



## RENO, NV AREA INFORMATION

[Reno](#) is the fourth most populous city in the state of Nevada and the county seat of Washoe County. It is located in the Southwest region of the United States, 400 miles (640 km) northwest of Las Vegas. With a population of about 248,900, Reno is nicknamed “The Biggest Little City in the World”. Reno shares a metropolitan area with Sparks, and is a short hour drive from Lake Tahoe, a popular vacation spot.

Founded in 1868 by pioneers, Reno served as an important gateway to the California trail. The climate is cooler than other parts of Nevada, experiencing all four seasons. Reno is historically known for its large gambling industry, although new technology companies such as Tesla have begun to emerge. With this shift, Reno has significantly expanded its commitment to green transportation, expanded family-friendly attractions, and promoted the city as an outdoor recreation hub.

### Transportation

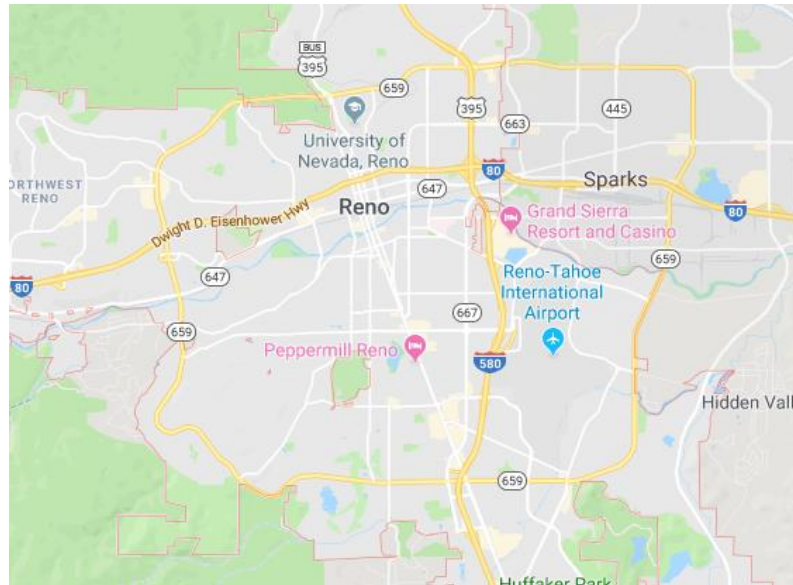
#### By Bus

The [Regional Transportation Commission \(RTC\)](#) offers a system of public transportation that serves Downtown Reno and neighboring towns. The RTC has a mobile Trip Planner, downloadable PDFs of routes, and an [app](#) that displays live alerts and fares. To prevent downtown traffic, the RTC offers the [Sierra Spirit shuttle service](#). Arriving every 15-20 minutes, the shuttle is both a cheap and convenient way to get around the city.



## By Car

It is a good idea to have access to a car when residing in Reno. Although public transportation is great downtown, Reno is surrounded by a number of outlying attractions that require motor transport. Traffic is generally mild with the occasional exception of city-wide events.



## By Foot and Bike

For those who live in central neighborhoods near downtown, biking and walking are increasingly popular options. There are 102 miles of trails which are used for both commuting and recreation. More information on city bike trails and accompanying maps can be found [here](#).

## Leaving Reno

Reno's [Reno-Tahoe International Airport](#), just 7 minutes from downtown, is serviced by several national airlines, including American Airlines, Delta, United, and Southwest. The region is also accessible via [Amtrak](#) trains and several charter bus companies.

## Registration

### Obtaining a Driver's License

If you have an out-of-state or out-of-country license, you may use it for as long as you maintain your residency in the state where it was issued. If you are moving permanently to Nevada, you may use your out-of-state license for **30 days**. To change to a Nevada license, bring your Social Security card, another form of ID, your old state-issues driver license, and multiple utility or phone bills verifying that you are a Nevada resident to a motor vehicle facility. You'll have to pass written and eye exams, and usually a road test.

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the [Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles](#).

**Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.**

## Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the public-school system is determined by the age of the child. Typically, the child must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. School districts may be very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the September 1st requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability.

Contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

### Public, Private, and Preschools

A complete listing of public schools in Reno can be viewed [here](#)

A complete listing of private schools in the Reno area can be viewed [here](#).

A directory of preschools in the Reno area can be viewed [here](#).

### Additional Resources

- [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org)
- [www.eschoolprofile.com](http://www.eschoolprofile.com)
- [www.niche.com](http://www.niche.com)

### Colleges/Universities

- [Colleges and universities near Reno](#)



*University of Nevada at Reno*

## Recreation

### Arts and Culture

Explore more than 100 murals in the Midtown neighborhood and marvel at exquisite works of art inside the [Nevada Museum of Art](#). [The National Automobile Museum](#) is one of the top five in the country, showcasing over 200 cars and authentic street scenes. Close by, the [Sparks Heritage Museum and Cultural Center](#) explores the unique history of Northern Nevada. If you're in the mood to see a show, check out the [Reno Philharmonic Orchestra](#) for opera, Broadway, and dance performances.

### For Families and Fun

Spend the weekend at [The Circus Circus casino resort](#) for a whimsical, family fun experience. Catch a free tour at [the Kimmie Candy](#) production facility to satisfy your sweet tooth. Test your brain at the [Puzzle Room](#), where each room bring a new and puzzling challenge. Explore science and technology through hands-on activities at the [Discovery Museum](#). Stop by the [Sierra Safari Zoo](#) to spend the afternoon learning about exotic wildlife.



*Circus Circus Resort*

### Other Attractions, Dining, and Nightlife

Reno is a short hour drive away from [Lake Tahoe](#), an area known for its outdoor recreation and nature. In the summer months, Lake Tahoe is swimming-friendly, and is surrounded by several walkable national parks. Come winter, the area transforms into a skier's paradise. Lake Tahoe is a great weekend trip for the family during any season.

[Fine Dining Guide](#) and [Reno Food Walks](#) are excellent restaurant resources.

Reno's [nightlife scene](#) provides the casino fun of Las Vegas without the crowds.

Visit Reno's [Farmers Markets](#), the city's best source for locally grown produce, meats, cheeses, and specialty items.



*Lake Tahoe*

### General Links for Recreation in Reno

- [Outdoor Recreation in Reno](#)
- [Family Attractions in Reno](#)
- [Arts & Culture in Reno](#)
- [Dining in Reno](#)
- [Shopping in Reno](#)