



LAKE TAHOE

TRIP PLANNER



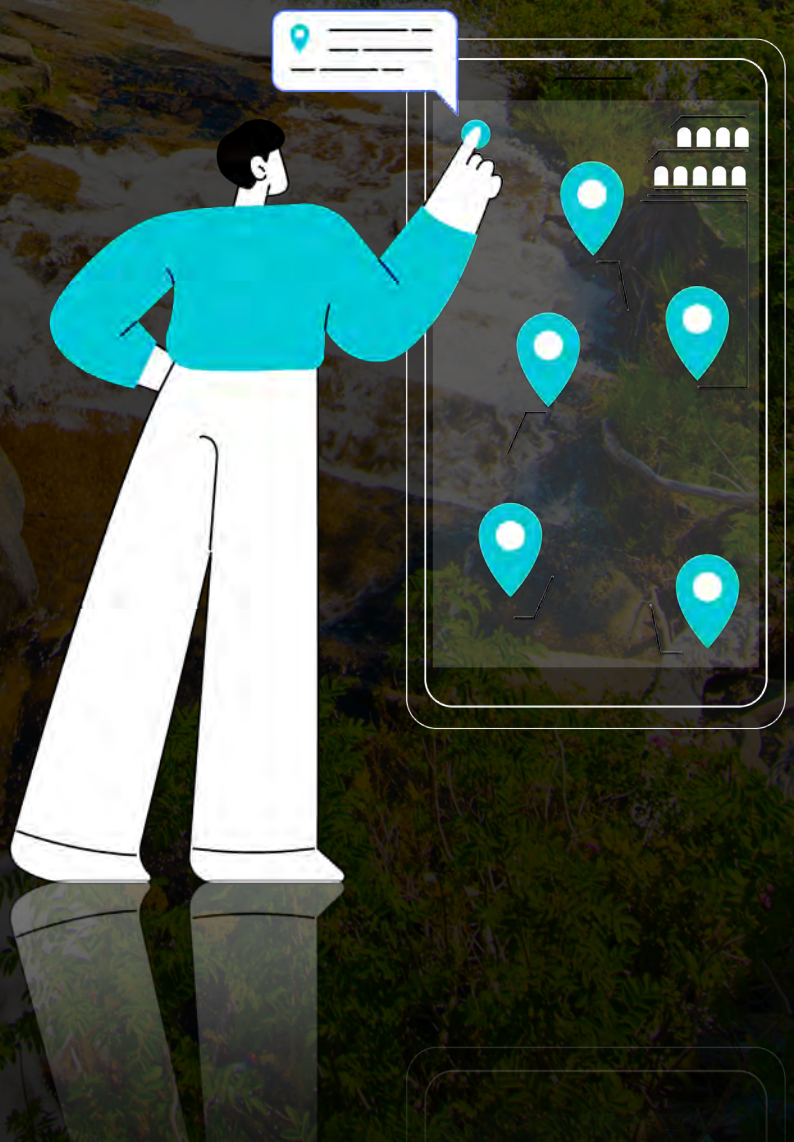
88+ Miles



2-3 Hours

TRIP PLANNER

- Where to Enter
- Must-See Points
- Best Hikes (Quick, Moderate, Long)
- Itineraries (One Day, Two Days)
- Where to Stay
- Know Before You Go
- Packing List



WHERE TO ENTER

KINGS BEACH

(NORTH ENTRANCE - NORTH
LAKE TAHOE VISITOR CENTER)

START

START

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

(SOUTH ENTRANCE - TAHOE
SOUTH VISITOR CENTER)

Your self-guided tour supports both entrances and offers clockwise and counterclockwise versions. We recommend following the clockwise route to keep the lake on your right throughout the tour.

Don't worry — all the versions have all the same stories, just tailored to each entrance. One is not better than any other!

Be sure to have all of the versions downloaded ahead of time because there's no signal once in the park.

