre / Mather Point** Four large parking areas are located here as well as the transit centre for the park's free shuttle buses.

Which shuttle? Hermit Road is a scenic road beginning on the west side of Grand Canyon Village. The road follows the canyon rim for 7 miles (11 km) out to Hermits Rest, and the Hermit Trailhead. Along the canyon rim are 9 designated viewpoints. These viewpoints have shuttle bus stops. <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/hermit-road.htm>

- Market Plaza - general store
- The Historic District, where the Grand Canyon Village started back in "pioneer days", around 120 years ago. historic lodges

2. **Flintstone**

Giant Fred flintstone at Bedrock City camp ground, Williams on Highway 101 – will pass 32 mins/30 miles after leave Grand Canyon: Flintstones Bedrock City, 332 AZ-64, Williams, AZ 86046, United States (101 US-180, Williams, AZ 86046, USA

3. **Williams** for Route 66 signage

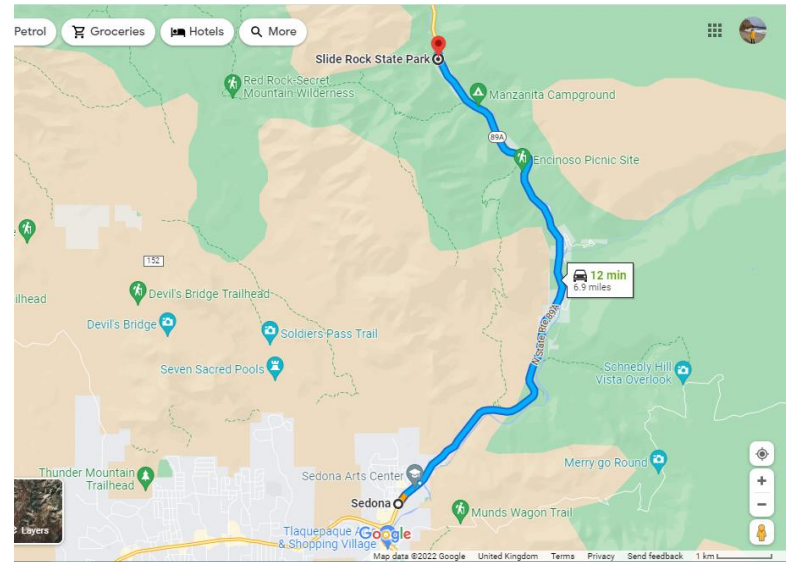
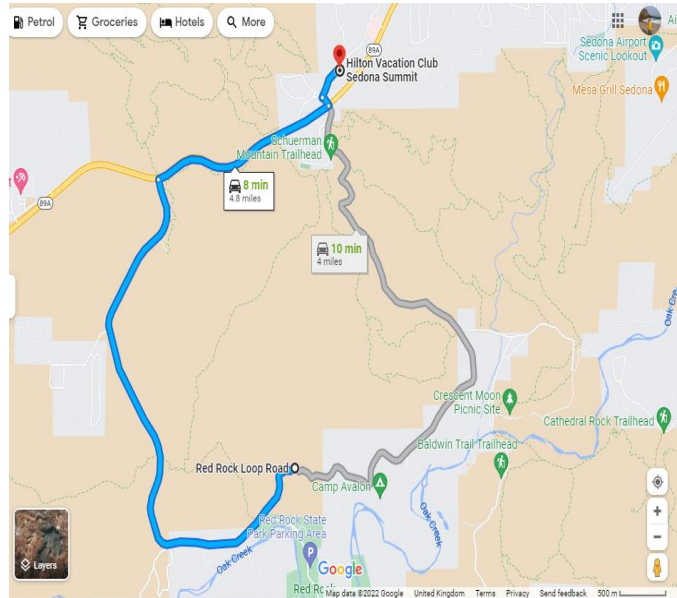
4. **Sedona** - desert town near Flagstaff surrounded by red-rock buttes, steep canyon walls and pine forests. Noted its arts community, New Age shops, spas and art galleries

Hotel name	Was called: Sedona Summit by Diamond resort/ Now called Hilton Vacation Club Sedona Summit
Location	4055 Navoti Drive West, Sedona AZ 86336
Hotel website	https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/flgsegv-hilton-vacation-club-sedona-summit/
breakfast	N
Travel to	4 hrs from Powell/ GC
Travel from	4 hrs to Tucson
Booked through	Booking.com
Pre paid?	Y - \$20 tax to pay

9 Aug – Sedona red rock loop/ Slide Rock Park /drive to Tucson 3 hours 42 (option – via gold mine/ghost town adds 1 hour)

ACTIVITES:

