Summer Activities

IN LAKE TAHOE

where adventure thrives in the mountain, on the lake, and in the sky

Set amongst the mountains, The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe provides a tranquil atmosphere for memorable, relaxing and thrilling getaways. In stunning indoor and outdoor venues, our dedicated Concierge team will bring every element of your dream vacation to life. Learn more at ritzcarlton.com/laketahoe.
PADDLE BOARDING
Lake Tahoe’s crystal clear waters are the perfect place to get started on a SUP (stand-up paddleboard) journey. You can see 75 or more feet down through the water on a calm morning paddle, adding to the beauty of being out on the lake.

KAYAKING
One of the most serene ways to enjoy Lake Tahoe is by kayak. Gliding through the cool, clear water discovering hidden beaches and rocky coves is a favorite summer adventure.

WATER SPORTS
Stay active in the water with all of your favorite lake sports - water skiing, wakeboarding, wakesurfing, tubing and more!
- Lake Tahoe Watersports
- Water Ski School
- Action Watersports

FISHING & FLY FISHING
Lake Tahoe is home to a variety of fish including Lake, Brown & Rainbow Trout and the elusive Kokanee Salmon that live deep in the lake and spawn in the rivers and streams that run through the mountains. Charter a fishing boat and let a guide take the family to all the best fishing spots around the lake. Children ten years and older can learn how to cast their fly fishing lines.
- Tahoe Flying Company - Sawmill Lake
- Fly Fishing Discovery Center

RAFTING
Raft excursions consist of a leisurely, self-guided, five-mile float down the Truckee River or the American River for a higher class raft adventure. This leisurely floating voyage is perfect for family and friends of all ages, suited for any adventure level.
- Truckee River Rafting

JET SKIING
A fun and thrilling way to explore the lake is by jet ski. Typically, kids as young as three or four years old are permitted to ride along with adults.
- North Tahoe Watersports

PARASAILING
Offering stay-dry parasailing, guests age two and older have enjoyed the expansive vistas of the lake while floating as high as 800 feet over Lake Tahoe’s crystal clear water. There is a flight for all levels of bravery.
- North Tahoe Watersports

CRUISING
- North Tahoe Cruises - Tahoe Gal
- Zephyr Cove, NV - MS Dixie II
- South Lake Tahoe - Safari Rose
- Wooden Boat - Wild Goose II

BOATING & SAILING
Lake Tahoe's stunning coastline is best explored by boat. Enjoy sightseeing, water sports, swimming and lounging with friends and family on a speedboat, catamaran, wooden yacht or sailboat and explore the magnificent shores of Lake Tahoe.
- Elevation Surf Charters
- Action Water Sports
- Tahoe City Marina
- Tahoe Sailing Charter
- Sierra Cloud Catamaran
HORSEBACK RIDING
Embark on private or group horseback ride on serene trails located in gentle hills thick with pine forest, offering beautiful views of the Lake Tahoe area. Rides are catered to individual needs and led by an expert guide.
- Piping Rock Equestrian Center
- Alpine Meadows Stables
- Zephyr Cove Stables

HIKING
Featuring spectacular views and diverse terrain, there is no better way to experience the local region in the summer than by exploring the numerous trails around the Lake Tahoe Basin. Step out our back door or take a mini road trip for some views.
- Sawmill Lake - Northstar California
- Emerald Bay - South Lake
- Picnic Rock, Tahoe Rim Trail - Truckee
- Stateline Lookout - Incline Village
- Tahoe East Shore - Sand Harbor
- Eagle Rock - Tahoe City

GOLFING
Two golf courses of unequaled beauty allow you to experience golf like never before on pristine Tahoe courses. Capture our exclusive hotel rates for a round or two of memorable golf, or travel down to South Lake to the iconic Edgewood Golf Course.
- Old Greenwood - Jack Nicklaus signature course
- Gray's Crossing - Peter Jacobsen & Jim Hardy-designed course

MOUNTAIN BIKING
Lake Tahoe is one of the world’s premier mountain biking destinations. There are miles and miles of nationally-rated mountain biking trails for all skill levels. Bike rentals are available throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- Northstar California Park
- National Flume Trail, Tunnel Creek

ATV
Explore the rugged Lake Tahoe landscape on an ATV. Children 5 years and older can sit on the back of the ATV and children 16 and older with a valid driver license can drive their own ATV to reach spots only accessible by four-wheel all-terrain vehicles.
- Full Access Tahoe
- Lake Tahoe Adventures

