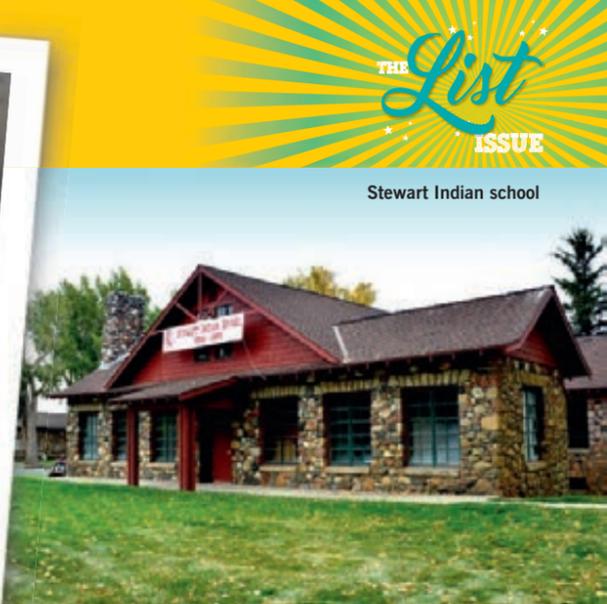




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Mustangs

TWELVE REASONS FOR A NEVADA FAMILY Road Trip

So much to see and do in this cool, quirky, bright, alien-spotting, cowboy homelands, desert, mustang-filled, Native American, west coast state!

Nevada is home to four major American Indian tribes: Washoe, Northern Paiute, Southern Paiute and Western Shoshone, all deeply connected to the environment and its gifts. Four fun days on the road should touch the edge along the 700 km route. travelnevada.com

Hit the city lights Overload your senses with sparkle, glitz, entertainment, big swimming pools and endless buffet dinners. Treat your family to both, first in the 'City of Lights' Las Vegas, finishing your journey at the 'Biggest little city in the World', Reno. Both cities are easy access

on 1-hour flights with United Airlines from the hub of San Francisco. united.com

See 3000-year-old Native American rock art in the 'Valley of Fire' State Park. Drive through then stop and hike past ancient trees and Indian petroglyphs - ancient rock art - the most renowned being the spear thrower 'Atlatl' works. Rangers can give your kids safe lessons on this ancient hunting technique, and the visitor center has interactive displays and wild animal and bird information and what's on in the park. A 95km drive from Las Vegas, this area is best saved for spring and autumn with temperatures in summer heading to 48 degrees Celsius. parks.nv.gov/parks/valley-of-fire-state-park

Spot an alien or just gaze at the stars along the way. Head down the 'Extraterrestrial Highway', a portion of State Route 375. Make it a nighttime priority to be in awe of the universe in one of the darkest skies in the USA. Fun alien signs, and even alien burgers, are there to tempt you to stop and test your belief in other life out there.

Eat the best darn bbq you've ever tasted. About half way between Reno and Vegas in historic Tonopah, at the Tonopah Brewing Co. - best helped down with the tasty local craft beer and a root beer for the kids. Make sure you try a side of fried pickles for the authentic local experience. A perfect pit stop, Tonopah is half way between Las Vegas and Reno.

Go ghost hunting. The stuff of legends, Tonopah is also home to the Mizpah Hotel. Pop in

and look around (if you are not brave enough to stay overnight) to 'sense' the legendary "Lady in Red" who frequents this fine establishment. tonopahnevada.com

Go fishing at Pyramid Lake. Pick up your fishing gear and licence then throw in a line for Lahontan cutthroat trout. A beautiful oasis in the desert, in the Paiute native American tribe reservation, a 45-minute drive west of Reno. Understand the importance of the area to Native Americans, with a stop into Pyramid Lake Paiute Lake Museum and Visitors Center. pyramidlake.us

See the 'The Lady of the Lake' at Cave Rock State Park, a sacred Washoe Tribe site. Tribal ancestors spent their summers at Lake Tahoe and once performed religious ceremonies inside the largest of

the caves, estimated to be over 3 million years old. Book a tour for the genuine Native American experience by the inspiring and awesome Great Basin Tour Company, with Donna and her daughter, Melissa Cossette. greatbasintourcompany.com

Go on a train ride with Santa. Head to Ely for a Polar Express train departing during the Christmas season for trips to the North Pole and return. Ely is a 4-hour mid-way point between Las Vegas and Reno. elynevada.net

Go back to school at the Stewart Indian School. Take a self-guided walking tour of the campus, serving as the only off-reservation Indian boarding school in Nevada from 1890 to 1980. The stone buildings are an icon of education and life for many American Indians in the West, with children from

over 200 tribes educated here. The school is located in Carson City, the capital of Nevada, just outside Reno. stewartindianschool.com

Visit Lake Tahoe. Fill your senses with summer lakeside beauty and adventure. Hike, bike picnic or play in one of the lake's many beaches during summer. Winter is a snow lover's dream, with the most concentrated ski runs in North America adjoining the bluer-than-blue freshwater Lake Tahoe just one hour from Reno. visitinglaketahoe.com

See wild mustangs and burros. Spot them along the road in their natural beauty, or visit these living legends of the west, ready for adoption as part of the Bureau of Land Management at the National Wild Horse and Burro Center, at Palomino Valley near Reno.