

Places we visited in USA

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Alaska

Anchorage

Chicken - a small municipality on Top of the World Highway

Denali National Park & Preserve - highest mountain in North America

Fairbanks - Sternwheeler boat tour (3 hours)

- Athabasca Village

- dog sled demonstration

- Pioneer Village

- Arctic Circle bus tour

Haines - largest concentration of Bald Eagles

Homer - spit peninsula with excellent views

Hyder - the southernmost community reached by car

Juneau - capital of Alaska (you cannot get there by car)

Seward - Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center

Sica -historical park, St Michael cathedral, totem poles

Skagway - beautiful Klondike Gold Rush city

- White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad runs vintage locomotives past the famously steep Chilkoot trails and with mountains views

Tok - a small town at entrance of Alaska

Valdez- whale watching

- pipeline

- spectacular views

Arizona

Apache Junction

- Apache Trail (Best scenic drive in Arizona)

- Goldfield Ghost Town

- Tortilla Flat

- Barleen Arizona Opry (dinner & show)

- Lost Dutchman State Park (camping 5*)

Benson

- Sandhill cranes at Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area in Willcox Az

- Chiricahua National Monument

- Gammons Gulch Movie Set

- Town of Bisbee

- Town of Tombstone

- Kartchner Caverns

- Hot Well Dunes near Bowie Az

- Arizona Visitors Center in Wilcox Az

Casa Grande

- Casa Grande National Monument

Flagstaff

- Grand Canyon area

- Meteor Crater (37 miles east of Flagstaff www.meteorcrater.com)

Florence

- St Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery (donations accepted)

- city with 7 prisons and detention centers

- BLM where you can use your ATV

Gila Bend

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Organ Pipe National Monument (south of Gila Bend)
Painted Rock (petroglyphs)

Imperial Dam

Imperial Date Garden (date trees, Medjool, store to buy dates)
Lake Martinez area (one mile path in a painted desert)
Castle Dome Mine Museum and Ghost Town
Mitrtry Lake area

Kingsman

Powerhouse Visitor Center
Route 66 Electrical Museum

Lake Havasu

our best Arizona city
SARA Park (the Crack a 5 mile walk in a wash)
Main Street (old cars every Thursday evenings)
Rockabilly (display of old cars and 50's era)
Balloon Festival (late Jan.)
Winterfest Street Festival (early Feb.)
Pyrotechnics Show (mid Feb.)
Town of Oatman (wild burros)
London Bridge Swap Meet (Sundays 8 am to 2:30 pm)
London Bridge
London Bridge Beach
Havasu Landing Resort & Casino (Ferry to Havasu Lake Casino)
English Village
Rotary Community Park
Havasu 95 Speedway
Rockabilly Reunion <http://www.lakehavasurockabillyreunion.com/>

Mesa

Apache Trail
Pizza Stop Organ (old organ from the silent movie era show)

Oatman (wild burrows and old cowboy town)

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Horseshoe Bend

Parker

Parker Dam and Scenic Byway
Nellie E. Saloon (The Desert Bar)
Poston Memorial Monument (Japanese Relocation Center)
Swansea Ghost Town

Phoenix

Taliesin West (built by Frank Lloyd Wright)
Apache Trail, Goldfield Ghost Town and Tortilla Flat
Barleen Arizona Opry (dinner and show in Apache Junction Az)
Organ Stop Pizza (Mesa Az)
Mystery Castle is located in the city of Phoenix, Arizona

Quartzsite

RV Show (3rd week of January)
Cibola National Refuge
Hi Joly Monument

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Christmas light parade in December
Alamo Lake State Park (ATV trails and walks in Mud Cliff Wash)
KOFA Wildlife Refuge
Blythe CA

Roosevelt Lake

Roosevelt Lake Bridge
Tonto National Monument (ruins to visit and go inside)
Salt River Canyon (between route 60 and Show Low Az)
Show Low Az
Route 191 between Springerville and Clifton (you should go north to south)