1. Red Rock loop opposite hotel: - <https://theplanetd.com/things-to-do-in-sedona-arizona/>



2. SLIDE ROCK (5 miles/ 12 mins north of Sedona)

- Slide rock state park - Oak creek canyon. Lonely Planet says one of US top 10 swim holes (best in a tube – bring one)

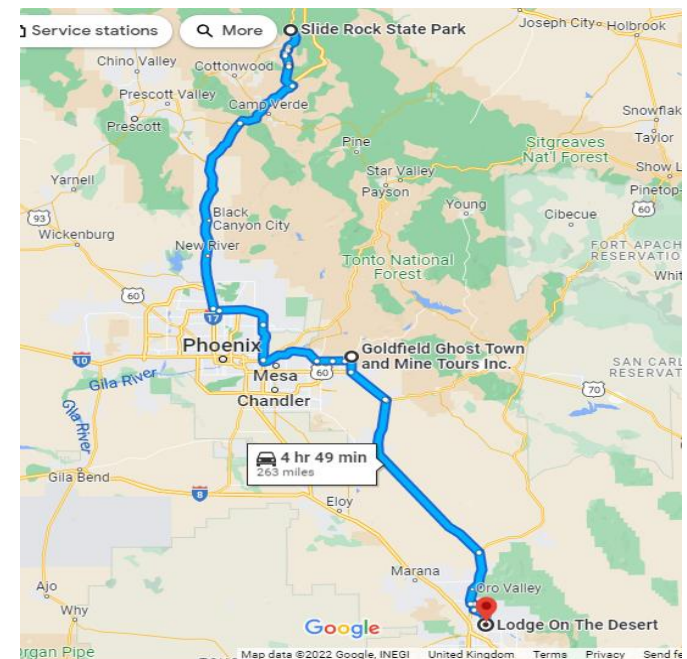
Open	8-6
Cost	\$20 per car (weekdays)
Details	80 feet long and 2.5 to 4 feet wide, with a seven percent decline from top to bottom
website	https://azstateparks.com/slide-rock/
Map:	https://www.arizona-dream.com/usa/telecharger/cartes/villes/sedona/slide-rock-state-park.pdf

3. Goldfield Ghost Town

Website	http://goldfieldghosttown.com/
Cost	Free - but you have to pay to go in each of the buildings
Details	Reconstructed in 1980's on original foundations. Some reviews say it is a tourist trap/ "living museum"/ Bit kitschy "streets are lined with authentic old west buildings, people in period costume, horses and wagons, and enough attractions to cater to all types of visitors"
Where	Near Phoenix

5. Hotel dinner

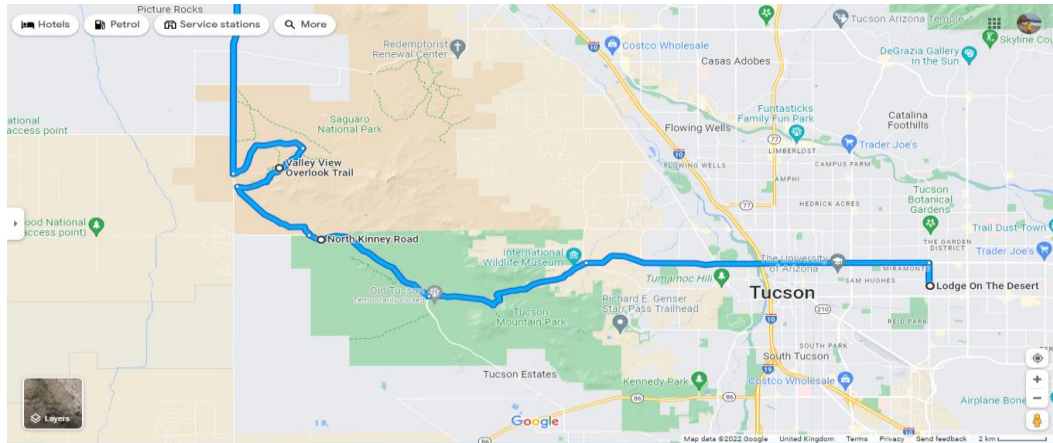
Hotel name	Lodge on the desert
address	306 North Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ
Location	Tucson
Travel to	4 hours from Sedona
Travel from	3 hours to Yuma (via cacti)
Room type	Casita fireside 2 queens beds
Hotel website	https://www.expedia.co.uk/Tucson-Hotels-Lodge-On-The-Desert.
Booked through	Expedia
Date booked	9/5/22
Pre paid?	N
Cancel?	To 5/8/22
Tax incl?	Y
breakfast	Y
Kitchen	Coffee/tea maker / Fridge
Balcony	no
Parking	Y