MUST-SEE POINTS



BEST HIKES



CASCADE FALLS
TRAIL



Moderate



1.3 Miles



45 Mins



EAGLE FALLS
VISTA POINT
LOOP



Moderate



0.5 Miles



20 Mins



EAGLE LAKE
TRAIL



Moderate



1.8 Miles



1 Hour



VIKINGSHOLM
TRAIL



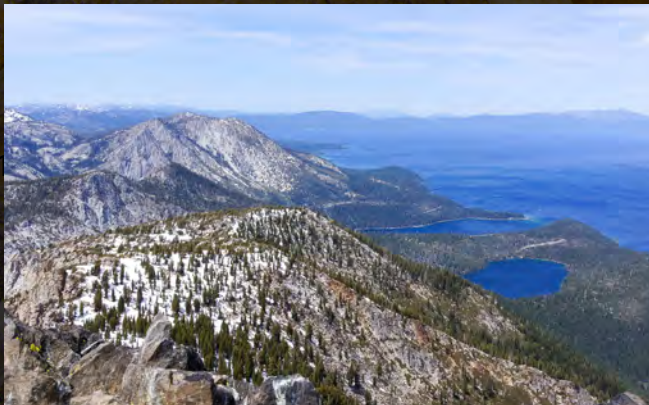
Moderate



1.7 Miles



1 Hour



MOUNT TALLAC
TRAIL



Hard



9.6 Miles



4 Hours



GRANITE LAKE
AND MAGGIE'S
PEAKS



Hard



4.1 Miles



2-3 Hours

ITINERARIES

You can enjoy the tour at your own pace with the self-guided audio tour from Action Tour Guide.

This flexible tour can be completed in one day or spread over multiple days. Since it is valid for one year and offers unlimited usage, you don't have to worry about seeing everything in one visit.

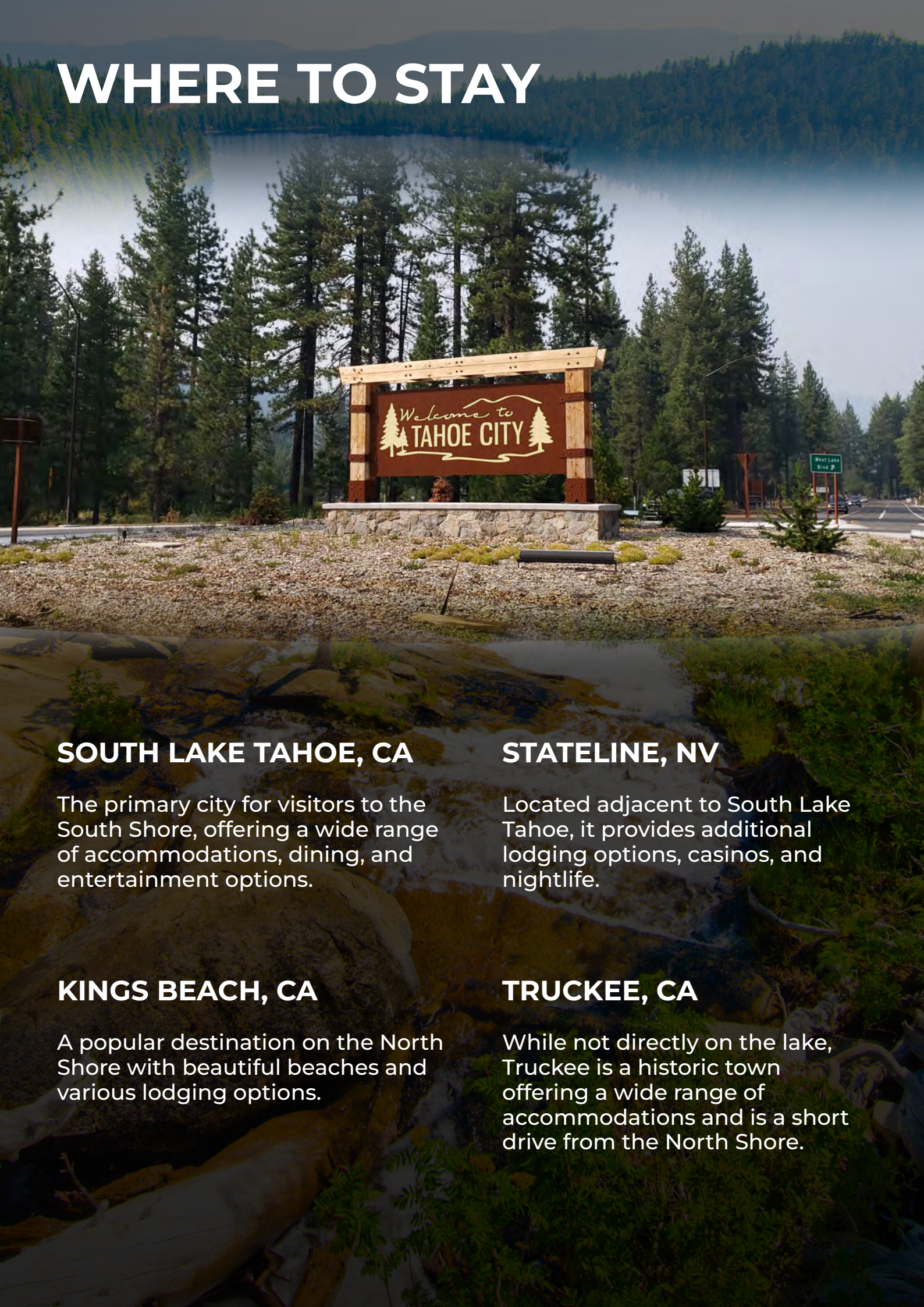
ONE-DAY ITINERARY:

