# Lake Tahoe California USA



#### DRIVING FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Take '80' Freeway East, traffic dependent it will take 3-4 hours. To avoid heavy traffic travel before 1pm.

**On route** Break your journey by visiting the Gold Rush towns of Auburn, Grass Valley and Nevada. Auburn is by the '80', Grass Valley and Nevada City, 25 miles North East of Auburn, they are 5 miles apart, both on historic Route

49. From Nevada city take Route 20 for 30 miles rejoining the '80' freeway at Yuba Pass. If you have an extra 3-4 hours stay on scenic Route 49, a beautiful tree lined drive though the mountains passing the very first gold rush town, Downieville, well worth a



visit!These are really quaint, historical towns with great museums and original mining equipment on display.

FLYING INTO RENO Reno airport is 40 minutes from Lake Tahoe; either follow I-580 N for 5mins to I-80 W or take I-580 S and NV-431 W/Mt Rose Hwy to Incline Village via 431. This is a stunning mountain drive over Mount Rose, Lake Tahoe's highest peak, down to the lake at into Incline where you either continue east to south Lake Tahoe or west into the north shore just 10 minutes away.

We always stay in North Lake Tahoe. The south is mostly in Nevada where gambling is permitted, hotels tend to be larger and most have casinos. The scenery is still beautiful with the lake and the mountains but there is a very different vibe.

#### WHERE TO STAY

#### **WEST SHORE**

<u>West Shore Café</u> 5160 West Lake Blvd. Homewood CA 96141 **Tel**: 530 525 5200 **Price**: from \$250 per night **Comments**: On the lake! 6 gorgeous, beautifully decorated suites & 2 villas, some with lake view.

<u>Sunnyside</u> 1850 West Lake Blvd Tahoe City CA 96145 **Tel:** 530 583 200 **Price**: from \$175 per night **Comments:** Rustic charm on the lake.

#### **INCLINE VILLAGE**

<u>The Hyatt</u> 111 Country Club Drive, Incline Village, Nevada, USA, 89451 Tel: 775 832 1234 Price: from \$180 per night Comments: Large rustic lodge style, full service hotel on the lake.

#### **NORTHSTAR**

<u>The Ritz Carlton</u> 13031 Ritz-Carlton Highlands Ct, Truckee, California 96161 **Tel:** 530 562 3000 **Price:** from \$220 per night **Comments:** Fabulous, right on the slopes at Northstar.

The Village at Northstar Truckee, CA 96161 1800 GO NORTH Price: from \$180 per night Comments: Superb 1,2 & 3 bed suites in the village!

#### **SQUAW VALLEY**

<u>The Village at Squaw</u> 1960 Squaw Valley Rd, Olympic Village CA 96146 **Tel:** 866 818 6963 **Price:** from \$180 per night **Comments:** Central to everything in the village 1,2 & 3 bed rooms.

Plumpjacks 1960 Squaw Valley Rd, Olympic Village CA 96146

Tel: 530 583 1576 Price: from \$250 per night Comments: Lovely place to stay in Squaw.

<u>The Resort at Squaw Creek</u> 400 Squaw Creek Rd ,Olympic Valley, CA 96146 **Tel:** 530 5836300 **Price:** from \$200 per night **Comments:** Upscale with easy lift access to the main ski runs.

For other lodging: Booking.com, Trip advisor & airbnb.com

For a cabin rental: homeaway.com & vrbo.com

#### WHERE TO EAT WEST SHORE

West Shore Café 5160 West Lake Blvd. Homewood CA 96141 **Tel:** 530 525 5200 Lakeside, accessible by boat

Sunnyside 1850 West Lake Blvd Tahoe City CA 96145 Tel: 530 583 200 great patio on the lake



Fire Sign 1785 West Lake Blvd Tahoe City, CA 96145 Tel:530 583 871 Great for breakfast

#### TAHOE CITY

**Bridge Tender** 65 W Lake Blvd Tahoe City CA 96145 **Tel:** 530 583 3342 Riverside for lunch!

The River Grill 55 West Lake Blvd., Tahoe City, CA 96145 Tel: 530 581 2644 Great happy hour!

<u>Christy Hills</u> 115 Grove St, Tahoe City, CA 96145 Tel: 530 583 8551 Great food & lake views

Wolfdales 640 N Lake Blvd, Tahoe City, CA 96145 Tel: 530 583 5700 Wonderful fusion style food with lake views!

#### **CARNELIAN BAY**

<u>Garwoods</u> 5000 N Lake Blvd, Carnelian Bay, CA 96140 **Tel:** 530 546 3366 Lakeside, accessible by boat, famous for its 'Wet Woody' cocktails, often half price on a Wednesday!

#### KINGS BEACH

<u>SpindleShanks</u> 400 Brassie Avenue, Suite B, Kings Beach, CA 96143 **Tel:** 530 546 2191 Tasty!

<u>Caliente</u> 8791 N Lake Blvd, Kings Beach, CA 96143 **Tel:** 530 546 1000 Great Mexican!

**The Soule Domain** 9983 Cove St, Kings Beach, CA 96143 **Tel**: 530 546 7529 Delicious home cooked food in a European cabin setting!

#### INCLINE VILLAGE

Bite 907 Tahoe Blvd, Incline Village, NV 89451 Tel: 775 831 1000 Delicious, small plates!

**The Hyatt** Lone Eagle Grill 111 Country Club Drive, Incline Village, Nevada,89451 **Tel:** +1 775 832 1234 Good traditional American

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The Village at Northstar: Mikuni, Petra, Tavern 6330

#### **SQUAW VALLEY**

<u>Grahams, Plump Jack Café, 22 Bistro & Bar</u> TRUCKEE

Moody's Bistro The Truckee Hotel, 10007 Bridge St, Truckee, CA 96161 **Tel:** 530 587 8688 Often has fabulous live music, our local favourite great atmosphere and vibe!

