

24 Hours In

TONOPAH





Tonopah: Queen of the Silver Camps

Halfway between Las Vegas and Reno, a quick and quirky family getaway awaits. Tonopah—known as the “Queen of the Silver Camps”—beckons adventurers, budding rockhounds, history buffs, and lovers of all things odd, thanks to its unique Historic Mining Park, killer grub, nearby ghost towns, a dose of haunted history, and even the infamous Clown Motel.

Follow the symbols



CHECK IT OUT



MADE IN NV



SHOPPING



SIGHTSEEING



ADVENTURE



STATE/NATIONAL
PARK



NEW TO
THE SCENE



MUSEUM



HISTORY



ART



MUSIC



CULTURE



Day 1

On-the-Way Eats

Get an early start and grab grub on the road.



FROM LAS VEGAS: BRUNCH IN BEATTY

Café Classics: Mel's Diner

Perk Up: Death Valley Coffee Time

Donkey Delicacies: Happy Burro Chili & Beer

FROM RENO

Egg-tastic Everything: Courtyard Cafe (Fallon)

Home-baked Bites: The Bakery Gallery (Yerington)

Burger Brunch: S'Soccorro's Burger Hut (Mina)



Welcome to Tonopah: "Queen of the Silver Camps"



DIG INTO HISTORY

Tonopah Historic Mining Park – Located on the site of the original mining claims that launched Tonopah's silver rush, this 100-acre park features free exhibits and self-guided tours around original equipment, buildings, and shafts.

Central Nevada Museum – Meet the characters who shaped this Wild Western "camp," from Wyatt Earp to Howard Hughes.

GHOST TOWN DETOUR

Belmont – 46 paved miles north lies Belmont, home to intriguing 150-year-old boomtown remains, including a beautiful courthouse, mill sites, and numerous miners' cabins. The town's single remaining business? A working saloon, of course!



Munch Some Lunch



BETTER MAKE THIS ONE A CHEAT DAY...

Slices, Salads & Wings: [Hometown Pizza](#)

Mexican Munchies: [El Marques](#)

Afternoon Action



LOCAL GEMS—LITERALLY

Window shop along Main Street for vintage treasures, western wares, and local turquoise. Or mine it yourself on an **[Otteson Brothers Turquoise](#)** mine tour.



Get Ghosted (In a Good Way)



The Clown Motel



Don't Miss: Exactly what it sounds like, this haunt boasts a circus-sized trove of clown memorabilia, gift shop, and a few resident ghosts from the cemetery next door. Free clown noses, anyone?

Old Tonopah Cemetery – Download the **guide** and learn the fascinating stories of old miners and other permanent Tonopah residents.

The Mizpah Hotel – Voted #1 Haunted Hotel by USA 10 Best Readers' Choice 3 years in a row!

Dinnertime: Brisket & Beers



Tonopah Brewing Co. pairs hearty smoked and BBQ'ed dishes with made-on-site microbrews. We're talkin' brisket, slabs of ribs, hefty sides, and house-made sauces.



Tonopah Nightlife: Where the Real Stars Are



With its remote location and non-existent light pollution from nearby towns, Tonopah boasts some of the darkest skies in the U.S. After dark, head to the Clair Blackburn Memorial Stargazing Park. Get those galactic goggles on and gaze up at the Milky Way, often visible with the naked eye, along with literally thousands of stars.

Catch Some Z's



Old-School Opulence: The Mizpah Hotel

The famous “finest stone hotel in the desert” still dazzles after all 110 of these years.

Modern Comforts: Best Western Hi-Desert Inn

Uncommon Overnighter: The Clown Motel



Day 2

Breakfast Time



All-American Eats: Pittman Café

Diner Delights: Tonopah Station

Joe To Go: Beans & Brews

Before You Bounce



Art Walk

Take a stroll around Tonopah's historic downtown to take in the murals celebrating landmark local moments and glimpses of the past, from mining history to the development of the stealth bomber.



Way Home Must Stops

To Las Vegas

International Car Forest of the Last Church

In this unconventional sculpture garden, 40 automobiles—including cars, trucks, and vans—stand on end, straddling crevices, or balancing delicately on top of one another, inviting new paint jobs from visiting “churchgoers.” Before you leave Tonopah, snag some spray paint at **Central Nevada Hardware** to make your mark!



Extraterrestrial Highway

Get “out there” and loop back to Vegas through the mysterious heart of Nevada, on the outskirts of Area 51.



To Reno

Hawthorne Ordnance Museum

This unusual (and free) attraction honors Hawthorne's role as a depot for some of the Navy's most explosive inventions, with display cases packed with old ammo, antique bombs, and meticulously preserved military uniforms that span decades.



Free-Range Art Highway

Find more weird and wild things to see and do on your way back north.

For more things to do in and around this historic town, visit the **Town of Tonopah's website**.