R is for…Reno!

What’s the first thing that comes to your mind when I say “Reno, Nevada”? I bet gambling! But Reno has so much more to see and do besides playing the slots and craps!

~ Go **kayaking** at Whitewater Park, which is located smack in the middle of **downtown Reno**. Here, you can also picnic or raft and you can rent a kayak. This park is open all year long.

~ Visit the Fleischmann Planetarium. You can look through high-powered telescopes and see up close the constellations and planets. They have a **deep space simulator** that lets you experience what it’s like to venture into the black hole!

~ Head out of the city by about a 45-minute drive and check out **Lake Tahoe**. Known for its ski resorts, there are plenty of sights in nature to see at any time of the year: hiking, bird-watching, lazing by the stunningly beautiful lake.

~ National Championship Air Races. This is held every September (so there’s plenty of time to catch it in 2022). It’s a multi-day event, with **races among old and new airplanes**. The event offers a shuttle service to get to and from the airfield and you can experience other activities when the planes aren’t racing.

~ Another racing event, also held in September, is the Rancho San Rafael Park’s Great Reno **Balloon Race.**

See? Two events in September! Now that’s a sign you have to **contact me** to set up a trip for you! [www.imaginationtvl.com](http://www.imaginationtvl.com) or 615-417-9859

~ Nevada Museum of Art. This is the only accredited art museum in Nevada and one of only five in America! There are more than **2000 pieces of art** in a permanent collection, plus there are numerous temporary exhibitions.

~ **Vintage shopping**. Very interesting shops.

~ Riverwalk. The Riverwalk District in Reno is located along the path of the Truckee River and offers a variety of cultural sights to explore. This neighborhood always has some **exciting events** going on, from face painting competitions, local art shows, guided wine walks and concerts.

~ Visit Animal Ark. This is a **wildlife sanctuary** that offers educational activities (yet fun) for everyone. They provide sanctuary to **injured and orphaned** animals. The sanctuary is huge, but they provide golf carts to get around easier.

~ Not just for kids, you’ll also find some fun at the National Bowling Stadium. But this isn’t just a bowling alley. There are 78 lanes and **8 acres of floor space**, along with a movie theater and several bowling-themed clubs.

~ If you’re into live music, head to the Midtown district and inevitably, you’ll find all kinds of **live music from all genres**. While in this area, you can check out the art walk as well.

~ Wilbur D May Museum. Before you think oh yawn, another museum, listen to this one. Born in 1898, Wilbur was heir to a chain of department stores. He earned a large sum in the 1929 stock market, and as a result, he began to travel more and more. And his collections grew. Among the things you can find in his museum are a **shrunken human head**, artifacts from Egyptian tombs, **statues of fertility** from Polynesia, tusks, **antique firearms**, fine china, swords from Japan and many more.

~ Ok, ok, I will bow to the will of the gamblers and mention the **casinos**! One of the most fun resorts caters to the entire family, Circus Circus. There are all kinds of **kid-friendly choices** of entertainment, such as animal shows, acrobats and carnival games.

It’s really amazing how Reno has grown from being a casino-only town to a place of enjoyment for the entire family. Contact me if you want help planning a trip here or with anything else travel-related! [www.imaginationtvl.com](http://www.imaginationtvl.com)