

Hoover Dam / Nelson

Day Trip from Las Vegas, NV

Round Trip is 4-4.5 hours, without stops. With the recommended stops expect the entire trip to take 8-9 hours total. We also recommend departing Las Vegas at sunrise, if heading on this trip between April-October, due to high temps in the desert. Note: Lake Mead VC and Hoover Dam VC don't open until 9am.

Places to See

- Start: Las Vegas, Nevada
 - Drive towards Arizona on I-11
 - Alternate: E. Lake Mead Blvd (into Lake Mead PAID Natl Park area) along Lakeshore Rd, for scenic drive along Lake Mead.
 - Visit Lake Mead Visitor Center (NP Passport Stamp)
- Hoover Dam
- Nelson Ghost Town (South on NV-95 to NV-165)
- Colorado River (at the end of NV-165)
- Searchlight (Gas Stop) to NV-164
- NV-164 is Nevada's Joshua Tree Highway
 - Walking Box Ranch
- To CA, I-15 North, via Nipton Rd.
- Seven Magic Mountains (I-15 exit 12 / Jean, NV)
- Return to Las Vegas via I-15

Must Pack Items!

- Sunblock; Sunscreen
- A hat
- Plenty of Water - a gallon per person is recommended
- A Physical Map of NV - phone signals are sparse
- Fill your gas tank before departing Las Vegas