Sedona

Old movie Town (westerns) (park near airport parking)
Town of Jerome Az
Montezuma Castle National Monument
Town of Williams Az (old town)

Tucson

Arizona Sonora Desert Museum
Old Tucson Movie Set
Sabino Canyon
San Xavier Del Bac Mission
Biosphere 2 (Oracle Az)
Casa Grande Ruin National Monument (Casa Grande Az)
PIMA Air & Space Museum
KIT Peak National Observatory
Titan Missile Museum

Why - Organ Pipe National Monument - a nice loop car trail identifying cactus

William- Bearizona - Safari park

Yuma

town of San Luis
Los Algodones, Mexico (flea market booths)
2 Flea Markets (open Thurs.-Sunday)
Walking and Bike Paths
Camel Farm (15672 S. Avenue 1E)
Peanut Patch (4360 County 13 Street E.)
Yuma Territorial Prison
Imperial Date Gardens (91517 York Rd, Winterhaven CA)
Museum of History in Granite and Center of the World Pyramid
Joe Henry Memorial Park (hummingbirds)
Arizona Market Place-Flea Market (32nd Street & Avenue 4E)
McPhaul Suspension Bridge
Tiny Church (on Hwy 95 near Suspension Bridge)
Christmas light parade on Main St.
Nativity play at Champion Church (week before Christmas)
Foothill - 55th St area - the whole Street illuminated with Christmas lights

Hwy 40

Canyon of Chelly National Monument
Petrified Forest National Park

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California

Borrego Springs-

Visit Anza Borrego Desert SP (Desert Big Horn sheep)

Lots of metal sculptures

Lots of trails

Badlands, Slot Canyon, Palm Canyon

near Salton Sea

near Slab City and Salvation Mountain close to Mecca

Carmel by the Sea

The beach and a lot more

El Centro

Hot Springs BLM (hot baths)

Calexico (border town with Mexicali Mexico)

Geothermic plants

Joshua Tree NP (near Twentynine Palms Ca)

PioneerTown (north of Joshua Tree NP)

La Jolla Cove - sea lions and seals on the shore

Lone Pine

Death Valley NP (between California and Nevada) (hottest, driest and lowest elevation (-282') in North America)

Manzanar NHS - Japanese detention camp

Mount Whitney (highest peak in the US continent)

Los Angeles - should take the 2 day Hop On Hop Off tour(4 different routes, 2 per day)

- Hollywood Blvd

- Paramount Studio

- Warner Brothers Studio

Pioneertown - old pioneer village used in movies near Palm Spring

Salton Sea area - Boiling Mud Pots

San Diego

Border Field SP (where you can see the most southern-western point in the continental US)

Coronado Beach

San Diego Zoo

Sea World

Balboa Park

Sausalito

The beach and a lot more

Sequoia NP (largest trees) and King Canyon NP

Yosemite NP

San Francisco -Take 2 days bus tour \$90

- Golden Gate Bridge

- Alcatraz

- Chinatown and Fishermen's Pier

Venice Beach - (near LA) Beach town

I-40

Amber Crater

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Mohave National Preserve (walk and climb The Hole in the Wall)
Route 66 (follows I-40)

Hwy 1

drive along the western coast of California- beautiful beach towns

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Colorado

Florida

Big Pine Keys - No Name Pub

- Key deers (smallest deers)

Crystal River - Three Sister Springs (lots of manatees)

Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife SP

Everglades NP - many activities in the park (excellent)

- alligators and crocodiles in same spot

- Shark Valley (off Hwy 41) alligators and birds

Fort Myers - Ding Darling Reserve

Fort White - Ichetucknee Springs SP (where you can float down the river and water is
always at 72 degrees F)

Lake Placid - beautiful murals

Marathon - Seven Mile Bridge

-Turtle Hospital

Marcos Island - beautiful hotels by the beach

Naples - tourist town

Orlando-(Kissimee)

- Disney

- Old Towne area

- Kennedy Space Center near Titusville

- Al Capone Restaurant - dinner/show

Panhandle - Panama City and Mexico Beach (hurricane Michael devastation)