**Pianeta** 10096 Donner Pass Rd, Truckee, CA 96161 **Tel:** 530 587 4694 reliably good

**Cottonwood** 10142 Rue Hilltop, Truckee, CA 96161 **Tel:** 530 587 5711 a Truckee icon!

### **SUMMER**

#### **BEACHES**

**EAST SHORE** By boat many of these stunning beaches become accessible, picnic & BBQ here (NB: there are no facilities.) Stop for a

cocktail on the deck of <u>The Hyatt</u> for a fantastic view down the lake! <u>Thunderbird Lodge</u> – built in 1936, an incredible residential estate from

an era when prominent San Francisco society built homes on the lake.

WEST SHORE - <u>Sugar Pine Point</u> - tour the historic lake front property, <u>Ehrman Mansion</u>; stop for lunch at <u>Garwoods</u>, <u>Sunnyside</u> or <u>West Shore Café</u>

**Emerald Bay** – Visit <u>Vikingsholm</u>, one of the finest examples of Scandinavian architecture in the western hemisphere, tour the "Tea House" on <u>Fannette Island</u>, the only island to be found on Lake Tahoe!

**BOATING** NB: All boats at Tahoe are

subject to an annual inspection.

Call Tahoe Boat

Inspections **1-888-824-6267** for inspection locations & hours

#### **BOAT RAMPS**

<u>Homewood Marina</u> (West shore) 5190 West Lake Blvd.Homewood, CA 96141 **Tel:** 530 525-5966

Meeks Bay Marina (West shore) 7941 Emerald Bay Road, Tahoma, CA 96142 Tel: 530 525 5588

<u>Lake Forest Boat Ramp</u> (near Tahoe City) Lake Forest Rd. Tahoe City, CA 96145 Tel: 530 583-554 Next to Coast Guard station. \$15 launch fee for CA residents, non \$25

Tahoe Vista Recreation Area and Boat Launch Hwy. 28 and National Ave. Tahoe Vista CA 96148 Tel: 530 546 4212 Launch fee \$5, \$7 daily fee to park

#### **BOAT RENTALS**

High Sierra Water Ski School & Sailing Center at Sunnyside Marina 1850 West Lake Blvd. Tahoe City, CA 96145 Tel: 530 583 417 also rents jet ski, paddle board & kayak rentals & wakeboard lessons,

<u>Kings Beach Aqua Sports</u> 8324 N Lake Blvd, Kings Beach, CA 96143 **Tel:** 530 546 2782 Rent kayaks, canoes, sailboats, pedal boats, jet skis, parasailing, waterskis & wake boards, lake boat tours.

 $\underline{\text{North Tahoe Marina}}$ 7360 N. Lake Blvd. Tahoe Vista, CA 96148 Tel: 530 546 8248

**Tahoe City Marina** 700 North Lake Blvd. Tahoe City, CA 96145 **Tel:** 530 583 1039 Easy foot access to town



Some hotels rent boats,
Also check out options at: **GO NORTH** 

#### THINGS DO AT LAKE TAHOE

#### Water cruises

<u>Tahoe Belle</u> on a Lake Tahoe Cruise see the lake from the water & discover the history of this beautiful region.



**Hiking** trails range from easy strolls to steep switchbacks leading into the clouds. Visit the USDA Forest Service information.

#### **GO TAHOE NORTH** is

good resource to discover where to enjoy this and other

activities: Golfing fishing, golf, cycling, horse back riding

### <u>Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival</u>

From mid July to the end of August enjoy some exceptional performances at Sand Harbor, just beyond Incline Village against the backdrop the lake – simply stunning!

Museums There are several museums to visit at Lake Tahoe, one of the most interesting being The Donner Memorial State

Park and Emigrant Trail Museum. Learn about the early pioneers & the incredible story of the Donner party, who in 1846 were trapped in early winter storms in the Sierra's and forced to resort to cannibalism to survive. 12593 Donner Pass Rd, Truckee, CA 96161 Tel: 530 582 7892

#### **FARMERS MARKETS**

#### **Tuesdays**

Truckee Truckee River Regional Park 10500 Brockway Rd off Highway 267 Mid June - October 8am-1pm



#### **Thursdays**

Tahoe City Commons Beach and N Lake Blvd Mid May-mid June 18, late August-late September 8am -1pm Tahoe Lake Elementary School 375 Grove Street late Junelate August 8am -1pm

#### **Fridays**

**Crystal Bay, NV** at the Tahoe Biltmore Early May-late September 10am - 2 pm

**Incline Villag**e Tunnel Creek Incline Village NV Early May-late September 8am -1pm



**Truckee Thursday nights** near the train station late June - late August 20 4pm -7pm

## WINTER AT LAKE TAHOE

**SKIING** – A world class destination for skiing, both down hill & cross country.

<u>Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows</u> – Home of the 1960 winter Olympics, offering some of Tahoe's most challenging slopes. 2 separate resorts but one ski pass allows you to enjoy both, a free shuttle transports you between them



<u>Northstar</u> - Over 3000 acres of breathtaking skiable terrain, having undergone a recent billion dollar improvement it just gets better every year, our favorite place to ski!

<u>Diamond Peak</u> - By Incline Village, a friendly smaller resort

**Homewood** - On the west shore, smaller but quaint with fantastic lake views



#### SKI MOBILE TOURS

Lots of choices including <u>Lake Tahoe snow mobiling</u> <u>Full Throttle Tahoe</u> also check out options on <u>GO TAHOE NORTH</u>