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ROCK CLIMBING
Indoor climbing walls are designed to mimic the experience of outdoor climbing. Whether you seek sport climbs, traditional climbs or bouldering, there are many climbs around the area to explore. Children as young as 5 can participate.
- Alpenglow Expeditions
- High Altitude Fitness
- Camp 1

ZIPLINING & AERIAL OBSTACLE COURSES
North Tahoe Regional Park offers a large playground with play structure, swing sets and spring rider, as well as tot swings for younger children. Kings Beach State Recreation Area features 700 feet of beach access and is complete with a kids’ playground. It is also an ideal place to walk along the shoreline while taking in amazing views of Lake Tahoe.
- Tahoe Treetop Adventures

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DISC GOLF
Embrace the outdoors and beautiful climate of Tahoe by playing a few rounds of disc golf nearby. These courses are family-friendly and surround other local attractions to keep everyone happy outdoors.

- Truckee Regional Park
- Squaw Valley
- North Tahoe Regional Park

TEENIS
A classic summer sport to enjoy with small or large company. Open for season from early May through late October, with additional pickleball courts available at limited locations.

- Tahoe Donner Tennis Center
- Northstar Village

WOODWARD TAHOE
Woodward is a 33,000-square-foot indoor action sports training facility located steps from Boreal Mountain. Open to the public, expert coaches introduce visitors to the basic movements of skateboarding, gymnastics, BMX, snowboarding and skiing and how to use the foam pits, terrain parks, pump tracks and trampolines to build skills and advance athletes’ performance. Basic training is required for all first time visitors.

TAYLOR CREEK
Running from Fallen Leaf Lake to Lake Tahoe’s Kiva Beach is Taylor Creek. This alpine stream is one of the most popular local attractions, and the “Stream Profile Chamber” on the Rainbow Trail provides an underwater viewing area for a glimpse into the alpine stream habitat. Ven interpretive hiking trails throughout the meadow where the creek approaches Lake Tahoe.

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DRIVE AROUND THE LAKE
Utilize the Resort Experience Guide for a detailed itinerary for this iconic 72-mile journey around Lake Tahoe.
HELICOPTER RIDES
View scenic Lake Tahoe the way that it was meant to be seen—by helicopter. The chance to experience the spectacular scenery of Emerald Bay’s magnificent teal waters, Zephyr Cove’s pristine and unspoiled shorelines, Sand Harbor’s rocky beaches and the beauty of the mountains can be best appreciated by air. Flights depart daily from the South Lake Tahoe Airport.
- Lake Tahoe Helicopters

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES
This unique morning starts with a boat trip on Lake Tahoe, then, once the designated launch site is reached, crews begin to inflate the hot air balloon. When ready, the balloon gently lifts off the upper deck of the world’s only USCG certificated hot air balloon launch and recover boat. Guests have said that watching the crews chase and maneuver the boat to recover the hot air balloon is just as entertaining as the unbelievable views from the basket of the balloon. Children are welcome, but kids under the age of seven are discouraged. To enjoy the views, children should be at least four feet tall (height of the basket is approximately four feet). Due to FAA regulations, parents are not permitted to hold or carry children during the flight.
- Lake Tahoe Balloons

SKYDIVING & GLIDER RIDES
Soaring above Truckee in a glider is one of the most breathtaking and serene attractions the area has to offer. The glider may hold up to two passengers per flight, and the weight cannot exceed 340 total pounds.
- Skydive Truckee Tahoe

POWERED HANG GLIDING
Soar over the beauty and wonder of the high Sierras in a microlight trike (FAA-approved light-sport aircraft) with an FAA-certified instructor, and experience the thrill of hang gliding with the added bonus of a Rotax aircraft engine. Explore stunning Lake Tahoe and the rugged Sierra Nevada mountain range from a bird’s eye view that few people experience in a lifetime.
- Hang Gliding Tahoe

STARGAZING
Take advantage of the vibrant Tahoe night skies by gazing at the brightest constellations amongst the mountains. If you want to step it up a notch, rent a completely transparent kayak and stargaze from the waters of Lake Tahoe!
- Clearly Tahoe
- Wild Society
- Tahoe Stars

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MUSIC ON THE BEACH
Enjoy free, live music performances featuring a variety of genres at Music on the Beach. Concerts take place Friday evenings from mid-June through the beginning of August and begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Kings Beach State Recreation Area. Grab a bite to eat at Moe’s BBQ in Tahoe City to enjoy live music on the weekends.