-Historic St-Marks Lighthouse and Wildlife Refuge

Pensacola - Fort Pickens NP

- Blue Angels (like our snowbirds)

St Augustine -Oldest city in USA

-Trolley tour and St-Augustine Distillery

Tampa/Clearwater

- beaches along the Gulf of Mexico

- Airstream RVs planted in ground along I-4 near Tampa

- Fort DeSoto near Sarasota

-Ybor City - cuban area of Tampa

Key West - Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory

- Most southern point of Continental USA

camping: Fallingwater SP 3*

Highland Hammock SP 3*

Dr Julian Bruce St-Georges Island SP 5* (beautiful beach)

Mike Roess Goldhead Branch SP 4*

Ocklockonee River SP 1* (white squirrels)

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O'leno SP 4*

Georgia

- Savannah - Trolley tour
- Savannah Wildlife Refuge

Hawaii

O'ahu Island

- Wakiki- Polynesian Cultural Center
 - Dole Pineapple Pavillion
 - USS Arizona Memorial - Pearl Harbor
 - Pacific Aviation Museum
 - USS Missouri BB63
 - Kualoa Ranch (site of many films and tv shows)

Maui Island -Road to Hana

- Black Sand beaches at Haleakala
- Lao Valley
- Maui Tropical Plantation
- Maui Ocean Center

Big Island - Hilo - Wailuku River SP

- Rainbow Falls
- Volcano NP
- Thurston Lava Tube
- Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Factory
- Akatsuka Orchard Garden
- Kailua - Kona Atlantis Submarine

Kauai Island - Opaeka's Falls

- Spouting Horn
- Poipu Beach
- Waimea Canyon
- Kauai Coffee Plantation
- Kilohana Sugar Plantation
- Luau Kalamaku
- McBryde Garden
- Jewel of Hawaii waterfall

Idaho

Illinois

Indiana

- Casino Belterra in Florence (free overnight camping)

Kansas

Kentucky

- Bowling Green

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Mammoth Caves NP (underground live caves)
Corvette Museum

Williamstown

Ark Encounter (1 Ark Encounter Dr. Williamstown just south of Cincinnati off I-71)
(life size Noah's Ark museum)

Louisiana

Avery Island - Tabasco Factory (the only one in the world)

New Orleans

- Hurricane Katrina area
- Historic French Quarter
- Mardi Gras and parades (a different date each year)
- camping - Bayou Saynette SP 4*
- Laura Plantation

Lafayette - Acadian Village

Lake Charles - Creole Nature Trail (the info center will lend you a GPS for the tour)

Massachusetts

Boston

Michigan

Iron Mountain - albino deers

Minnesota

Mississippi

Natchez- plantation city

Tupelo - birthplace of Elvis Presley

Nevada

Las Vegas - Fremont Strip casinos in old part of town

Hoover Dam

Valley of Fire SP

New Mexico

Alamogordo

White Sand National Monument (dunes of white sands)

Albuquerque

Visit the older part of town

Carlsbad - Carlsbad Caverns NP (Best caverns ever)

Chiricahua Desert Museum (Near Rodeo)

Rodeo - Chiricahua Desert Museum Roswell - UFO museum

Santa Fe

Visit the older part of town and old churches

Truth or Consequences

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Elephant Butte State Park
Valley of Fire

New York

New York City - should take Double Decker bus tour
- Time Square and Central Park

North Carolina

Elizabeth City - Outer Banks
- Kitty Hawks (the Wright Brothers N.M.)
- Jockey's Ridge SP (highest dunes)
New Berns - multitude of bridges overlapping

North Dakota

Ohio

Ashland - you can see Amish communities in the surroundings

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City
Oklahoma National Memorial (in honour of the Oklahoma Bombing April 19, 1995)