10 Aug –Saguaro cacti (20 mins) / drive on to Yuma

1. Saguaro park WEST

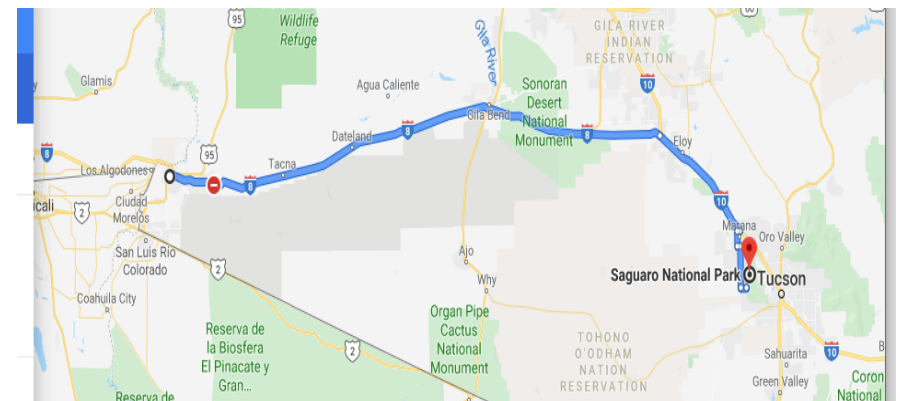
- There are 2 Saguaros so put the right one in Sat Nav 20 mins from Tucson



Driving consideration	Bajada loop road – is a dirt but billed as ok for cars ONE SECTION IS ONE WAY SO GO COOUNTER CLOCKWISE ROUND LOOP
View points	Valley view overlook trail is 0.8 miles and has densest cacti and view point
Useful website	https://www.earthtrekkers.com/best-things-to-do-in-saguaro-national-park/

Then 2.5 hour to Yuma – arrive for tea

Hotel name	Hampton Inn & Suites Yuma
Hotel Address	1600 East 16th Street Yuma, Arizona 85365 USA
Travel to	3 hours form Tucson (via cacti)
Travel from	4 hours to LA
Booked through	Hilton
Date booked	11/5/22
Pre paid?	Y on points
Tax incl?	Y
breakfast	Y
Kitchen	Microwave
Balcony	N
Cancel	To 8/8/22



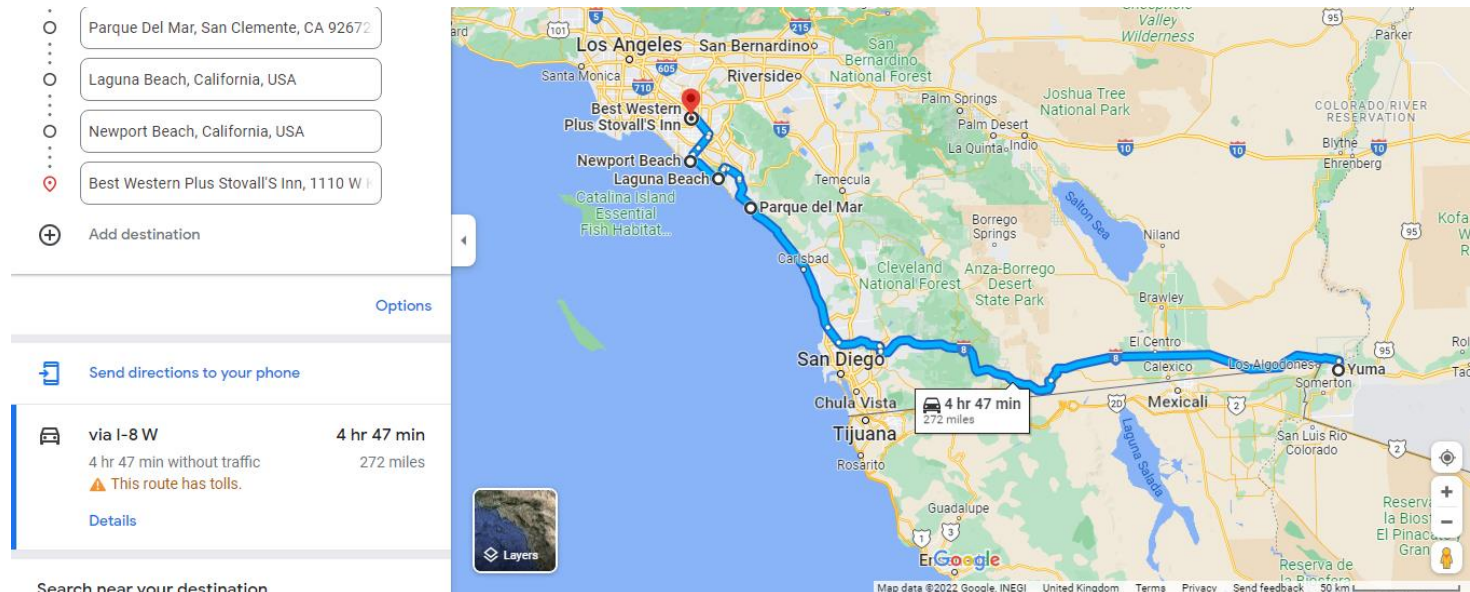
11 Aug – Yuma Prison then LA pm (4.5 hours)