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
Experience a live Shakespearean performance under the stars at Sand Harbor State Park. The enchantment of the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival at Sand Harbor State Park has been a long-running summer tradition and will run July 17th through August 22nd.

RENO RODEO
The “Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West” has been coming to Reno for over 95 years. From June 17th - June 26th, cowboys and cowgirls will battle for top prizes in the rodeo arena.

TRUCKEE THURSDAYS
From mid-June to mid-August, Thursday nights in downtown Truckee are a buzz of excitement for the whole family. Foothills Farmers’ Market, food trucks, unique arts and craft vendors, vibrant beer garden and live entertainment converge on Donner Pass Road for an exciting block party atmosphere fit for all ages.

TRUCKEE RIVER LEGACY TRAIL
A local favorite, the Truckee River Legacy Trail is Truckee’s biking and walking path that runs five miles (each way) from Truckee Regional Park to the nearby neighborhood of Glenshire. A majority of the route runs parallel to the Truckee River. With public access to disc golf, tennis and basketball courts and more, the outdoor summer activity is endless.

FARMERS’ MARKET
California has long enjoyed the freshest vegetables and fruits in the nation. Visit one of the local farmers’ markets and shop for locally prepared foods and produce and talk with local farmers in Truckee, Incline Village, and Tahoe City.

CASINOS
Try your luck in the casinos! Nevada gaming is just 20 minutes from the resort and features a variety of options including Roulette, Craps, Blackjack, slots and more.

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HELLMAN-ERHMAN MUSEUM
Take a step back in time and enjoy a tour of the historic grounds and mansion. Constructed in 1903, the property is one of the finest examples of a bygone era of summer retreats found along the shore of Lake Tahoe.

VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA
There is no doubt Virginia City is the most well-known of the early Nevada mining towns after the discovery of the Comstock Lode in 1859, the first major silver discovery in the United States. At its peak, Virginia City was considered the wealthiest city in America. By the mid 1870s, Nevada produced over half of all precious metals in the country. A visit to Virginia City is like stepping back in time. Visitors can tour old mines, ride the restored V&T (Virginia & Truckee) Railroad that transported gold and silver from the mines, or walk historic C Street for insight into the rich history of Nevada's gold and silver era.

EMIGRANT TRAIL MUSEUM
Visitors are welcome year-round at the Emigrant Trail Museum and Pioneer Monument located at Donner Memorial State Park. It was built to commemorate the pioneers who emigrated to California from the East by wagon trains in the mid-1800s. The museum depicts the history of the area, including local Native American history, the Transcontinental Railroad and its builders, and the Donner Party (forced by circumstances to camp at the east end of Donner Lake and their struggle through the harsh winters of 1846 and 1847, resulting in human suffering and loss of life).

TALLAC HISTORIC SITE
A century ago, the Tallac Historic site, comprised of the Baldwin Estate, Pope Estate and Valhalla, was considered the "Grandest in the World". Today, a tour of the remains of the resort and restored estates allow you to recapture this bygones and significant era in Lake Tahoe's history.

UC DAVIS FIELD STATION - ERIKSSON EDUCATION CENTER
Housed in the Historic Hatchery built in the 1920s, the Eriksson Education Center features life cycle exhibits of Lake Tahoe's fish, an interpretative path through gardens featuring native plants to the area, as well as information on Tahoe creek restoration. Self-guided tours are available daily in the summer; guided tours are also available on Saturdays.

THUNDERBIRD LODGE TOUR
Explore the historic estate, fondly referred to as Lake Tahoe's magical Castle-in-the-Sky, and the world-famous Thunderbird Yacht. (As seen from the picture above).

VIKINGSHOLM TOUR
This magnificent Scandinavian style "castle" was one of the first summer homes to be constructed in Lake Tahoe. Adding to the grandeur is the setting of this home on the iconic shore of Emerald Bay, known for its brilliant panorama of mountains and the granite, glacier-carved Fannette Island.

TRUCKEE RAILROAD MUSEUM
Located next to the historic railroad station in downtown Truckee, this museum adds historical significance to the area, as the caboose is from the Southern Pacific Railroad. Inside the museum are stories, pictures, re-creations and railroad artifacts depicting the impact of railroads in the development of the town of Truckee.

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