Oregon

South Carolina

Charleston - Magnolia Plantation #79
- downtown

South Dakota

Deadwood -wild west
Badlands N.P.
Crazy Horse - carving of an Indian on his horse much bigger than Mount Rushmore
Mount Rushmore N.M. (faces of 4 presidents carved in a mountain)
Mitchell - Corn Palace
Needles Hwy - near Mount Rushmore
Sioux Falls- gorgeous illuminated falls and show at night
Walls- a western-cowboy city

Tennessee

Memphis
Elvis' Graceland
Bass Pro Pyramid (huge sports store)
Nashville
Grand Old Opry
Bridge
Downtown Streets
Natchez Trace Parkway -a 400 mile parkway from Nashville to Natchez, Mississippi

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Natchez Trace Parkway north entrance. Exit 192 Mc Croy Lane Turn right on Hwy 100
Natchez Trace Parkway south entrance. Near Walmart 314 Sgt S Prentiss Drive Off Liberty Rd
Free camping -Meriwether 35.52238 87.45558
-Jeff Busby. 33.41708. 89.26886
-Rocky Springs. 32.08630. 90.79846

Texas

Amarillo
Cadillac Ranch (cadillacs planted in the ground by the I-40)
RV Museum
Austwell - Aransas National Wildlife Refuge
Austin
Canyon of Chelly National Monument
Petrified Forest National Park
Big Bend NP
Big Bend Ranch State Park
Canyon - Palo Duro Canyon SP - biggest canyon in Texas
Carlsbad NM
Carlsbad Caverns (Best caverns ever)
Guadalupe Mountain NP
Corpus Christi - Aquarium
- USS Lexington (naval battleship from WW 11)
Dallas - Sixth Floor Museum - where JFK was assassinated)
Del Rio
Amistad Dam National Rec Area
Fabens
Cattlemen's Steakhouse Restaurant (also used as a movie sets)
Forth Worth
Forth Worth Stockyard (western part of the city with longhorn steers in the street)
Galveston
Junction
Municipal park to park RV with a lot of deer
Kingsville - King Ranch
Langtry
Judge Roy Bean Museum
Marfa
Mission - Santa Maria Refuge and Wildlife
- Bentsen Rio Grande Valley SP (a World Birding Center)
- Weslaco - Estero Llano Grande SP -(a World Birding Center)
Nederland - a small Dutch town
- Windmill museum
- Acadian museum
Padre Island - Padre Island National Seashore
Mustang Island SP
San Antonio
Riverwalk- beautiful walk along the canal
Canal Boat tour
Alamo

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Buckhorn Saloon and Museum and restaurant- 318 E Austin
Texas Pride BBQ restaurant
San Fernando Cathedral lightshow
Mission Church trail - where you can visit 5 old Mission churches

South Padre Island- beautiful island on the Gulf of Mexico, Bird & Nature Center

Texas State Parks <https://tpwd.texas.gov/>
Big Bend Ranch State Park 5* (No RV camping)
Daingerfield State Park 4*
Davis Mountains State Park 3*
Falcon State Park 3*
Galveston Island State Park
Lake Bob Sandlin State Park 2*
Lake Casa Blanca International State Park 3*
Lake Corpus Christi State Park
Monahans Sandhills State Park 3*
Palo Duro Canyon State Park 5*
Sea Rim State Park
Seminole Canyon State Park 5*

Utah

Mexican Hat
Gooseneck SP
Monument Valley
Valley of the Gods
Zion NP
Bryce NP
Capitol Reef NP
Canyonland NP
Arches NP

Vermont

Montpellier

Virginia

Natural Bridge -where you will find a 500 year old natural bridge of rocks-215 ft high

Washington

Washington DC

The Capitol
Smithsonian Museum
Museum of Aviation and aeronautical

W Virginia

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Wisconsin

Wyoming

Cody - Buffalo Bill and cowboy western city

Devil's Tower N.M. - a rock formation from a old volcano -filming site of Close Encounter of the Third Kind movie

Greybull - panorama tour and canyons

Jackson -Elk refuge, millionaire row

Yellowstone NP - Hot Springs, Old Faithful geyser, bisons, geysers