



Take a trip on Nevada's



Free-Range Art Highway

This road trip from Las Vegas to Reno is “far out” in more ways than one.

Even in a state packed with art, US-95 between Las Vegas and Reno stands out with stuff that's just plain “far out” (in more ways than one). If an abstract adventure is what your “palate” craves, then hit the road and come get face-to-face with some of the most unique, unrestrained, “free-range” art you may ever encounter.



Las Vegas to Tonopah to Reno
475 miles [765 km]
7 hours

HIGHLIGHTS

- Las Vegas Arts District AKA 18b
- Goldwell Open Air Museum at Rhyolite Ghost Town
- International Car Forest of the Last Church
- Burning Man Sculptures
- Reno's Arts & Mural Scene



For the full itinerary and tips on where to stay, see
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LEG 1

Start your trip in the heart of **Downtown Las Vegas**. Thanks to a growing art, music, and festival scene, it now feels like an open-air art gallery. Murals and sculptures line **Fremont East** and neighboring blocks, along with retired neon signs, beautifully restored to all their glowing glory by the nearby **Neon Museum**. Swing by the **Las Vegas Arts District**, a vibrant 18-block hub of galleries, studios, hip bars, vintage shops, and other art-driven telltales of this blossoming neighborhood. Get your fill, **hop on US-95 N** and aim for **Beatty**, where good times await at **Happy Burro Chili & Beer**, followed by a cozy room at the delightfully retro **Atomic Inn**.

LEG 2

A short drive toward **Death Valley** reveals one of this road trip's centerpieces: the **Goldwell Open Air Museum**, home to larger-than-life sculptures and an interpretative center bordering one of the nation's most photographed ghost towns. From Beatty, it's 67 miles to the "living ghost town" of **Goldfield**, home to the **International Car Forest of the Last Church**, a sprawling artistic junkyard of spray-painted vehicles stacked or sticking out of the earth, each one an ever-changing canvas for guest artists and other "contributors." In town watch for **Rocket Bob's Art Cars**, a small fleet of automotive canvases adorned with thousands of after-market details. Grab grub at the delicious **Dinky Diner**, scope some haunted buildings, then cruise on to **Tonopah** to enjoy BBQ at **Tonopah Brewing Co.** and fine spirits at **Tonopah Liquor Co.** On your way home to the period-chic **Mizpah Hotel**—or the more infamous **Clown Motel**—be sure to look up; the **stargazing** here is nothing short of stellar.



LEG 3

No Tonopah experience is complete without a visit to the fully-immersive **Tonopah Historic Mining Park**, where you'll discover what made this town the "Queen of the Silver Camps." After a greasy spoon breakfast at **Tonopah Station**, it's time to blast north, but save room for one of Nevada's most mouth-watering roadside burgers at **S'Soccorro's Burger Hut** in Mina. Keep your art fix in check with visits to the **Yerington Theater for the ARTS & Jeanne Dini Culture Center**, a rural gallery and art collective, and the incredible schoolhouse-dwelling **Oats Park Arts Center** in **Fallon**. Ogle some Burning Man sculptures in **Fernley** and be ready for far more along **Reno's Riverwalk** and at the **Reno Playa Art Park**, in a town where murals brighten hundreds of walls and exhibitions entice culture vultures at the **Nevada Art Museum** and **National Automobile Museum**.



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