1. Yuma prison –

<https://azstateparks.com/yuma-territorial/> \$8 each (9-5)

2. Yuma To LA via Mexican Border and San Diego (last minute diversion to beach)

Total 4h 47min drive along Mexican border and then coast road (we ended up following the faster in land highway due to gridlock)

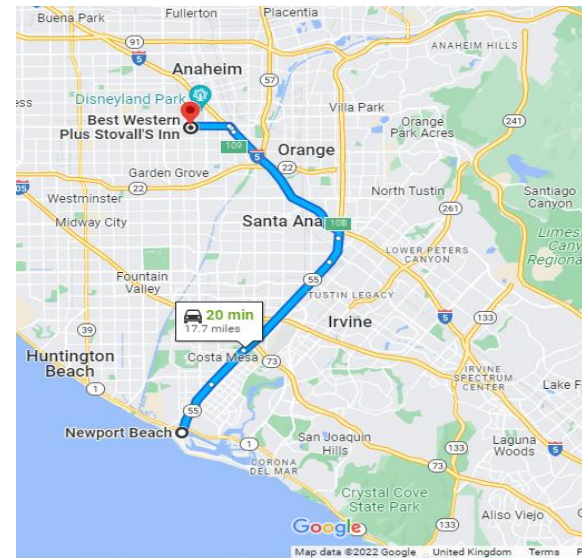


Which route – Highway 5 or coast road?

The most common route to take when driving from Los Angeles to San Diego is along **the I-5**, the interstate freeway that starts at the Mexican border and goes all the way to Canada. This is convenient but though boring, inland suburbs and is often packed with traffic.

A more scenic option is to take the **Pacific Coast Highway**, also known as Highway 1, from Los Angeles until it ends in South Orange County.

Hotel name	Best Western Plus Stovall's Inn
Hotel website	https://stovallsinn.com/
Address	1110 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92802
Travel to	4.5 hours from Yuma
Travel from	London
Nights booked	2 (11-13 Aug)
Booked through	Booking.com
Pre paid?	N
Cancel?	To 9/8/22
Tax incl?	Y
breakfast	Y
Parking	Free
Features	Pool



Evening option – you can check out the **downtown Disney entertainment/shopping** area without a ticket. Open-air cafés, street musicians and shops in a pedestrian zone in Anaheim

Or Pizza restaurant between hotel and Disney (we went for this)

12 Aug – Disney day! (coming soon)

6. Packing list

Top tip – if sharing 1 back pack per 2 people, put all their clothes in 1 plastic bag so you can take out a person's entire kit in 1 go.

If going for the luxury of own bag, again putting clothes/ swim stuff/ toiletries in their own bags makes for swift daily packing on a road trip. Is colour coding going too far?

Documents	Clothes	Additional Toiletries	Tech	Misc
Passports Driving licence Cash Print outs of: Itinerary/ Zoomed in Googlemaps/ accom/ car hire/ vaccines/ customs letter/ Etickets – flight and activities/ insurance/ photocopy passport and visa Logins for: all apps/banking/flights Credit card with no fee for using US\$ (Halifax Clarity Card) Currency card for fee-free cashpoint withdrawals (Fairfax) Addresses: Personal and hotel for customs and postcards	Swimwear Goggles Water shoes Towels Sarong Hats Hairbands UV Rash vests Sun glasses/Real glasses Long sleeved sun tops Jumper 1 smart outfit/shoes Underwear and socks (number depends on tolerance for organising washing) Waterproofs PJs Shorts or dresses (4) T-shirts (6) Long trousers	Mosquito spray After bite Sun tan lotion Plasters/painkillers/ antihistamine/rehydratio n powders Baby powder Savlon Eye drops Nail clippers Any retainers and boxes Any prescription meds Sellotape (to secure tops of toiletries in flight)	Small lap top Phones x 4 (with prepaid roaming and downloaded maps) Adapter Portable battery charger Phone charger Fitbit charger Headphones Camera + waterproof camera Travel hair drier Lead for charging multiple devices from single socket	Books Money belt Travel guide Picnic blanket Swim tubes Dry bags for wet swim kit Plastic bags for laundry and for each set of kit Bottle opener/pen knife/sporks Waterbottles Torch? Phone torches ok if enough charge. Binoculars Snacks for every journey