- Start your day early by entering the Lake Tahoe area through one of the main entrances (South Entrance recommended). Make sure to download the Action Tour Guide app and tour beforehand, as cell signals may be limited in certain areas around the lake.
- Stop at the Must-See points highlighted on the tour (marked in the tour as "Must-See"):
 - Pope Beach
 - Valhalla at Tallac Historic Site
 - Tallac Historic Site
 - Fallen Leaf Lake
 - Vikingsholm
 - Rubicon Trail
- Enjoy a packed lunch at one of the designated picnic areas, such as Pope Beach or Valhalla at Tallac Historic Site Picnic Areas.
- Experience some of the moderate or challenging hikes if you feel confident (See Hikes Section).
- End your day by watching the sunset from a scenic viewpoint like Emerald Bay to witness the golden light painting the landscape.

TWO-DAY ITINERARY:

- **Day 1:** Follow the one-day itinerary mentioned above. Make sure you have the app and tour set up before you get to the entrance or continue where you left off.
- **Day 1 Night:** Return to an area with minimal light pollution for stargazing. Some recommended stargazing spots include:
 - Emerald Bay
 - Mount Tallac
 - Meeks Bay
- After a day of adventure, rest up and recharge for an exciting second day filled with exploration.
- **Day 2:** Return to the Lake Tahoe area and stop at the Must-See points highlighted on the tour (marked in the tour as "Must-See"):
 - Olympic Valley
 - King Beach State Recreation Area
 - Memorial Point Scenic Overlook
 - Sand Harbour
- Stop at Olympic Valley and the Alpine Base Area at Palisades Tahoe for hiking, mountain biking, scenic chairlift rides, and the aerial tram with stunning views. Olympic Valley also offers skiing, snowboarding, and a chance to explore the history of the 1960 Winter Olympics—perfect for adventure and history enthusiasts!
- Leave late in the evening to catch a stunning sunset from a scenic spot like Sand Harbor ([reservation required](#)) and enjoy your time exploring the natural beauty and attractions that Lake Tahoe has to offer!

WHERE TO STAY

A scenic view of a lake with a forested background and a 'Welcome to Tahoe City' sign in the foreground. The sign is made of wood and features the text 'Welcome to TAHOE CITY' with a small tree icon. The background shows a calm lake reflecting the surrounding forest and mountains.

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA

The primary city for visitors to the South Shore, offering a wide range of accommodations, dining, and entertainment options.

STATELINE, NV

Located adjacent to South Lake Tahoe, it provides additional lodging options, casinos, and nightlife.

KINGS BEACH, CA

A popular destination on the North Shore with beautiful beaches and various lodging options.

TRUCKEE, CA

While not directly on the lake, Truckee is a historic town offering a wide range of accommodations and is a short drive from the North Shore.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



ENTRANCE FEES: There is no entrance fee!



RESERVATION: Some popular spots and attractions, like Sand Harbour, may require reservation especially during peak season, which is not included in the self-guided tour. [Reserve here before your trip.](#)

Click [here](#) for more.



OPERATING HOURS: Open 24 Hours. Year-Round. Partial closures or limited accessibility in winter due to snow. Certain facilities and attractions may have specific operating hours. Check local [weather](#) or contact visitor centers for updates.



ROAD CLOSURES: Unexpected weather or construction can affect roads. While the tour is updated frequently to include detours, it cannot reflect up-to-the-minute updates. Several [projects](#) will impact traffic between Incline Village and Tahoe City this summer. [Check before you leave.](#)



PARK RULES AND SAFETY: Stay on designated trails, camp in designated areas, and respect wildlife and natural resources by following the local [Camping Rules and Regulations](#). Follow all posted signs, guidelines and local Laws and Policies. Be familiar with the lake's [Safety Guidelines](#).

PACKING LIST



Binoculars



Extra Layers



First Aid Kit



Snacks



Portable Charger



Phone Holder



Gas



Inscet Repellent



Bear Spray



Water



Hiking Boots